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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

Patience with stress / Mom has cancer
Dad has aneurysm / Need to find a job
Pray that my health keeps stable
My daughter and brother need jobs
Strength to make better choices
Health and well being for myself and my daughter
Job / Health / Husbands health
Daughters relationship with her grandmother
Brothers biopsy to be ok
Daughters health issues / Job interview
That God will hear my prayers
My daughter gets an apartment of her own
Granddaughters boyfriend to treat her well

Full time job and new home
My brother and his family moved here from overseas
and have many needs
Kidney problems / Medical needs of my neighbors
Home needs repairs / To finish and pass GED
Joint pain
Health issues – knee, diabetes, degenerative disease
Brother has court date / To be approved for disability
Son has anger problems / Funeral for baby
Financial stability / That where I work doesn't close
Hip and knee pain
That sons anger towards me turns to love
Brother has cancer

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

Happy anniversary!

Hello from Ministry and More, Inc. food pantry, celebrating our 15th year, as we enter into this summer! We are blessed by you, our caring friends, and pray you have been blessed in return.

God uses the generosity of people to provide funds to keep this ministry going, week to week and month to month. Even though we have food drives from various churches and groups, the needs are great. We serve 300 households a month, which amounts to around 1,000+ individuals each month. Our regular financial donations go towards purchasing food as is needed, to add to what comes in from food drives.

At this time we have a need for tires for the trailers we use to pick up groceries. These tires (4 on one) have never been replaced in the 7 years I have been director, and are worn out. Recently one tire blew out in-route from the food bank, and we were barely able to make it safely back to the pantry. We cannot

use that trailer now until we get new tires. As summer slows down giving, our needs often increase. Please pray and give as God leads.

Recently we were short volunteers and I was working up front serving our clients. A lady I was helping was about to leave. As she stood up, she immediately reached out her open hands for mine, and asked for prayer for a sick family member who was in a

desperate strait. This lady had been at the pantry before, and it was clear she was relying on receiving prayer as much as receiving food. When I held her hands, she was so sweet, holding

on tightly until I finished praying. With moist eyes, she thanked me wholeheartedly. I felt so humbled by her attitude towards God's ability to meet her needs. Over recent months we have seen several pray



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Photos from the recent Lexington
Community Church food drive.





Christ Lutheran Church food drive.



A big 'Thank you' for the fans!

to receive Christ's redeeming love. This ministry is about being obedient to our Lord. We remember why it is called 'Ministry and More, Inc.' Ministry is to share the love and hope of Christ, and More is meeting the physical needs of those seeking help. Both are

necessary, one carries the promise of eternal rescue and joy, the other is only good until the next appointment.

"Your words are what sustain me, they are food to my hungry soul." Jeremiah 15:16

A few weeks ago a client came in that has been known to ask for fans for the elderly and disabled with whom she volunteers. Only this time, this kind lady was in need herself for a fan as she has health issues that now hinder her breathing. We are thankful that so many of you quickly responded to this need, providing fans for her and others. Thank you for ministering to others by ministering together with Ministry and More, Inc.

Summer Projects



Our garage needs re-staining!



Preparations for the new freezer.



Inefficient chest freezers currently in use.

storage garage is in need of re-staining to maintain it, and one side of our smaller garage needs removal of mildew. All materials will be provided but we need some 'people power' to complete!

Speaking of people power, volunteering at

We have needed a walk in freezer for some time. We currently use 6 freezers to keep our donated frozen products fresh and safe for use over an extended time. This produced a large electric bill each month. Early this year we received funds from an estate gift which has made it possible to purchase and install an 8 by 8 walk-in freezer which will hold the items we currently use the older freezers for. This will not only make it safer for volunteers to use, and less

expensive, but frees up much needed space in the garage.

We have two outdoor projects that would be great opportunities for a small group, youth group, etc. Our

Ministry and More, Inc. not only adds to the quality of lives for our clients, but also adds to quality of life for those who volunteer.



Joyce and Diane.



Jim and Jean.

If you have a few extra few hours a week, you can enjoy fellowship and gain the blessings of helping others by volunteering at Ministry and More, Inc.

Call **823-9804** to find out more, or fill out a volunteer application on our website.

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.

Coming Up:

20th Annual Block Party August 4!

Call us to volunteer to help at the annual West Side Community Block Party coming up on Saturday, August 4. Ministry and More, Inc. has a 'booth' at this event each year, at which we have a Prayer Station where we pray with parents for their children as they prepare to return to school. Parents have greatly appreciated this in past years.

Shoot and Share Fund Raiser

Spread the word – Saturday, October 6 will be the second year for the Shoot and Share as a fund raiser for Ministry and More, Inc., sponsored by State Farm® Agent Mike Wehrenberg. Last year money raised was used to pay for Thanksgiving turkeys for our clients! Be sure and watch our Facebook page



Prayer Station from Block Party last summer.

for more information as we get closer to the date of Saturday, October 9, 2018 so you can be a part of this event!

Please continue to pray for us and the 1,000+ people we serve. May God bless

you for the food and financial gifts you send. We love you all! Alan and Wilma

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