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*SHE PREPARES HER BREAD IN SUMMER AND GATHERS HER FOOD IN HARVEST.
PROVERBS 6:8*

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Dear Friends, can you believe Winter & Spring have come and gone? As we gear up for Summer, we praise God for the wonderful people who make this ministry happen. We know that there are many who make this ministry so special, and we want to thank you for all the financial donations, donations of time; and labors of love to keep our grounds and buildings in shape, donations of physical items like food and furniture, donations of time to teach, council, and pray for those in this ministry.

We want to send out a special thanks to our local churches for all you do, and recognize Parkview Mennonite Brethren Church for all their help with lawn care, the beautiful flowers, and vegetable garden, and Alexanderfeld Church youth group for help with putting up blinds, painting fences, and other special projects. All of you are truly a blessing to this ministry!

What is Main Street Ministries?

Main Street Ministries, Inc. (MSM) is a program to help those in need in the community; with a focus on giving Women and Children a safe environment to live, heal, and learn about the love of Jesus. We house a food bank that is open on Saturdays, and available to anyone in the community.

Those living on site learn about Christ through various bible studies and counseling. They learn life skills through programs like Celebrate Recovery which teaches how to deal with compulsive, addictive, and co-dependency issues; and Circles which is a program that aims to end poverty by teaching families a long-term path to financial stability.



Meet Our New Staff

We are excited to add Jeremy and Charity Schadel to our staff here at MSM. Jeremy and Charity come from Rural Peabody. Jeremy works for the Marion County Road and Bridge Department, and Charity was a stay at home Mom to Henry (pictured above), and will now be working with the Director, Karen Sites, with daily operations.

Jeremy and Charity are excited to be adding a little girl to their family at the end of August, and are thankful for the opportunity to spread the good news here at MSM.

CURRENT PROJECTS

- **Installing new blinds throughout building.**
- **Repairing food bank walls and floors.**
- **Children's Ministry Room remodel.**
- **Craft and Sewing Room.**
- **Exercise Room with various exercise equipment.**
- **Combining two smaller apartments into one big one.**
- **Wall/Foundation repair.**

Thanks to generous donations, we have several projects underway. Some of these projects are close to completion, and some are just getting started. We are so excited for the future at MSM!

CURRENT PRAYER NEEDS

- **Transitioning kids from school to home for the summer.**
- **Busy summer schedules.**
- **Safe travels for summer activities.**
- **Help finding the right new bible study to start.**
- **Help planning fun activities for the Sojourners and their families.**
- **Continued donations for projects unfinished, and current needs.**

There are many ways to help our Mission, and we believe that the most important is Prayer! Thank you for remembering us when you pray. God answers prayers!!!

CURRENT NEEDS FOR MSM

- **Summer fun items: volleyballs, net, sprinklers, water hoses, water toys, etc.**
- **Personal care items: deodorant, kids socks, feminine items, shampoo, conditioner, toothpaste, tooth brushes, etc.**
- **Bible study materials.**
- **Craft supplies.**
- **Funds for current and future projects.**
- **Funds for monthly operating expenses.**

CURRENT NEEDS FOR FOOD BANK

- **Dried dairy products (powdered milk).**
- **Canned dairy products.**
- **Canned fruit.**
- **Condiments such as mustard, ketchup, sugar, flour, salsa.**
- **Toilet paper.**
- **Dish liquid.**

We want to especially thank Cierra Cox for maintaining the Food Bank, and keeping things running as smoothly as possible even with all the remodeling construction going on. Thank you for all of your donations, and your patience as we continue to upgrade MSM and provide better services to our Sojourners and the community.

Please contact us at 620-947-3393 and we will be happy to answer any questions, or provide assistance in any way we can. Thanks!

Karen Sites, Director

