

NEW LIFE NEWS

"FOR WITH GOD NOTHING WILL BE IMPOSSIBLE." LUKE 1:37

SUMMER INTERNS: BRODEE AND CARLOS

For one week, we welcomed our final interns for the summer of 2025! Brodee (left) and Carlos (right) attend school in Florence, Alabama and spent one week serving alongside New Life Ministries in the month of July.

The two discovered this internship opportunity by exploring different opportunities listed on One Mission Students' website. One Mission Students focuses on the Great Commission, encouraging students to go and make disciples! They "seek to encourage Alabama college students to discover this one mission, mobilize them to live out this mission among the nations, and help them consider how this mission impacts the rest of their life."

While here, the two were able to serve in many capacities. They spent many hours working at the Life Center, sat in on multiple Life House classes, taught a Bible Study at the Men's Life House, and served at the New Life Community Meal Ministry.



Even though they were only here for a week, they learned a lot in a short amount of time. Brodee shared, "I learned about all the facets that go into ministry. I didn't realize how detail oriented you had to be." He continued by saying, "I have a new perspective after being around the people in the Life Houses. I realized it is often not their fault (being in the programs) – they've just been dealt a bad hand. It gives me a new hope for people."

Carlos also shared what he took away from his time with New Life Ministries. "It has been a great reminder of why we need to continue the Great Commission and ministry as a whole." He went on to add, "Where I grew up, many of my friends were underprivileged – so I saw things from a child's perspective. Being here has allowed me to see things from an adult perspective."

We hope both Carlos and Brodee had a positive experience while serving with us for a week and pray they continue to make a positive impact on campus as they continue their studies this upcoming school year.

HEARTS IN ACTION: SUSAN MARLOW



If you have visited the New Life Community Meal Ministry during our lunch hours, there is a good chance you have run into Susan Marlow. Susan is one of our regular lunch volunteers and has been volunteering at the Meal Ministry for about 3 years now.

Susan discovered this volunteer opportunity one day while on Facebook. Like many, she saw Bob Burnsworth's (Volunteer Meal Ministry Director) post mentioning a need for volunteers, so she decided to help.

"Volunteering gives me something to do since I'm retired," Susan shares. "It helps me to feel useful with my time, and I feel fortunate that I can help provide food and time to prepare meals. Volunteering at the Meal Ministry often reminds me of my dad – he always liked giving directly to families in need."

Often times, you can find Susan in the back cooking or preparing the meals. And it keeps her busy, especially with a recent day that involved serving 71 lunches!

"If you have an extra day, even just one day, come volunteer," Susan said when asked about what she might say to someone considering volunteering at the New Life Community Meal Ministry. Susan mentioned how extra help is always needed both during lunch and dinner times. There are lots of teams that make the experience positive and there is flexibility when it comes to preparing meals. Susan even added, "volunteering (at the Meal Ministry) will make you feel fortunate for what you."

Thank you Susan for your hard work and dedication as a regular volunteer at the New Life Community Meal Ministry. Your heart for ministry does not go unnoticed and we are blessed to have you as one of many who are meeting needs in our community.

If you might be interested in volunteering at the New Life Community Meal Ministry, we would love to connect with you. You can contact Brittney Shoemaker at our office (260-200-1372) to get scheduled or complete the online form at <https://www.nlm-in.org/volunteer/>.

A COMMUNITY WORKING TOGETHER

Thank you to the United Way of Huntington County for helping to organize food drives in support of the New Life Community Meal Ministry. We are blessed to receive the donation of nonperishable foods from The Well and Lancaster Wesleyan Church as a result of these food drives. We are seeing the number of meals served increasing daily and these donations will be used to help prepare the meals needed to serve our community. Thank you!

