

Client prayer requests and praise:

Will you PRAY—will you GIVE?

Finances and children's emotional issues
Pray for solution to violence and for healing in our nation
Current world events
Sickness, more substitute teaching jobs, family relationships
Arthritis in my spine
New job
My niece is in the hospital
Trying to move
Husband's hip replacement
Need house for my child care ministry
Job and health concerns
New beginnings
PRAISE - Husband starts new job!
Dad's friend with cancer
Relationship with son
New apartment and transportation to get around
Upcoming surgery
Health - had pneumonia - must stop smoking
Husband to get out of prison on time
Ex daughter in law to let me see my granddaughter
Pray that I learn to trust God for my relationship needs
Thanking God for all his blessings

Health of parents and grandmother
Has 11 year old twins with disabilities and lost her job and health insurance for the kids
Pray for the world and the reason Jesus wept
Teaching opportunities
Son's broken leg - healing
New job for son
Father's health is getting worse
Legal issues
Knees
My health and living situation
To do well in my child care class
Just a thank you to the Lord for all He has done for me
Upcoming health tests
To get the medicine I need
Thanking God for family, husband doing better, moving to a better place and Ministry and More's help and prayers!
Learning to budget my bills
Lost my mom, my kids, my home - all alone in life
Mother in a nursing home
Thank God for all the help He gave me, special friends, and giving me strength to continue in my life.

A whole lot going on!

Whoa there 2016! Going a little fast it seems! Spring is here and already we have had 11 food drives, and that does not include the drop offs when we least expect it! Those are the best because we get to see God work as He lets us know we are always on His mind. If that sounds like a lot of food drives, keep in mind we still are giving away over 3 tons of food each month, and since a food pantry in Bloomington closed, our number of clients have increased. Pray for the pantry as we keep track of the number of new clients during March and April. We are trying to determine if we need to be open more hours each week.

By the time you get this we will have had our Easter program for our children, and getting ready for the parking lot improvements to begin. We are getting all new asphalt on all of our parking lots and creating a new parking lot for our trucks and trailers to make room for more volunteers and our clients who drive. Praise God, all of this work has been paid for in advance by a faithful foundation who sees a real value in what we are doing for the less fortunate in our communities and surrounding towns. We also would like your prayers as we wait on God to reveal if He wants us to have two lots which butt up against our existing property. This land would make a perfect extra entry onto our property and possible more space for additional space for growth. Please pray that we might know by the end of May. Thank you so much.

We have had many opportunities to pray with our clients, and so many are new to the pantry. This means many more are hearing the gospel, and having a first time experience in knowing Christ as Savior. This is what Ministry and More is all about. Ministry is sharing Christ, offering children's programs, the "more" is the food and other items they receive. We also are still listening carefully to needs expressed by our clients as they share with

us. If there is a specific need that fills the requirements of another community resource, we are working with, those needs will be met. This is so exciting when we can tell them we can get that need met by someone who wants to help yet they will never meet. If you want to volunteer in a place where God is seen working every day, come see us!! We want to meet you!



Alan McLaughlin,
director.

I am also seeing an increase to share what Ministry and More is all about, and that is exciting. Organizations and churches are calling us and asking if we would come and share with them our vision, and our needs. These are awesome opportunities to share God at work! Continue to pray for us as we are still buying lots of food and our offerings fluxuate on a regular basis. We are not overly concerned because this is Gods ministry, and He knows we need Him, and He uses you to get it done. Please pray about being used of God at Ministry and More with your time as a volunteer and as a donor on a monthly basis or one time a year. Thank you for letting us come into your home via this newsletter each quarter. It is a blessing to share all God is doing, and doing so faithfully!

Ministering to others while ministering together,
Sincerely, with love and appreciation
Alan and Wilma McLaughlin, Director

Introducing two of our newer volunteers

We asked them to share their testimony

Jerry Everett

"July 19, 1970 I accepted Jesus Christ as my personal savior. My life changed completely. Instead of living in fear, I gained a peace that goes beyond understanding. My only fear now is that of God Himself, and that is a good one. I pray daily for everyone who does not know Jesus as their Savior. Over the years God has allowed me to serve Him in many ways. One opportunity has been to volunteer at Ministry and More food pantry. It is almost like having a second family. Since June 2014 I have helped share food with those in need. An even greater blessing has been to pray with clients with a variety of needs. Please join me in prayer in asking God for His continued blessing on this outreach."



Diane Risius

"I became a Christian after hearing the gospel three different times in Junior High School. I asked the Lord that if He was real to show me. He did and in His graciousness has never stopped showing me! No matter where we have lived the Lord has allowed me to grow in good Bible believing churches. I attend East White Oak Bible Church and heard about Ministry and More through their presentations and food drives. The fact that prayer was a part of interactions with those needing food was very attractive to me. Praying with people has allowed me to interact more personally with those coming in as well as bringing their needs before the One who provides. I am a new member of the volunteer team and have been welcomed so warmly, which also has been another grace God has given me."



Children's 2016 Easter Program

Two children prayed to receive Christ!



Food drive at Grace Christian School in Pontiac



Lexington Community Church food drive



East White Oak Bible Church has a food drive for us every other month – our next drive is in May!

Thank You to all who have food drives for Ministry and More, Inc. It is greatly appreciated!