



GRACE KLEIN
<COMMUNITY>

2023 YEAR-IN REVIEW



234,372
FOOD BOXES
DISTRIBUTED



448,368
PEOPLE FED



2,251,258
MEALS
PROVIDED



373
FOOD
DONORS



13,302
FOOD RESCUE
PICKUPS



435
ACTIVE FOOD
HEROES



2,703,510
POUNDS
RESCUED



228
FOOD DISTRIBUTION
PARTNERS



A LETTER FROM OUR FOUNDER

"For I decided to know nothing among you except Jesus Christ and Him crucified. And I was with you in weakness and in fear and much trembling, and my speech and my message was not in plausible words of wisdom, but in demonstration of the Spirit and of power, that your faith might not rest in the wisdom of men but in the power of God." 1 Cor 2:2-5

Paul found all the words for how I feel. I'm here with all of you, shaking in my boots, but I've shoved my feet in them (the furry ones) and I am moving, believing and hoping not because of some eloquent words I can muster, but because by God's grace I *get* to wake up and live a demonstration of God's power and the gift of the Holy Spirit living in me. I'm banking on God, as you watch the Grace Klein Community story unfold, a story improbable and humanly impossible, so your faith will not rest in any great wisdom we have, but in the supernatural and unexplainable power of God.

Grace Klein Community is like believing you can walk on water and enthusiastically choosing the risk to take off running. Every day is a wide open opportunity which engulfs strangers with loving kindness, meets needs we didn't anticipate, all while providing food to gather families into conversations around dinner tables. My belief in God to provide our year end funding, past our \$600k shortfall (in one month!), is not something a man can wrap their mind around (I thought I was crazy.) I believe the mountain is suppose to be so high that when we scale it, we know God roped us in (persuading us to let go of control and trust Him!) so He alone could get the credit for hoisting us up the mountain.

The early church is our example. They believed God and they are known for turning the world upside down. What if Grace Klein Community could be those people in the 21st century? Not by wisdom, but by power and through the Spirit of God, our "yes" actions can spur on the faith of bystanders. Faith in Jesus. Imagine when people can watch the power of God at work through Grace Klein Community, and faith starts to sprout, bud and grow.

All we would need to say is... Watch the show (aka God's story.)

When nothing makes sense, the shelves are empty, and the funding is not in the mailbox, we say yes. We say yes because we believe God and we commit to know Jesus. To know the One who died to give us LIFE. The One who built the elaborate set, and hand picked each of us to tell the story. The One who gives us abundant life and teaches us how to live "others first." The One who pulls out the good from all our fear, panic and failure because He sees past right now. Our weakness gains credibility when we start to understand the power of God over our mountains.

Faith update: God gave us \$399,044.62 of our \$600k shortfall in ONE month.

May faith rise,

Jenny Weirman

Visit donate.gkcbhm.org to share the love of Jesus with our community through food and other immediate tangible needs.

PRAYERS ANSWERED

- God gave us a partnership with Morgan UMC, we renovated the space and moved in on August 23, 2023!
- We prayed for 276 food donors and God gave 373.
- We prayed for 150 serve teams and 150 interns to fuel operations and God gave 150 serve teams and 154 interns.
- We prayed to save \$2M in wage dollars through volunteer support and God allowed us to save \$3,150,919.70 in wage dollars through 105,070 volunteer hours.

God gave us a new refrigerated van, two electric pallet jacks, and heavy-duty shelving.

2024 PRAYERS&VISION

- Secure one new location for food rescue intake and outflow
- Rescue 3.2M pounds of food by engaging 600 active food rescue heroes
- Raise \$1.75M in cash donations
- Engage 200 serve teams and 175 interns
- Increase volunteer hours to 150,000
- Staff and volunteers host 250 intentional community meals
- Build 25-person volunteer teams for Admin, Love Does, and Give and Take Room
- Distribute 10,000 Love Does flower bouquets, baskets, or trays to the community
- Create and distribute 100,000 encouraging scriptures during ongoing operations
- Intentional gratitude to 6,000 community partners and volunteers



LOCAL AND GLOBAL MINISTRY

Local Efforts: In addition to FeedBHM, our largest initiative, our **GKC Chef Club** provided 7,210 emergency meals. 21 community gardens shared 3,926 pounds of produce and 3,263 plant propagations through the Grow More, Give More program alongside the **GKC Garden Club**. We shared compost with 40 Alabama farmers, re-opened our **Give and Take Room**, and gave away \$132,069 in value of clothing and household items. We distributed 50,250 diapers to 1,005 babies, in addition to 10,800 period products to women within the community, blessed 375 children with school supplies and 1,017 children with Christmas gifts, shared 7,853 **Love Does** gifts in the community, hosted 240+ in 4 **community homes**, and 7,501 engaged in our online share platform **Acts 4:32**. Our two annual fundraisers, the Waverly Advisors/Oliver Waltman Golf Invitational and the Reindeer Dash hosted by Pure Fitness, collectively raised \$182,365.25 thanks to incredible community engagement.

Global Efforts: 2023 proved fruitful for our Global Partners. The Kones officially announced the beginning of **Koinonia School** which will be established in Cote d'Ivoire, West Africa. Enza and Caitlin will be in the USA January through October serving with Grace Klein Community and learning from educators and community leaders. If you have capacity for mentorship, please email info@gracekleincommunity.com to invest in them.

Jackson and Natalie King visited **Pearls of Slum** in India helping build a bridge between church and community to expand welfare of migrant workers with health and hygiene awareness, educational support, thrift store and a skill development center. Thousands of migrants in 14 districts heard the Gospel and received Bibles in their respective languages. In Nepal, 3 house churches began, 25 people came to know the Lord, 10 baptized, and 5 full time leaders raised. In Telangana, 15 more people were baptized.

God miraculously saved Kwathu School at **Kwathu Children's Home** in Livingstone, Zambia, thanks to our collective prayers, faith, and generosity of community. A couple from Wisconsin came to Grace Klein Community for a visit, after touring Kwathu School in Zambia, to legitimize the work and then invested deeply into the project. We also raised \$3,135 from our shoe collection fundraiser. Remember to collect shoes and bring to 2701 Morgan Rd 35022, to continue supporting the school in 2024. Our goal is 12,000 pairs of shoes, so when you come to volunteer, bring some shoes to share.

The Ngosas from **Beats and Books** in Jeffrey's Bay, South Africa, successfully renewed their South African visas, spent the first half of 2023 in the USA where many were blessed by their Bible teaching, Ladies Nights, shared serve days, worship nights, and the simple joy of time with their children. 22 churches invested in their ministry and family, funds were raised for the full purchase of land for a permanent location for Beats and Books, and their fourth child was born in the Waltman's home. As a Christmas surprise, the Waltmans were able to visit them for Christmas and deliver 12 bins of supplies.

LXP Lesotho experienced highs and lows with Elizabeth's father dying in America and Godfrey securing his USA citizenship in a miraculously urgent timeframe. Also, the youth leadership team had the incredible privilege to join a camp in Maseru and serve their peers by leading sessions, facilitating games, and sharing what God has done in their lives.

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