

HIS FOOD MINISTRY 2018 update

My name is Pastor Ronald David Kosor, founder and president of HIS food ministry. The last 37 years of my life has been one of dedicated service to our Lord. For the past 14 years, I have served as the full-time senior pastor of Alpha Lion's Den Ministries (aka ALDM) in Derry, PA.

Prior to being called by God to serve in full-time ministry, I attended the University of North Carolina State and graduated with my Bachelor of Arts in Sociology; minoring in Criminal Justice. I was also a professional NFL football player.

In 1985, I signed a two-year contract with New England Patriots and in 1987; I signed a two year contract with Detroit Lions. I was a four year starter at University of North Carolina State Wolf Pack in Raleigh, NC. Coming out of my senior year, I was rated number 1 center in the entire country.

My heart's desire has always been one of service – serving those in our communities who struggle in so many ways – most notably - **Hunger**. Hunger continues to grow every day; the statistics are staggering. No one is exempt. The ever present face of hunger was and continues to be the pivotal driving force behind serving in the food ministry for the past 14 years. Unfortunately, praying and talking doesn't accomplish anything by itself; we needed to act and act quickly. Simply stated, based on that premise: service to providing food to those in need, is the PULSE of our ministry.

During the past 14 years tenure as senior pastor of ALDM in Derry, PA we have seen hunger become an ever increasing epidemic. It is through the staggering statistics of hunger that we knew we had to do something, so approximately five years ago we founded a food co-op program – **HIS food ministry**.

For all information you can view our website at: www.hisfoodministry.net

HIS food ministry needs your financial help to continue to help feed those in need.

Hunger is epidemic - HIS food ministry

- * Nearly 1.2 million Pennsylvanians, almost 10% of our population, live in households at risk for hunger and about 335,000, almost 3% of all households, have someone who has experienced hunger.
- * 50.2 million Americans including 17.2 million children, are hungry, do not have enough to eat on a regular basis, or don't have the money or assistance to get enough food to maintain active, healthy lives.
- * More than 16 million children in America are at risk of hunger; that's more than 1 in 5.
- * 30 percent of households with seniors indicated that they have had to choose between food and medical care and 35 percent had to choose between food and paying for heat/utilities.
- * Veterans are more than twice as likely to need help with food.

Following is a detailed list of how we at HIS food Ministry attack hunger - our plan of action.

Financials and the Need:

- At the end of 2017 we purchased a 2012 ford Econoline van to help us in transportation. Please view our go fund me page for details. We need your help now to pay off the debt.
- Please go to our go fund me page (<https://www.gofundme.com/hisfoodministry>)
- Go fund me and search HIS food ministry
- Any funds we raise over the cost of the van will go directly to operations and the cost of food.

2018 UPDATE

- Currently we are working with 6 of the best food franchises in the United States and each provides us with good quality Nutritional food.
 1. Chick-Fil-A, chicken breast, chicken nuggets, variety of Chick-fil-A salads, fruit yogurt, and chicken wraps.
 2. Starbucks fresh bread, pastries
 3. Kentucky Fried Chicken, complete variety of chicken breasts, wings, legs, mashed potatoes, Cole slaw, baked beans , and biscuits.
 4. Gordon Food Service, fresh salad, produce, fruits and vegetables in addition to beef and chicken products.
 5. Super Valu,
 6. US Food in Greensburg
- We offer a “food distribution” every Monday, Thursday and Saturday. We average 20 families that is 60 boxes of food weekly or 240 boxes per month. This is approximately 3,000 boxes of nutritional food distributed per year out of a small local church. Each box represents a family that we are helping.
- Our outreach works out of our home church, Alpha Lion’s Den Ministries .This is a non threatening evangelistic tool we use to bring people into our church. For at least 14 years we offered lunch to all who attended our Sunday service. Recently we have decided to scale back to the second Sunday of the month. We average 50 people weekly, 200 monthly, 2400 yearly and approximately 33,600 estimated total meals over the years. Figures and numbers will always differ according to how many are dedicated to any ministry at that specific time. What we do want you to see is the need that exists in our communities and how offering food can build relationships between the ministry outreach and the community. Our volunteers also prepare and donate a variety of meal items: lasagna, spaghetti, sausage, meatloaf, hot dogs, soup, casseroles, vegetables etc., and yes even delectable desserts. After lunch we also offer a variety of free food to anyone in attendance. The stark reality is that unfortunately, for many, the meal we provide could be their only meal for the day. Hunger is a serious issue in our country - especially in the state of Pennsylvania.

Affiliates we have worked with over the years

Over the past 14 years we have been able to develop relationships with local churches, ministries, and other outreaches.

Transportation Needs of the Community

In addition to needing food, one of the greatest needs that exist is transportation. There are many in our community who qualify for government programs, have EBT cards but do not have any means of transportation and/or cannot afford cab fare to be able to pick up food. Realizing this, we have volunteers who have committed to make deliveries to those who are in this situation. These deliveries are such an important integral part to the overall success of our food outreach - unfortunately, these deliveries are costly in addition to fuel costs and vehicle wear and tear for volunteers. We also use our own refrigerated 1997 box truck when and where possible to make these deliveries.

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