

### 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.

Steady work – many of these	GED	Son expelled from school
Healing for family	Son arrested	Loss of mother – family to come together
Daughter getting out of hospital	Summer income	
	18 year old – head trauma from car accident	

### We need your email address!

If you have email we would appreciate having your email address to keep you up to date on ministry needs. We do this on facebook already, but many of you don't use facebook. Be assured, your email is private and will not be shared.

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WHILE MINISTERING TOGETHER

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Alan McLaughlin  
Director

*10th Anniversary*

## Director's Note

Recently I experienced one of those days when the world would say “what a coincidence” but at Ministry and More, Inc. we call it a God moment! I came in the back door and could see a woman standing in the lobby. It startled me because we were not open and the front door should not have been unlocked but there she stood with a Godly countenance. I asked how she got in and she looked puzzled as if I asked a strange question. It was then I noticed the door wide open! It then occurred to me I had moments earlier gone out to spray for ants and walked around to the back as I spraying, leaving the front door open. She told me she had come 35 min. early because the car she drove had to be returned. I explained we were not open, and no volunteers were there to assist when God nudged me and said “You are here Alan”. I began talking as I prepared her food and she shared a testimony that totally elevated God to his proper glorious place. She had lost a leg at the knee, and an eye to diabetes. As volunteers entered to work they caught various parts of her life story and tears flowed freely. Our door being left open may have been an “accident” to the outsider, but to us it was another day where God revealed himself again at Ministry and

More, Inc. This same lady returned another week to speak to me and with one of our volunteers who has been praying with and for her in her situation. She asked if it was OK to come in just for prayer, and not take any food! We both said ‘of course!’ We shared with her that this is not uncommon at Ministry and More, Inc. With tears streaming down her face, she replied, “Good! Prayer is what I need”! We are so thankful God has placed us in a pantry where prayer is still our most valuable gift – other than the gift of God’s Son! Thank you for making it possible to be there each day we are open for precious people like this grateful lady.



*Our Motto:*

*Ministering to Others While  
Ministering Together*

*Our Mission:*

*To feed, comfort, and share the  
love of Christ to all who come to the  
pantry, and to lead families to a  
saving knowledge of Christ.*



## 2013 Marks our 10 Year Anniversary!

*10th Anniversary*

Ministry and More, Inc. was started in September 2003 as a food pantry with a broader mission than just providing food – that was to provide a ministry outreach to the many in our community who are struggling to make ends meet and deal with life difficulties. This year Ministry and More, Inc. celebrates 10 years of ministering to the spiritual and physical needs of the community.

### There will be a special Donors Appreciation Open House:

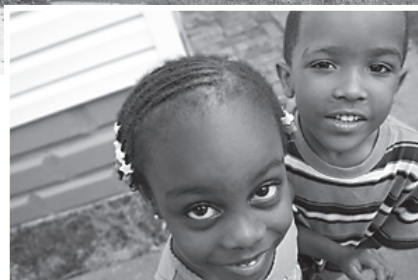
Aug. 24th, 2pm–4pm.

This is on a Saturday this year so it will not take time away from regular church and family activities.

### Anniversary Projects

We have several projects we are attempting to get completed during this 10th year anniversary including a new sidewalk leading from our parking lot to the front door for those who can't use stairs, a replacement van (with matching funds already promised) and other landscape issues. If you feel led to help in any of these projects just indicate "anniversary" in the memo space at the bottom of your check so we know where to direct it. Thank you in advance!

All financial gifts are tax deductible!



### 'Just a note'

Recently we received a note from a volunteer that I wanted to share. The volunteer said:

*"The first day I helped I was told 'some who need help come in the front door, and some come in the back door'."*

*What a truism that is for Ministry and More, Inc! Volunteering at the pantry is a blessing for many reasons including giving volunteers a sense of purpose by helping others, using their natural gifts to honor Christ, building relationships with clients, experiencing Christian fellowship, having the opportunity to share personal prayer needs with co-laborers who genuinely care about one another.*

*"Some people have the power but not the willingness to help. Others have the willingness but not the power. God has both."*

*Lee Roberson*

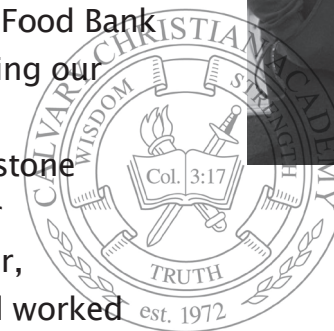
### We LOVE Teens!

