

*Client 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.

Financial stability (many requests for this)	Housing (many requests for this)	Health for self and family (many requests for this)
Closer walk with God	Peace and Patience	No money for medication
Church unity	Pray son changes his lifestyle	Keep me on the right path and give me strength to be the best single parent I can be
For my son who gets out of prison soon	Children dealing with dad not wanting to see them	Stress relief
Daughter with cancer	My kids while we adjust to having a new baby	Safe childbirth
Bitterness in my heart over custody battle		

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Alan McLaughlin
Director

A Big ‘Hello’

Hello to all of our friends of Ministry and More, Inc. food pantry. We have so much to share with you in this first newsletter going out in 2014. Our **Share the Gift program** was a wonderful experience for our clients and volunteers. Volunteers were able to help parents shop from beautiful donated toys for the 35 families who had signed up for this event. Wrapping paper and tape were also provided so parents could put their heart into wrapping the toys for Christmas morning. Thanks to all of you who were a very important part of this blessed program!

The Upwards basketball program at Calvary Baptist Church has chosen the children of our clients as recipients of their annual Shoe Drive for Kids. This drive will conclude March 22, and then, in April, volunteers will

meet with and put the very shoes on the feet of the kids who are signed up for them! Thank you Upwards of Calvary and Joel Swanson who organized it!



Alan McLaughlin,
director.

Early this year Wilma and I met with our volunteers to discuss ideas for improvements to make our daily operations more efficient, and received great suggestions! This included improving use of space and stream lining procedures. Many of our volunteers have come in on days they are not scheduled in order to accomplish these changes.

We now have 50 food drives scheduled for

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Betty Ayers, Ruth Ringenberg, Mary Kerfoot and Barbara Dunn made the Share the Gift program a big success.



Margi Traeger receives Volunteer of the Year award from Alan last December.



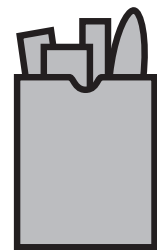
Wednesday volunteer team.



Monday volunteer team.

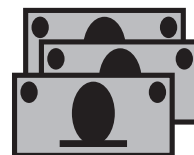


Tuesday volunteer team.



39 tons

Food given away for 2013



\$14,000

Spent on food in 2013



300

Households served in each month in 2013



50

Food drives currently scheduled for 2014

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2014 and are praying to increase that by 10 more to keep from having to purchase food items. Last year, we gave away over 39 tons of food, most of which was donated food from food drives. However, we also spent \$14,000.00 for needed food items. Clearly, we need more food because the need continues. Thank you all so much for all you have done to help us meet the needs of more than 300 families every month!

Recently I received the following letter which I wanted to share with you.

"Dear Alan, I just wanted to say Thank You to you and everyone for the kindness shown to my nephew and his daughter by the wonderful food bag they received. My great niece was very sure the 'food fairy' had stopped by while she was at Pre-K. When I called her she was already helping her daddy 'plan' supper. They are both beyond grateful for your kindness.

I too would like to express my thanks to everyone for the many wonderful things you do for me and my sister. Many times I don't know where we would have been without your help. You never question - just extend open arms, smile, and love, and for that - Thank You."

When we agreed to become the directors of Ministry and More, Inc. God gave us the scripture, Colossians 1: 3-6. In it, Paul shares his heart, which is our heart towards you as well: *"We always thank God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, when we pray for you, since we heard of your faith in Christ Jesus and of the love that you have for all the saints, because of the hope laid up for you in heaven. Of this you have heard before in the word of the truth, the gospel, which has come to you, as indeed in the whole world it is bearing fruit and increasing—as it also does among you, since the day you heard it and understood the grace of God in truth"*

This describes you, our faithful supporters, our volunteers, and those we share with each week. God bless you as we enter a new year with many new opportunities to serve a wonder God!

Alan and Wilma

Thank you to all who gave towards the purchase of this newer used van – what an asset it has been to us already in picking up food donations!

