

FOOD DISTRIBUTION

Beginning on July 9th, we partnered with Convoy of Hope to embark on a mission to distribute 33,000 pounds of fresh produce to our community and ministry partners every Thursday for a total of 8 weeks. Several of our ministry partners include: Columbia First Church of the Nazarene, Riverland Hills Church, Central Church of God (Charlotte, NC), Right Direction Church, The Salvation Army, East Lake Community Church, Lexington Baptist Church, amongst others.

Honestly, we did not realize the overwhelming need for food in our community. Each week, cars lined up around several side streets and in our parking lot hours before the truck arrived. Our ministry team crafted and carried out a strategy to efficiently supply the St. Andrews community (and beyond) with a large box of produce, including staples like potatoes, onions, tomatoes, peaches, lettuce, cucumbers, etc. to families in need. However, we soon realized that God was doing more than just providing food during this time. Staff, students and volunteers shared many stories of encounters with individuals in need of prayer and hope. In fact, one of our current students is here as a direct result of this opportunity. His mother was able to share her heart with several RM staff concerning her son and two days later, he was enrolled in the men's ministry. We thought that the mission was merely to provide over 260,000 pounds of fresh produce, but God's plan is always greater. Isaiah 55:9 states, "As the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways, higher than your ways and my thoughts than your thoughts."



QUICK FACTS

RM served

4,496

families with a food box

12,480

food boxes were distributed

over

260,000

lbs. of fresh produce was provided to churches, organizations, and families

RM partnered with

45

organizations and churches

DID YOU KNOW?

COVID-19 has become the new trend word of 2020. There is not a single person it has not affected in some way, either from the actual virus itself or the change of lifestyle it has elicited worldwide. For RM, it has increased the burden on our hearts for those who struggle with addiction as the stats in South Carolina have gotten even more dire.

Many individuals who struggle with substance abuse find comfort in the fellowship provided in various "Anonymous" groups such as AA and NA. The strict social guidelines that have been in place in some circumstances for as long as 5 months have negatively impacted these communities. Not to mention, the vast amount of people who find themselves in precarious financial situations due to loss of employment.

The State Newspaper featured an article stating that, "Opioid overdoses have increased nearly 50% compared to this time last year." At RM, we know that this number will only rise over the next few months. The need for our Christian discipleship ministry has never been greater.

BAPTISMS

On Sunday, July 19th, Reconciliation Ministries' staff and students gathered together at Saluda Shoals to celebrate the sacrament of baptism. Three men, two women and two RM staff members' children made public professions of faith, shared testimonies, and were baptized in the name of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. The mission of reconciliation to God, self, and others continues to remain the foundation of everything we do at RM.



**OCTOBER 1
10 AM - 6 PM**

**46 HIGHWOOD COURT,
COLUMBIA, SC, 29210**

fourth annual
(RE)NEW HOPE
banquet

**DROP IN ANYTIME FROM 10 AM - 6 PM TO LEARN MORE ABOUT
THE MINISTRY, HEAR TESTIMONIES, AND TOUR THE FACILITIES.**

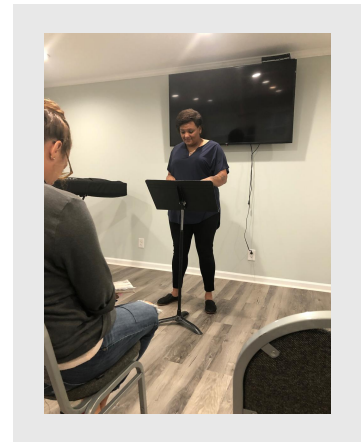
ROOTED & RENEWED

Our Rooted and Renewed campaign is still in progress! Although we have not reached our matching goal of \$107,000, we believe that we will with your help. Thank you to those who have already participated in our fund raising effort. To learn more about this campaign, please visit our website (www.reconciliation-min.org).



WOMEN'S CHAPEL

Renovations are complete, at last! Our women's chapel appeared to be a dilapidated storage shed, but to Pastor Lucky, it meant so much more. In June of 2011, he moved to Columbia, South Carolina to enter a long term, Christian discipleship ministry that was located at the property that now houses our women's residential program. He spent many nights in passionate prayer inside what is now the women's chapel. This space is a brand new facility equipped with audio video connections, new flooring, HVAC, walls, windows, and woodwork. Our female students are able to worship here each morning during chapel followed by learning center led by Pastor Adrienne Girard. Romans 12:2 states, "Do not conform to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind." It is during learning center that this Biblical exhortation becomes reality as our students spend time in a classroom setting studying various books of the Bible, memorizing Scripture, and developing Christ-like character qualities. We like to use the phrase, "practical application of spiritual principles".



COUNSELING

The staff at RM desires to provide the space that enables our students to experience life changing freedom, hope, healing, and reconciliation to God, themselves, and others. We are excited to announce another partnership that will continue to foster our mission. Recently, we have developed a relationship with Palmetto Counseling Associates. United with us in belief and values, their services will help to enhance what we are able to offer our students. Both group and individual counseling will be available.



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PARTNERSHIP UPDATE

RM is grateful for a partnership with Dr. James Taylor at Sansbury Eye Center here in the Midlands. He has been integral in helping us identify students who need glasses while also providing them when necessary. One of our students, Kim, said, “My eyes would get strained, and I couldn’t focus on what scripture was actually saying. Now I don’t have that problem because I have glasses.” Thank you, Dr. Taylor, for helping our students “see” Jesus in a new way.

