

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.

Pass GED and get a job

Recent divorce – trying to move on

Knee replacement surgery needed

My grandchildren

Need light bill paid

My son to find a job

Direction to follow God

Employment – many of these

Problems with my son to be resolved

Vehicle problems

Housing needs – multiple

Family member recovering from alcoholism

Family in another state in ‘desperate’ need of prayer

Cancer test to come back ok

Finances (many of these)

Sister’s health, husband’s health, a brother needs surgery

Coping with death of my child 9 months ago – holidays coming

Issues with teenage daughter

Health for my 95 year old mother

A better year for all of us

Praise – ‘God has blessed me mighty – thank you for your service!’



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WHILE MINISTERING TOGETHER

Ministry & More, Inc. Newsletter / November 2012

Alan McLaughlin
Director

Director’s Note

I am so thankful we are getting this newsletter out before Thanksgiving. We have so many opportunities for you to be a part of what God is doing this year. I am also aware of the economic situation all around us by the new families we are seeing each week. God has been so gracious as new churches have shown an interest in what we are doing that is unique as a food pantry. It is such a blessing as Mike Mounce and I go out on our visits each Thursday and share with churches what we do and why we do it. Many are blessed to hear that we pray with our families, give them a personal appointment, and allow 15 minutes for them to just be with us and share with us.

We are trying to pull together the food products for the Thanksgiving Sacks (see below). Of course, we welcome financial gifts to make purchases if we need to, and will be thankful for that. This year is going so fast, and yet we are reminded to slow down and watch God work as only He can. Recently we have seen gifts come in from individuals we have never met, organizations we were not aware of, and continue to see God supply through our faithful providers, and faithful churches. Below you can note the various churches

and schools that held recent food drives, and look forward as new churches and church groups are preparing food drives as I write this letter to you.

We thank God for his graciousness to Ministry and More, Inc.!

I have been writing in the blog (under Directors Notes on the Ministry and More, Inc. website), and got my very first comment since we began sharing through that venue. It is a blessing to know God is blessing someone out there with this ministry who just needs encouragement for the moment. If you, our readers, get an opportunity to read our blog, please let us know. There is a place for comments, positive and otherwise. We need to know how we can be of help in a specific way and you can let us know in the comment section.

Until next time, pray for the ministry, the volunteers, the clients, and all who give of their time and talent to further Gods vision for Ministry and More, Inc. God bless you!

Serving Christ by Serving Others, Alan



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In His Time

Five years ago a house situated on a lot adjacent to Ministry and More Inc. was vacated, and has been vacant ever since as the property went through foreclosure. Although Ministry and More Inc. inquired about the property at that time and since, it was tied up in legal proceedings that went on and on. Recently, over the course of a few weeks, new information about the property became available and upon follow up, it was learned the property would soon become available to be bid on. Through amazing circumstances (that mysteriously look like God's hand at work) the realtor from Champaign, in charge of listing the property (who 'happened' to be a Christian) responded to our attempt to contact him, dropped by our pantry in person to check us out, and gave us hope that acquisition of the property might be possible. We have been prayerfully excited over the possibility of securing the property for future use, and to ensure that the area around the



pantry remains a safe, and well maintained face to the neighborhood.

Our bid on the house has just been accepted and we hope to be closing on the purchase of this property by the end of November!

If you would like to give a one time financial gift towards the purchase of this property, please indicate "house" on your gift envelope or in your check memo.

All financial gifts are tax deductible.



Food Drive Update

Food drives were held by four of our supporting churches this quarter, Freedom Baptist Church, East White Oak Bible Church, Calvary Baptist Church, and Lexington Community Church. Two schools, Cornerstone Christian Academy and

Calvary Christian Academy High School held food drives as well. So far in November, two churches will be having food drives for us.

These food drives are so appreciated and were such a help for us to fill the grocery sacks for the many who are struggling to 'just get by'.

Radar's Family Farms, once again, gave a portion of ISU Homecoming weekend event food sales to Ministry and More Inc. – thank you Radar Family Farms for faithfully remembering our ministry!



Did you know?

Included in every grocery sack is a gospel tract 'What God wants everyone to Know' that clearly presents God's plan of salvation through Jesus Christ.

