

Client prayer requests: Will you PRAY—will you GIVE?

This is perhaps the most important part of this newsletter – so I hope you will take a few moments to read these heartfelt prayer requests.

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| Healthy baby | Job change potential |
| Ability to make ends meet | Brother is dying – he will be getting disability in July |
| Dad is in hospital in another town with a virus | Pray that my son turns to the Lord as he faces some bad temptations from his peers |
| Pray that items that were stolen two weeks ago will be returned to me | |
| Lost my wallet this week and entire pay check was in it – rent gone | |



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A busy spring at the pantry

Hello! Spring is a beautiful season to celebrate our risen Savior, which we did at Ministry and More, Inc. by having an Easter celebration party at the pantry. Margaret Archibald and Abby Ruffcorn were our teachers again and did a super job of presenting the resurrection story. One child accepted Christ and another made sure of his salvation!

Volunteers in action

In April and May God sent three groups of volunteers to help us rearrange our storage garage and pantry area to get ready for summer increase of clients. Two of the groups came

Margaret Archibald and Abby Ruffcorn taught a group of children at the Easter celebration.



from Calvary Christian Academy and one from Our Redeemer Lutheran Church in Bloomington. These groups were quick learners as they learned their way around our pantry, and prepared so that our volunteers could hit the ground running the next work day. Speaking of volunteers, we are finding ourselves in a somewhat desperate situation as several of our volunteers in recent weeks have found themselves in need of rest, some in need of healing and time to get back to normal. Volunteers are needed from 9:45am to 1pm on Mondays, Tuesdays, and Wednesdays. Our volunteers typically work only one day a week. Would you consider, pray about it, and if interested, please call 823-9804 to arrange to come in and see what we do first hand. Thank you so much.



Alan McLaughlin,
director.

New board members

We have three new volunteer board members, Randy Lloyd, Mike Mounce, and Brenda Howerton. Mike and Brenda have been volunteers at the pantry for several years and Randy is newer to the pantry. They have each been such a blessing to me and the pantry. Pray for all of our board members as new officers are nominated and selected for the new fiscal year. Thank you.

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New trailer given to the pantry

God continues to amaze here at Ministry and More, Inc. Recently I received a call from a friend stating that he had a trailer to donate if we had a need. I have never made this need known to anyone outside the ministry, but God knew, and made the offer available to us. It is a 2007 18 foot trailer



God continues to amaze us at the pantry. Shown here is our new 18 foot trailer!

with many modern amenities we would never order due to cost. It is all aluminum, and already painted to match our truck. Having two trailers will mean we can leave a trailer at a church when having a food drive over several weeks, and still have use of the other one. God knew our need even before we asked!

Thank you!

We are so thankful God uses so many of you to keep our doors open, and food on our shelves. It is not uncommon this time of year for a shortage of food items on our shelves. Thanks to such generous givers like you, I have been able to go shopping for what we need. This is time consuming, and really gives me an appreciation for people who shop each week for their families. Actually, I am getting pretty good at it!

Glory to God

Five new families ministered in April alone – what

an opportunity for presenting the Gospel. Thank you for praying for those who serve and those whom are served!

Recently I received a phone call from a lady who identified herself as the person who arranges speakers for meetings at her church. The lady explained that she herself had been greatly helped in the past by Ministry and More, Inc. and wanted her church to know about the ministry, with the hope of her church coming alongside us to help in some way. Please pray about this speaking opportunity – that we can let others in need know about the pantry, and know about our needs as well! The lady had seen first hand the love of Christ from the volunteers at the pantry who remained steady in their testimony. In John 13:34–35 Christ speaks a tremendous truth to His disciples: “ A new command I give you: Love one another. As I have loved you, so you must love one another. By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you love one another.”

Christ was in effect saying, ‘love everyone the same way I love you, in spite of your shortcomings, your lack of faith, and doubts, I

love you. No exceptions, no special requests from me, I just plain love you. I don’t pass judgment, or say ‘but if’, I love you, no strings attached.’ That is how we love at Ministry and More, Inc. and those who come to us experience it over and over. The lovely person who called and asked me to come and share what we do was not just referring to groceries and coats. She really wants the story shared of how we show Christ’s love to one another, which means all who come to the pantry. If you have ever wanted to experience that type of service opportunity, please pray about getting in touch with us. We are here to help point others to Christ, and extend His love. If we don’t love others, nothing else matters. You can be a part of that wonderful ministry, and be apart of that new command He gave to his disciples. Thank you for considering what God would want you to do. Pray for that meeting!

God bless you all for giving and praying for us and for those we minister to each month. Often our clients will ask us for prayer before we even offer it! They know that’s what we do here. What a testimony God has allowed us to have. We don’t ever take it for granted.



Our first volunteer of the year, Betty Ayers, went home to be with Jesus in April. Betty was a faithful volunteer at the pantry from its beginning, as well as teaching Sunday school for more than 50 years and being a leader in AWANA. Betty was also faithful in praying for others, including the pantry. We will miss her greatly, but are thankful that ‘faith has become sight’ for Betty. Even today as I prepare this letter, tears flowed as clients came in for food and heard of the loss of a very special friend. She was such a blessing and as many has said, the ‘real deal’. Many of her friends have sent love offerings in her memory and we are moved and very thankful that Betty chose the pantry as a way of remembering her. Thank all of you who have sent sweet messages to us and to her family. God bless you. Alan



Debbie Roberts, giving Director Alan McLaughlin financial gifts in memory of her mother, Betty Ayers.



Upcoming Food Drives!

Calvary Baptist Church:
First Sunday of every month
(June 7, July 5 and August 5)

East White Oak Bible Church:
Sunday June 21 and June 28

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