



## What's in a name?

Someone recently asked what the name Ministry and More, Inc. means? So we went to the source and asked co-founder Linda Winterland what she and husband Don were thinking when deciding on the name. We found out that the name was actually suggested by a coworker of Linda's as descriptive of what the purpose is – ministry first! And more.

This purpose was wonderfully illustrated by a recent letter from a client to one of our volunteers, Betty Tripp. Here is an excerpt.

"I just want to say thank you for your prayer on Monday, July 20, 2015. I came to Ministry and More, Inc. with a lot of heaviness in my spirit. While the natural food is a blessing to me and my husband, I never leave that place without asking for prayer. My Bible tells me, 'the effectual, fervent prayer of the righteous availeth much'. On Monday July 20, the Holy Spirit gave you the words of prayer on my behalf. You didn't know what I was going through, but you prayed a prayer for my situation. Thank you, for allowing God to use you."



Don and Linda Winterland, founders of Ministry and More, Inc.

## Back to School Party!

*For Children in Grades Kindergarten through Junior High*

Our Back to School Party for the children of pantry clients was on Saturday August 8. We had a good number of children attend – with their parents! It was exciting to see the parents receiving the same good news as their children! And several of the parents allowed their children to be signed up for the Child Evangelism Fellowship Mailbox Club, a Bible correspondence course designed especially by age group! Teachers, Margaret Archibald and Abby Ruffcorn, were assisted by Joyce Craig. Thank you to all who gave towards this party at which each child received school supplies, a Bible and a clear gospel presentation. Pray especially for two children who attended with a parent, all Muslims.



Back to School Party and Ministry and More, Inc.

Children sing along with Margaret Archibald as their parents listen.



Children working on craft projects making their own flannel graph to share the way to heaven!



## Do you order anything through Amazon.com on the internet?

If you do, Ministry and More, Inc can receive a percentage of your purchases. When you use amazonsmile you can designate Ministry and More, Inc. and amazonsmile will donate a percentage of your purchase to the pantry. The donation **does not** increase the cost of your purchase. This is a great way to donate! Thank you!

## If we could put a Price on our Volunteers...

Every day Ministry and More, Inc. is open, we average 7 volunteers helping in various capacities and roles. Without these volunteers this ministry would be not be able to function as it has in assisting those in need. Our volunteers serve in various ways.

Before the pantry opens for clients, at least two or three volunteers show up to get ready for the day. This includes returning phone calls from clients who want to schedule an appointment, removing any food items left from the previous week that have spoilage, setting out the bread and bakery products, checking pantry needs such as meat that needs to be bagged for the day, among other things. Several volunteers 'break down' cardboard boxes from donations so they can be recycled.

When the pantry opens we have at least two volunteers at the front of the pantry at a table to greet clients, pray with them, provide friendship, present Christ and distribute groceries. We often have a third person up front, a 'runner' who 'runs' to the pantry area to get needed items clients can request, such as household or personal hygiene products. This 'runner' is a great help as it allows the other front end persons to remain with the client and focus on their spiritual needs.

Meanwhile, in the rear pantry area we have volunteers preparing a sack of groceries for each household, bagging frozen meat for each household, restocking shelves, dividing up larger quantities of things like laundry or dish soap, and funneling them into donated empty plastic water bottles for distributing to clients.

In our garage and storage areas, volunteers are stocking pantry items as they have been received from food drives or from Midwest Food Bank. A volunteer may drive to Midwest to pick up food, or drive to Aldi to purchase needed food items that we are out of, such as cereal, canned vegetables, soup, etc. This entails not just driving, but loading up the groceries and unloading upon return to the pantry.

One faithful volunteer collects bread products from an area grocer and brings them to the pantry on Sunday afternoon so they will be fresh and ready for Monday. Two ladies volunteer doing our bookkeeping and another lady volunteers doing our data entry.



Betty and Barb at the front desk taking requests for appointments.

Weekly a volunteer mows and trims the pantry property – this is so important as we are in a residential neighborhood and consider it important to respect our neighbors by keeping up our property appearance. Volunteers often come up with ideas we can implement in keeping the property attractive, but also safe, such as installing signs to direct traffic, warn of a sharp drop off near our driveway, adding non-slip stair treads and hand rails to the outside steps leading from the upper parking lot – we welcome suggestions from our volunteers!



Craig stocking shelves.

Weekly a volunteer cleans the inside of the pantry and makes it 'spic and span'. This volunteer is rarely seen, but her work never goes unnoticed nor unappreciated. It is one more way we can show value and dignity to the people we serve by providing a clean environment.

These are certainly not all of our volunteers – we also have volunteers that assist on a less frequent basis, such as organizing food drives, the preparation of this newsletter, helping in programs for children such as Child Evangelism or Christmas Share the Gift.

If we could put a price on our volunteers, it would have to be **PRICELESS!**