

*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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| Many requests for employment                      | 19 year old son has leukemia                 | Order of protection against child's father |
| Grandchildren in grandmother's care               | Brother has Parkinson's Disease              | Grandmother in hospital                    |
| Guidance  | Court date – safety for young woman involved | Well needing repair                        |
| Divorce situation                                 | My own place                                 | Finances and to be closer to the Lord      |
| Pass GED (a number of these)                      | Need refrigerator and stove                  | Strength to keep on going                  |
| Son facing sentencing and possible jail time      | Therapy to avoid surgery                     | Nephew has cancer                          |
| Diabetes out of control                           | Finances to pay dentist                      | Friend having back surgery                 |
| Affordable housing                                | Son having suicidal thoughts again           | Child's doctor appointment in St. Louis    |
| Health to improve so can return to work           | Family reconciliation                        | Light bill overdue                         |
| Starting new job and children starting new school | In physical pain                             | Breast cancer                              |
| Man to treat his son better                       | Daughter's schooling and housing             | Son getting on work release program        |
|   | Family values                                | Healing of family relationships            |

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10th Anniversary

## Director's Note

2013 begins this ministry's 10th year of service towards meeting the needs of those who are struggling. Our next newsletter will have information about what we believe God wants us to do during this anniversary year. Pray for us, and our clients this year. God Bless you as we Minister to Others while Ministering Together!

As we enter our 10th year of meeting the needs of so many, I want us to be aware of the need to trust God. I am involved in a study in the book of Genesis, and the key figure we have been observing is Abraham. Abraham saw his Trust in God increase during his growth, but what has brought me joy is God's trust in Abraham. It is my hope during this 10th year of service that we see our trust increase in Him, that we acknowledge His Trust in us and the great value that trust is!

At the 2012 Christmas Appreciation Banquet for Volunteers, two individuals were recognized as

volunteers of the year! Yvonne Huber has been a volunteer since the first days of the food pantry. Yvonne has been a good friend to me and the pantry, as well the pantry clients she has come to know. Ernie Hutson also has been a volunteer since the beginning of this ministry. Ernie is our all around guy, doing each day what is not being done by anyone else. Both Ernie and Yvonne have a heart for people, and a heart for God!

Margie Traeger, and Joe Horine were 'spotlighted' volunteers at the banquet. Margie is our volunteer accountant and

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2012 Volunteer of the Year, Yvonne Huber with Al at the appreciation banquet..



2012 Volunteer of the Year, Ernie Hutson accepting his award from Al.

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comes in each week to manage our finances. In addition to being on our Board of Directors, Joe is central to the production of all our literature and newsletters. Both Margi and Joe faithfully give of their talents and are

vital to the ministry of Ministry and More, Inc. Thank you to all our volunteers!

*Serving Christ by Serving Others, Alan Colossians 1:3-4*



'Spotlight' volunteer, Margie Traeger.



'Spotlight' volunteer, Joe Horine.

## Volunteers needed for Can-A-Thon March 24

The annual Jaycees sponsored city wide Can-a-thon will be Sunday, March 24! We need all the volunteers we can get to canvas neighborhoods collecting the sacks of groceries set out by local residents. Additionally, sorters are needed for March 24 and for scheduled day times over the following two weeks for additional sorting. Picking up the groceries or sorting make good service projects for church youth groups – or for any group hoping to make a difference. Collected canned goods are distributed to local food pantries, all of which are faith based pantries. If you can help – please call Ministry and More, Inc. to get more details and get signed up. We are counting on you!

## Ministry Notes:

In January a group of teens from Lexington Community Church rearranged our garage and pantry shelves – what a great job they did! We had many, many loose cans of food that had to be sorted and then used to fill our shelves. Thanks to those teens for tackling a tedious, strenuous and much appreciated job well done!

Recently, volunteer Marsha Larson asked what we could do for a pantry client whose food needs

did not coincide with what is in our usual bag. The woman was homeless, living in a motel, with several children. Volunteers got busy and made up a grocery bag that contained food that could be microwaved or was ready to eat. Marsha commented 'it made me feel good that Ministry and More, Inc. could meet the special needs of this family on the spur of the moment'. Meeting people where they are – being Jesus in a practical way – that's what we seek to do at Ministry and More, Inc.

## Praises

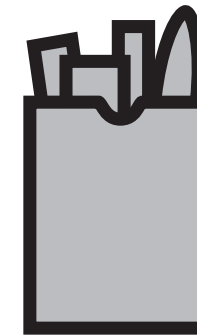


**416**

New households served in 2012



Another church has pledged monthly financial support for Ministry and More, Inc!



**\$1,500**

in food out the door every week



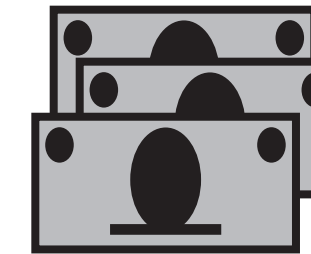
**3,300**

Total households served in 2012



**31**

Food drives scheduled for 2013. We need 5 more to meet our goal of 36 food drives a year!



**\$6,600**

Spent in 2011 for food

Ministry and More, Inc. was recently approved for inclusion in Thrivent catalog for endorsed non-profit giving!

*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*