

Harvest of Blessings

Hello to all of our many wonderful friends and prayer partners of Ministry and More, Inc. As I type this I am barely able to see what is going to be on paper. I had a retina reattached on Sept 13th, and had it done again on same eye on Oct 13th. The



second surgery was much tougher than the first, and I am required to be ‘face down’ for 2 more weeks. We are praying

for complete healing as we approach the holidays, and are very thankful for my volunteers and board, who have come along side and filled in on jobs I usually do – and for doing it so joyfully! If you know me, you can guess how difficult it is for me to ‘lay around’ – pray for my wife, Wilma!

Alan



Alan McLaughlin,
director.

Client prayer requests and praise:

Will you PRAY—will you GIVE?

This is the most important part of what we do and of this newsletter – please take a few moments to pray for these requests, for those we serve and those who serve!
Thank you

Finances and health
Family stability
For a job
Money to get car fixed
Approval of my application for disability
Find a place to live
Healthy pregnancy
Family member has cancer
Peace on earth
Husband has nightmares
My headaches
Salvation of unsaved loved ones
For this to be my last week of chemotherapy

Successful transplant
Very grateful
God’s blessing on my upcoming marriage
Upcoming tumor surgery
Safe travel for my children coming to see me
Strength to have a home based child care business in my home
Income to take care of my large family of 11
2 year old grandson has kidney failure
Adjustment to my new medication
To have a stable home for my daughter
For a better job and transportation
Thank you Jesus for your Grace!

I urge you, first of all, to pray for all people. Ask God to help them; intercede on their behalf, and give thanks for them. Pray this way for kings and all who are in authority so that we can live peaceful and quiet lives marked by godliness and dignity. This is good and pleases God our Savior, who wants everyone to be saved and to understand the truth.
I Timothy 2:1 – 4

Back to School Block Party

Ministry and More, Inc. participated in the annual Westside Bloomington Back to School Block party in August. Ministry and More, Inc. set up a Prayer Station and prayed with parents and children for the new school year, and shared the gospel with The Story bracelets and booklets (thanks to Spread Truth for the Prayer Station and to Jerry Everett for assembling the bracelets). There was a lot of interest in receiving this material and listening to the story of God’s plan of salvation.



Youth in Action

Big “THANK YOU’S” to Gracie Sweets who donated her 4-H Fair hog to Ministry and More, Inc., and to her grandfather who also donated a hog! Processing was donated by Bloomington Meats! What a blessing to be able to provide



this to our clients through their generosity. Also, a thank you to James Toohill for his help in making this possible!

This fall youth groups from some of our supporting churches provided much



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needed ‘muscle’ by unloading groceries from our trailer, stocking shelves and doing deep cleaning at the pantry. What a great way for young people to learn to follow the example and words of Christ, “If anyone would be first, he must be last of all and servant of all.” Mark 9:35. Thank you one and all!



New ‘Library’ in Town

If you come by Ministry and More, Inc. you will notice a new Free Little Library out front! Lisa Haas donated this as part of completing a badge for Girl Scouts – and it has been a big hit with our clients! It has been fun and exciting seeing how clients have accessed it! What a great contribution Lisa – thank you!



Food Drives Urgently Needed!

We are putting out some suggestions for much needed food drives. Perhaps your small group, Sunday school class, school, or employees/ employers would have a food drive between now and the end of this year– it would be much appreciated. Thank you in advance!

Coat Drive

Two churches and a local business have offered to collect winter coats and other items to be distributed to clients throughout the months of November through February. If you would like to contribute to this much appreciated effort, call the pantry to arrange a time to drop off clean, good condition coats, as well as warm boots, new hats/gloves.



What is the pantry doing for CHRISTMAS this year?

This year we are doing something different for our clients for Christmas. Donors in past years have expressed interest in ‘adopting’ a family for Christmas – which is what we have decided to try this year.

Here is how it will work:

Clients will complete a card with first name and age of each their child(ren) AND one gift they would like themselves and for each child. These cards will then be available for those who would like to ‘adopt’ a family for Christmas gift giving. Gifts should be wrapped with the intended recipient’s name on them.

Parents will pick up the gifts for their family on Saturday December 17.

Completed gift request cards will be available for donors to pick up the week of Thanksgiving and gifts to be returned for distribution by December 15. If you want to help in this way, please contact Ministry and More, Inc. right away to get signed up to ‘adopt a family’.



New Volunteers



God has blessed us with some new volunteers, including a couple, Mike and Marilee. God always meets our needs every time! A few of our volunteers have had medical issues which makes new volunteers even more appreciated. Please keep in prayer all of our volunteers who give of their time, talents, and resources so faithfully. We never take them for granted.

Are you celebrating Thanksgiving?

Once again Ministry and More, Inc. will be distributing special Thanksgiving sacks to clients the two weeks before Thanksgiving. We have been collecting non-perishable items for this but are in need of funds to purchase turkeys again this year. This has run a little over \$2,000 each year over and above our regular needs. If you would like to contribute towards turkeys for clients this Thanksgiving, or if you would like to purchase a coupon/gift certificate for a turkey from your grocer, that would be much appreciated.



Ministry and More, Inc. is a food pantry located on the Westside of Bloomington, serving Bloomington/Normal and surrounding communities; solely supported by the generosity of individuals and organizations, and receive no assistance from government funding. Ministry and More, Inc. is staffed and run by those who seek to follow Christ, ministering to others by ministering together.