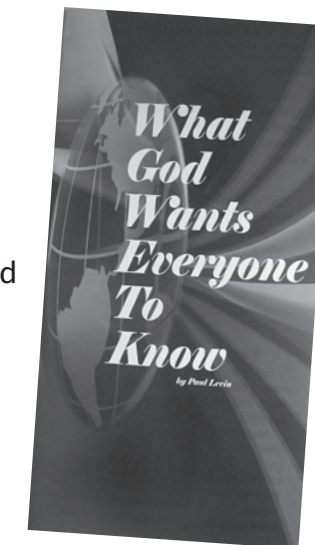
Thirty-five new households were served by Ministry and More, Inc. over the last two months – with a total of 578 households served in just two months.

Each and every pantry patron is given individual attention by one of our volunteers, including individual prayer time.



*"And Jesus said unto them,
I am the bread of life: he
that cometh to me shall
never hunger; and he
that believeth on me
shall never thirst".*

John 6:35



35
First-time households



578
Households served in two months



Coming Up:

Christmas Volunteer Appreciation Banquet, Saturday December 15 at 5pm at Calvary Baptist Church. Call 823-9804 to reserve your spot – each volunteer can bring one guest

Volunteer Spotlight

Please visit our website or call during pantry hours to find out how you can join our volunteer team!)

Mary Kerfoot. Mary began volunteering at the pantry in 2008 – she had previously worked at Mission Mart and was looking for a similar environment to volunteer in that helped those in need. Mary is a member of East White Oak Bible Church, and will celebrate 50 years of marriage in March to her husband Tom. Mary helps out in whatever capacity is needed, from serving clients, stocking shelves and preparing sacks or working in the garage. Mary especially enjoys helping at the annual Christmas Share the Gift.



Joyce Craig. Joyce heard about the need for volunteers at Ministry and More, Inc. through her church, Calvary Baptist. Joyce started volunteering in March 2011 following retirement from a local bank. Joyce works up front serving and praying with clients. She especially likes interaction with the clients and loves working with the volunteers. Joyce recalled a recent blessing when a pantry client received her very first nice dress coat which had been donated. Joyce said it was a blessing to witness the woman's joy with the gift of the 'nicest coat I've ever had'.



Fall/Winter Coat Giveaway

Ministry and More, Inc. is asking for clean, gently used coats for all ages for our pantry patrons. These will be distributed on regular pantry days beginning now and throughout the winter months. Please drop off clean, gently used coats at the pantry during our days/hours – Mon/Tues/Wed between the hours of 10am and 1pm. Each year every single coat donated has found a new home – thank you so much for giving.

Thanksgiving Sacks

In November, Ministry and More, Inc. will provide pantry patrons with the 'fixing's' for a Thanksgiving meal, including stuffing mix, green beans, cranberry sauce, gravy, potatoes, pumpkin pie mix, and turkey. All of these specially donated items will be used for these special sacks for Thanksgiving. One church has offered to provide all the pumpkin pie mix needed for the Thanksgiving sacks this year. If you or your group/ church can assist in this project, we would appreciate your generosity!



Happy Thanksgiving



Share The Gift

New unwrapped presents are needed for our Share The Gift event in December. Each year pantry patrons sign up for this event at which a household member can select one gift for each household member for Christmas. The first year we helped 32 families and last year it was 35. With the economy as it is, we expect the number to be at least as high, or higher this year. Gifts for children are mainly needed, but also gifts suitable for gifting to adults or for a family. This would be a good opportunity for schools, small groups, Sunday School classes, day cares, etc. to participate by giving as a group this Christmas.

Gifts may be dropped off Monday through Wednesday between the hours of 10am and 1pm or by special arrangement with the Director, Alan McLaughlin.



Last year's volunteers at Share The Gift Event.

**Will you provide a gift so
Ministry and More, Inc.
can Share The Gift of
Jesus Christ to those
we serve?**



You asked for it!

We are often asked about Don and Linda Winterland, former directors of Ministry and More, Inc. We recently drove up to visit them in Wisconsin and are happy to report they are doing well and enjoying their new home, church and community. The Winterland's thank everyone for their prayers for their health and their desire to continue to be used in God's service.