In March, teens from two Christian schools volunteered their time, strength and energy and accomplished a great deal of physical work at the pantry.

Honor society teens from Calvary Christian Academy unloaded our trailer full of the monthly 'load out' from Midwest Food Bank and stocked pantry shelves – saving our 'aging' backs this task.

Twenty two teens from Cornerstone Christian Academy organized our entire garage, unloaded the trailer, stocked shelves in the pantry and worked on cleaning up the yard area of winter debris. A tedious and labor intensive job. Afterwards, they had a tour and heard from Director Alan McLaughlin about the ministry and how they can be a part of what we do at Ministry and More, Inc.

A big THANK YOU goes out to the teens and their adult sponsors!



## Praises



**875**

Households served in the combined months of March, April, May!



**37**

Food drives currently scheduled this year.

We are close to reaching our goal

of 40 for the year! Thank you for praying for God's provision of this ministry's needs



**4½ TONS**

Food donated in the last three months!

*We always thank God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, when we pray for you, because we have heard of your faith in Christ Jesus and of the love you have for all God's people—*

*Colossians 1:3-4*

## Volunteer Spotlight

### *Harlan and Gen Starkey*

After hearing about the need for volunteers at her church, Gen Starkey started volunteering at Ministry and More, Inc. 8 years ago. Gen inputs data in the computer, after starting in the area of filling grocery sacks and stacking shelves. Gen especially likes feeling needed and having something to contribute. Gen enjoys working alongside people from other churches and helping others without getting something in return!

Harlan Starkey's volunteer efforts at Ministry and More, Inc. evolved out of his wife's volunteer experience, as well as his friendship with former director, Don Winterland.

Harlan enjoys building relationships with pantry neighbors and helping the clients.

Harlan finds it rewarding to have the feeling of belonging in a ministry, being able to meet so many Christians and work alongside them. This is Haran's 5th year.



Gen and Harlan Starkey.

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## Volunteer Spotlight cont.

*Roger Coleman, Board Member from Lexington Community Church*

"I heard someone say 'If you want to turn your life around, choose opportunities to serve others – it will definitely change your life'. Very few places provide this type of opportunity – however that is exactly what Ministry and More, Inc. is all about. I can't begin to tell you all the things God did in Don and Linda's life to come to the understanding of providing a place to serve our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ through serving others. It has been my privilege to serve as one of Ministry and More's board members for the past 4 or 5 years. I and my wife Glenna attend (LCC) Lexington Community Church and our congregation has supported Don's ministry since it was the prison ministry. I knew Don well as we both grew up in Lexington and we knew a lot of the same people. When Don approached me about being a board member of this ministry I was, to say the least, shocked. But he said 'pray about it – I need someone like you on the board' not knowing exactly what he meant I did pray about it.

The more I prayed about it, the more God impressed on me that I was to join the board and I am very glad I did. As my pastor, Pastor Bill Brown, says 'I get my blesser blessed' when we have a board meeting or when Don, and now Al, and I go out to lunch and he tells of just a few of the many things God is doing through the volunteers and the clients. I'm also blessed as the Lord has placed me on the missions board at my church and Ministry and More, Inc. is one of the missions I am responsible for which means I help with the food drives for Ministry and More, Inc. at LCC and bring prayer requests and answered prayers from Ministry and More, Inc. to the missions board and church body.

The Lord has certainly blessed Glenna and myself in many ways during our 40 years of marriage. We want to thank our Savior, family, Christian friends, church home and you for allowing me to be a part of Ministry and More, Inc. God Bless."

*2 Corinthians 4:5 - For we preach not ourselves, but Christ Jesus the Lord;  
and ourselves your servants for Jesus' sake.*

## Please Pray

Several of our faithful volunteers are having health issues. This summer would be a great time to volunteer at Ministry and More, Inc. while these dear friends take the needed time to recover. Check out our website [www.ministryandmore.org](http://www.ministryandmore.org) for a volunteer application or call 823-9804 and ask to speak with the director, Alan McLaughlin, for more information on volunteering.