



# Newsletter

## Fall 2022

### Our Mission

The mission of Ebenezer Stone Ministries is being sent to share the love and hope of Christ through an environment of ongoing support.

We provide life-skill training such as job readiness, financial responsibility, and food and household items when needed.

### Message from our Executive Director

As we move into the fall season, this is a great time to reflect on the gathering of families and making memories with others. Let's take the time to include those who are struggling and really need our help!

Food costs are so high and we have many people facing such difficult challenges! Giving to Ebenezer Stone Ministries helps provide families in need with meals while bringing them together to give thanks and share family and community bonds.

Please prayerfully consider contributing to our mission and impacting the lives of those in need!

May God Bless you!

*Michael Haas*



Rodney, Michael & Robin at a recent Pop-Up Food Pantry with MPD and the Southside Organization.

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*Save the Date*  
**PASTA FOR A PURPOSE**  
In support of Ebenezer Stone Ministries  
**February 18th, 2023**  
Hales Corners Lutheran Church



We are planning our 3<sup>rd</sup> PASTA FOR A PURPOSE Fundraising Event for Saturday, February 18, 2023 at Hales Corners Lutheran School. Join us for a pasta dinner, silent auction and our Guest Speaker – former Green Bay Packer who has his own story of growing up in poverty and need.

*James Jones is a Super Bowl-winning wide receiver and a Green Bay Packers legend. James is currently an NFL analyst for both the Oakland Raiders and Green Bay Packers and appears on a variety of NFL programming. Prior to his role as an analyst, Jones finished his career having played nine seasons, only missing eight games. In those nine seasons, he totaled a career 5,861 receiving yards, 433 receptions and 51 touchdowns. Jones was drafted in the third round by the Green Bay Packers in the 2007 NFL Draft. He played in Super Bowl XLV in 2011 with the Packers, helping them win over the Pittsburgh Steelers. Jones finished his career in Green Bay, becoming 10th in Packer's history in career catches, 12th in receiving yards and 9th in touchdowns.*

All proceeds benefit Ebenezer Stone Ministries. Stay tuned and please check our website for more information as we get closer to the date.



*Ebenezer Stone Partnership with  
Milwaukee Police Department (MPD)*

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## Thanksgiving Needs



Please think about this question for a moment: Who will feed the Lord's hungriest people this Thanksgiving?

At this time of year, we often reflect on feelings of gratitude. While most of us are making plans to share the season's blessings with friends, relatives, and loved ones, our neighbors who are struggling, or even homeless, will find few reasons to feel thankful.

With your generous contributions to Ebenezer Stone Ministries, we will be able to serve over 200 Thanksgiving meals to the children, families, seniors, and veterans in our community!

If you would like to contribute to the Thanksgiving program or donate to upcoming Christmas efforts, please send your contribution right away.

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*National Night Out with MPD District 2*

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## Volunteer Profile

Ebenezer is fortunate to have many community volunteers. The following shares a story of a woman who shines with the Brightness of Christ.



Bea was born in Mexico and moved to the United States with her mother and uncle when she was 10 years old. In time, she moved to Milwaukee, and made this her home. Bea married and had two children. Difficult days resulted in single motherhood for her. She found strength in the Lord to continue, working many jobs to provide for her children.

Bea became a U.S. citizen and learned English. Times were not always easy for her and her children. She struggled to provide for their needs. Her neighbor told her about Ebenezer and the help she could receive there. After waiting for some time, Bea decided to go to Ebenezer. The Lord already had the details all worked out for her. On her first visit, she volunteered to assist with needed translation. When she was done helping that day, she gave Ebenezer her phone number and told them to call if they ever needed help. From that day on, Bea has been a volunteer at Ebenezer Stone Ministries. (About 20 years of service)

Bea also volunteered (13 years) at Almost Anything Resale Shop that is run by Evangelical Family Services. All the proceeds from the shop go to help pregnant women bring their child to term. Lives are saved and many families are joined through adoption. Bea was able to provide their extra clothing to those in need at Ebenezer.

