

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.

Two family members with Parkinson's Disease
Money for rent
For God to restore my marriage
Doctor to get my medication figured out
Anxiety/bad dreams, trouble sleeping/anger/resentment
That my children will come back to the Lord
Daughter has a lot of bitterness in her heart
Son is being tempted by bad things
Mother going into nursing home
Finances

Hours at work have been decreased
To get certified so can substitute teach
My family to be safe and walking in Jesus name
Wisdom about moving
Father with leukemia
Daughter to have a safe and healthy pregnancy
Prayer for son who is in the military
Money for bills
Many need prayer for jobs
Let go of stress – need to talk to God more and less to everyone else about my business

Blood clot in heart of friend
Mother with dementia
Pray that I don't have breast cancer
Protection
Son to find His way back to the Lord
Adoption travel
Need to give my worries to God more
Son's addiction
Unsaved husband
Eight year old with cancer
Thanking God every day for awakening me to Him and for forgiving my sins



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God always provides

Easter is just about 6 weeks away as I begin our Spring newsletter. I am so excited at what God has done here at Ministry and More, Inc. and what He is doing now. I want to begin with a portion of God's word that reflects what we know to be true here at the pantry. It really sets the tone for what we expect each day we are open to serve all those that God sends to our front door. It is found in Matthew 25:34-40

Then the King will say to those on his right, 'Come, you who are blessed by my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world. For I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me, I was naked and you clothed me, I was sick and you visited me, I was in prison and you came to me.' Then the righteous will answer him, saying, 'Lord, when did we see you hungry and feed you, or thirsty and give you drink? And when did we see you a stranger and welcome you, or naked and clothe you? And when did we see you sick or in prison and visit you?' And the King will answer them, 'Truly, I say to you, as you did it to one of the least of these my brothers, you did it to me.'

The people Christ is referring to in this passage are you and me. He was being very intimate with the listener.

So many times in 2014 God revealed himself to us in remarkable ways, but never unbelievable! He loves those we serve, and those who we serve with! That is you! Thank you for remaining faithful. If you read our Facebook page you are aware of the new

building our donors provided for additional storage, and of another donor providing a remote garage door, and yet another providing all the electrical for the new building. Many exciting things have happened here last year and this year will be no exception.



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At our children's Christmas party seven children who



attended accepted Christ as Lord and Savior! It was a wonderful experience for us to be a part of that event. We also saw 16 of the children sign up for the Child Evangelism Bible study, and the parents of those children signed up for the adult version of the study! That is such a victory for Christ. We are planning on doing a similar children's



Children's Christmas party.

program for Easter – if you are interested in helping somehow let us know!

We received news from one of our supporting churches we would see a reduction in funds for the new year. We prayed and felt peace as to how we would manage without those funds. We knew Ministry and More, Inc. began as God's business,

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and it still is His business. We are here as servants, and must trust our Leader completely. He has never left us in a bind, ever! God has provided the expected shortfall before the end of 2015 even got here, and He did it to the exact dollar the ministry was going to be without! That is a powerful affirmation that Ministry and More, Inc. is right where it needs to be!

Several of our faithful volunteers have had health issues and God has provided the volunteers each time to carry on in their absence. Some have returned, but please pray for those who are still in recovery or awaiting future help. We are so thankful for all the time they have given us over the last 12 years. Our new "Volunteers of the Year" plaques for 2014 have been awarded to two couples this year – Vernon and Ruth Ringenberg and Harlan and Gen Starkey. Vernon has served in the pantry area, where along with Gary Fite, prepare 25+ bags of groceries on Tuesdays. Vernon also restocks the shelves and lets others know

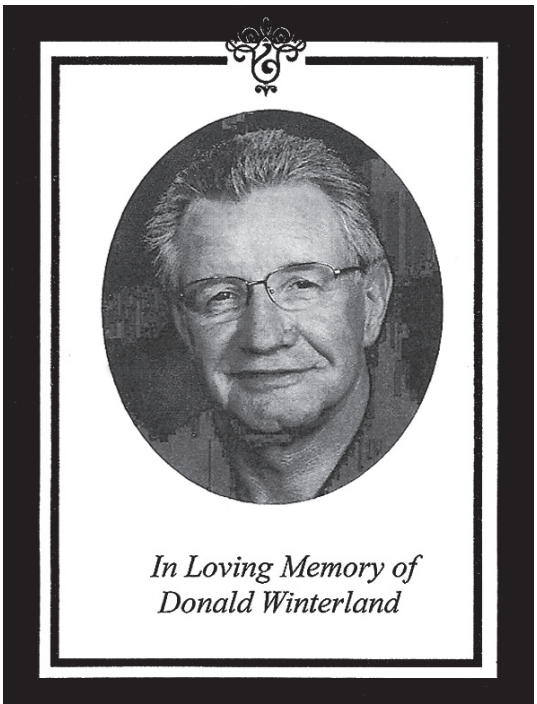
what is needed from the garage. Ruth works in the front, greeting our clients, taking prayer requests, and praying with them. She has also helped in our annual Christmas parties for our clients. Harlan has served in several areas, but primarily he does a lot of driving for us, recycling cardboard, and delivering extra bread products to various assisted living areas. Gen submits our client data into our computer according to family, size, and specific prayer requests. When you read the prayer requests at the end of our newsletter, think of Gen! All 4 of these individuals began here many years before I was director, and all were very helpful in helping me adapt, and have prayed for Wilma and me often. Many thanks to 4 gracious people!



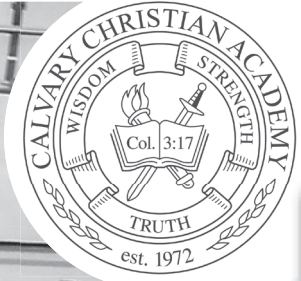
'Volunteers of the Year', Vernon and Ruth Ringenberg.



'Volunteers of the Year', Harlan and Gen Starkey.



Don Winterland and his wife Linda, co-founded Ministry and More, Inc. in 2003 with a vision to bring help, hope and healing to those in need. In 2010 Don and Linda retired due to health issues and moved to Wisconsin near their only daughter. November 11, 2014 Don left this earthly home and entered in to the presence of the Lord. Please pray for Don's wife Linda as she adjusts to the loss of her life partner, and for Don's daughter Donette, son Eric, and grandchildren. As many of you know, Don and Linda's oldest son, Kevin, passed away unexpectedly in 2013. The family would appreciate your prayers in their behalf.



Food drives, food drives, food drives!

We have had some amazing food drives! Cornerstone and North Pointe each had a food drive just before Christmas and Calvary Christian Academy recently had one as part of their 100th School Day celebration. It is so exciting to see the kids from all these schools be a part of the food drives. I always send schools a list that makes grocery shopping fun, for the students and the parents! The combined total for all three schools was 4,240 lbs! Thank you all so much! I know I am leaving something out, so please visit our Facebook page and catch up on what God has been up to at Ministry and More, Inc.



This young lady decided to extend the 100 School Day celebration by setting up at table during her church's Upwards basketball games to collect boxes of Hamburger Helper for Ministry and More, Inc. Goal is 100 boxes! Thank you Cana!



Food drive at Grace Christian School located in Pontiac, Illinois.