

## From the Director

September means back to school and some cooler weather. It is also when we often experience a drop in financial and food donations. We strive to be diligent in being good stewards of this ministry. One way we do this is to use email to send a list of current food needs to supporting churches. Another way we try to stretch donor money is by emailing our newsletters to save postage. If this would work for you, please let us know by including your email address with your next donation, OR by emailing us at [minandmore@yahoo.com](mailto:minandmore@yahoo.com). We mail out nearly 1000 newsletters each issue, so you can see how using email can be a great savings to us! Of course, if you do not use email we are happy to continue to use the postal service to get our news to you!

Our focus in this newsletter has been our great regular volunteers, but we can also use substitute

volunteers! These are helpful when a regular volunteer is ill or planning time away, and a substitute volunteer can fill in. This is an important way to serve in this ministry. If you are retired or planning to retire this year and are interested in exploring this opportunity to Minister to Others While Ministering Together, contact me at pantry at 823-9804.



Alan McLaughlin,  
director.

God has blessed us tremendously this summer with much needed help to get things done here, get some vehicle maintenance caught up, and to do some good old refreshment around the property. Please pray for us. We never can get too much prayer when dealing with the needs of individuals and families whom God loves, and sends our way. God bless you for your support in so many ways!

Alan

## Volunteer Spotlight

"Thanks to Ministry and More, Inc., for being there as needed"! Enjoy reading these quotes from recent clients.

We have much to give thanks for as the summer comes to a close and fall approaches. Ministry and More, Inc. is thankful for the volunteers who make this ministry possible. This summer we were blessed with some additional 'summer' volunteer staff.

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## Client prayer requests and praise:

### Will you PRAY—will you GIVE?

This is the most important part of what we do and of this newsletter – please take a few moments to pray for these requests, for those we serve and those who serve! Thank you.

- Courage and positivity
- Peace in my life
- Appointment at Mayo Clinic
- My father's health
- Pray for my kidneys to stay up
- Pray for my son in the army
- Pray for my family to make good decisions
- Pray that my husband gets a compatible kidney for a transplant
- Finances to pay my bills
- To be a good father
- Mother's arthritis
- Need a car, issues with my truck
- Upcoming eye surgery
- Pray is no more need for blood transfusions
- Good test results
- Daughter has stomach problems
- Wisdom and understanding
- Daughter to pass math part of GED
- Many requests for health concerns and finances

### Praises

Thanking God for all His blessings, Praise Him for answering prayer, Thank you Lord! Pray to stay prayed up!

### 10 ways to PRAY for your child at school

- They will be physically safe
- They will be kind to others
- They will make friends
- They will show respect to their teachers
- They will bond with their teachers
- They will focus
- They will listen
- They will have wisdom
- They will have fun
- They will find joy in learning

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Jack first volunteered at Ministry and More, Inc. during his last two years of high school, meeting his school's requirement to serve in the community. Jack completed his hours, graduated from high school, and asked to continue to volunteer over the summer before he left for college. What a willing and hard worker Jack

has been, and enjoyable young man to have on our team. We wish him well as Jack attends Augustana University!



Laura joined us volunteering this summer, working alongside her mother (and long time volunteer), Yvonne. Laura works hard all year as a high school teacher, but was willing to give Ministry and More, Inc. some of her valuable summer time to 'minister to others while ministering together'. We are thankful

to have a Christian role-model, like Laura, teaching students in our public schools.



For a number of years Glennie and her daughter volunteered at Ministry and More, Inc. over the summer. This year, with her joyful presence, Glennie joined our volunteer staff again. During the school year, Glennie teaches at a Christian elementary school. What a blessing to have Glennie return faithfully every summer!

# Thank you summer volunteers!



We value our volunteers! But what do our volunteers value about serving at Ministry and More, Inc.? Here are some of their answers:



Margi serves as a volunteer bookkeeper.

**"The joy of knowing we are helping the community and having fun doing it!"**



Alan stocks shelves and packs grocery sacks.

**"The atmosphere, camaraderie, and working with others who care for others."**



Dave stocks shelves, packs grocery sacks.

**"Striving together for the opportunity to serve others."**



John was a former recipient of our services at Ministry and More, Inc. and has been faithfully volunteering for the past year. John works most days the pantry is open, loading/packing meat, stocking shelves and unloading food from food drives. In the past, John needed help from the pantry because of

disabling health issues. Now John volunteers 'to give back because the pantry had done so much' for him. With his cheerful and willing attitude, John has been a welcome addition to volunteer staff, ministering to others while ministering together.

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One group of volunteers that are essential to Ministry and More, Inc. is our Board of Directors. The board is comprised of Randy Lloyd, president; Mike Mounce, vice president; Roy Willan, treasurer; Brenda Howerton, secretary; Marilee Weherenberg, Terry Huff, Darryl Beernink, Randy McKain, and Jerry Everett. These individuals oversee and advise pantry operations.



## Coming Up!

(Clay) Shoot and Share – Benefitting Ministry and More.

**Date:** October 5, 2019

**Location:** Oak Ridge Sportsman Club  
1301 Weishaupt Rd, Mackinaw, IL 61755

**Cost of shoot:** \$35.00 Bring your own gun and ammo (100 rounds)

**Cash or check for the shoot payable to:**  
Oakridge Sportmans Club

**Registration:** 9:30 a.m. with the Shoot at 10:00 a.m. Free lunch with prize drawings immediately after shoot

White Bird Competition \$10 cash donation

50/50 Drawing during lunch \$10 cash donation.  
Door prizes!

Please RSVP by Sept. 28th to Mike Wehrenberg to reserve your slot by phone, 309-846-6745 or email to [mike.wehrenberg.mrp6@statefarm.co](mailto:mike.wehrenberg.mrp6@statefarm.co).

Last year this event raised money that provided Thanksgiving groceries and turkeys for our clients! Check out our Facebook page for additional information on Shoot and Share!

We are seeking hunting/fishing donations for door prizes for the Shoot and Share! If you have questions please contact Alan McLaughlin at Ministry and More, Inc. at 309-823-9804.



## Children's Christmas Party

There will be a Children's Christmas Party again this year! It will include the Christmas story, songs, games and a surprise gift for each child. Watch our Facebook page for more information this fall!



## Thank you!

Thank you to the following for making possible the recent donation of three hogs from this year's McLean County fair. Thank you's to James Toohill, Lauren Toohill, the Cory Miller Family, Terry Bitner, Chenoa

Locker, Eric Russow and the Mclean County Youth Agriculture Group – MY AG SALE! Your generosity means quality fresh pork for our clients!