Bea lovingly leads her fellow Ebenezer volunteers. She provides her friends with transportation to and from Ebenezer, and she guides them with kindness in the work they do.

Bea is a servant of the Lord. She loves as He Loves. All praise and glory and honor are to her Lord. Bea encourages everyone to Trust the Lord. She shares Jesus as Savior and King.

Bea Is a Blessing!

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## Prayers and Support for Ebenezer North

In recent months, Ebenezer Stone Ministries has been called by God to try to reach out and support the many needs of God's people on the northside of Milwaukee. These needs are significant – food, clothing, shelter, and God's love and word.



*Recent Northside Pop-Up Food Pantry*

We have built relationships in the neighborhood and partnered in setting up Pop-Up Food Pantries. So far, we have done this twice and distributed more than 3,000 pounds of food to Northside families.

These Pop-Ups will continue every 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Saturday. So, please join us!

We are asking you to pray for us and for your reach out to us if you can help out financially or by volunteering. God calls us to love our neighbors and this is such an important time for us to answer this call!

For more information contact Michael Haas at 414-388-0652.

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## ***Are You Interested in Sponsoring a WEEK OF MEALS at Ebenezer Stone Ministries in 2023?***

### **Consider this...**

Before the pandemic hit, 1 in 12 Wisconsinites were food insecure — meaning they couldn't or were uncertain they could get the food they needed. Food insecurity is linked to children struggling more in school, worse health outcomes in all age groups and greater stress on families, according to the Wisconsin Food Security Project at the University of Wisconsin-Madison.

And the number of food-insecure Wisconsinites has likely increased as the impact of pandemic-related relief initiatives has begun to fade. The number of annual users of the state-federal FoodShare program grew by more than 100,000 from 2019 to 2021. Researchers aren't certain about the long-term fallout, but national estimates suggest food insecurity during the early months of the pandemic was greater than any point in the last quarter-century.

Hunger is not evenly distributed — especially in Wisconsin. While households in the state report less food insecurity on average, about 1 in 5 children live in food-insecure households in Wisconsin, which is higher than the national average.

At 32.6%, food insecurity for Black households in Wisconsin is nearly five times the rate of white households — and double the rate of the national average — making it one of the largest disparities in the country.

**A \$350 sponsorship of a WEEK OF MEALS covers 65% of the costs to provide up to 300 Hot Lunches on Wednesday, 200 Hot Breakfasts on Saturday and 200 Bag Lunches on Wednesday and Saturday served each week.**

Ebenezer Stone Ministries has been serving underprivileged clients at our 35th and Scott St. location on Milwaukee's southside since 2009. Today we serve more than 3,000 individuals and families through the food pantry, medical screening, Saturday breakfasts, and Wednesday lunches. In addition, we offer a book nook and arts and crafts for younger children, while older kids can learn teamwork and healthy exercise habits during the open gym. In an area that faces many socioeconomic challenges, we are making a positive impact.

Our 2nd location Ebenezer East, is a 13,000 sq ft facility that provides food to 22 pantries throughout SE Wisconsin. Since the start of 2022, we have been able to deliver 230,000 pounds of food to those partner pantries. Inflation is making life more difficult for many families. We are providing food, so families don't

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have to go without while they are trying to manage other areas of their lives impacted by the higher prices.

Your support is vital in making Ebenezer Stone Ministries available and successful. Because of you, our patrons will have access to improved nutrition and a more secure food supply, as well as life-enriching services, rewarding opportunities, and supportive resources.

Please consider donating today. To donate go to <https://ebenezerstoneministries.org/donate-2/>

If you have any questions or wish to have additional information, please feel free to contact me at [mhaas@ebenezerstoneministries.org](mailto:mhaas@ebenezerstoneministries.org).

May God Bless You!

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*"Then Jesus declared, "I am the Bread of Life. Whoever comes to Me will never go hungry, and whoever believes in Me will never be thirsty." John 6:35*

## ***Are You Interested in Volunteering?***

Ebenezer Stone Ministries can use your help in serving those in our community.

If you are interested, please visit the Volunteers page on our website:

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