### PEOPLE TO PEOPLE MINISTRIES

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## From the desk of Lydia Stahl~

#### Dear Friends,

"What kind of man is this? Even the winds and the waves obey him!" Matthew 8:27

My family and I had a chance to go back to the ocean this year for vacation in June. I absolutely love sitting on the beach watching the waves continuously roll. They never end. One crests, then another, unending. Lord, the ocean sends its water rushing toward the beach much like You send Your unending love and forgiveness rushing toward us, Your followers.

Thanks to each and every one of you for your continued love and support. We greatly appreciate how you see our needs and answer our prayers. We could not help those in need without your help!

I am finding each day a new challenge, but with God as good as He is and the community as wonderful as you are, I know we will continue to help those less fortunate families get through their crisis.

So far this year our food pantry is still seeing on the average of 300 to 350 families each month for food. The clothing room has been steady seeing many families in need of clothing and household items.

Many families are asking for personal hygiene items.

In the area of financials, I have been very busy, toward the end of the months. I sometimes see 20 to 25 financials per day. I am seeing new families finding themselves without enough money to get them through the month.

### Thank You's

**Area churches** – for supporting our ministry with your time, talents, and treasures

**Discount Drug Mart Store** – for the generous donation from their annual flea market and griller day

College of Wooster and Wayne College
– for donating food at the end of the school
year

Vacation Bible Schools – for collecting for our Back to School project

## Needs for the Coming Month:

Food: Staple items are always needed - We are very low on granulated sugar, helper mixes, hot cereal, pudding, canned tuna, and baby food stage 1 and stage 3

**Personal Products:** Diapers – size 5, toilet paper, toothpaste, and fabric softener

Household Items: We can really use large electric fans, upright sweepers/vacuums, wash cloths, queen size sheets, toasters, electric skillets, soup bowls, Dutch ovens, dish drainers with trays, and sleeping bags

Clothing Items: Ladies panties size 5, 8, 10, 11, and 12, men's boxers size small and medium, steel toes boots for men and women, boy's winter hats and gloves for the Back to School project, and girl's winter gloves for Back to School.

# Back to School Project 2016 needs your help!

This year marks the 33<sup>rd</sup> year we will help prepare children for school. The 2016 Back to School Project will be held August 7-11. This very special project provides each child (in grades Pre-K-12) "nice as new clothing", new socks, underwear, school supplies and new shoes. To pull off a project of this size requires a lot of help. Can you help us this year?

Maybe you'd like to shop with children—we need both men and women and complete training is provided. Restocking tables is an important job as well. Help with set up at the start or clean up at the end is also extremely appreciated. If you missed the sign-up form in last month's *pink* newsletter, give Sara Curtis a call (330-262-1662, ext. 211). You are still needed!

## SPECIFIC BACK TO SCHOOL NEEDS:

- Good, clean men's adult size pants & jeans for our teens.
- ◆ Little boy's jeans and shirts sizes 6, 7, and 8.
- School supply items: for example, backpacks, scissors, markers and colored pencils.
- Monetary donations...always needed! We must buy underwear, socks, and shoes.
   And this year we will need to purchase book bags.





#### TOY PROJECT NEEDS:

Our efforts are year-round to get ready for our December Toy Project. As you begin your back-to-school shopping for your children or grandchildren, you might consider buying a toy for another child. Maybe you love to go to garage sales! Keep your eyes out for good bargains on quality used toys. We welcome your Christmas donations...even in July and August!

Currently, we have some specific needs: Teen boys, anything in the area of sports: such as sports hats, shirts, or equipment are always needed. Also gifts for children ages 6-11, and bicycles –new or slightly used.

General Needs for the Christmas toy project: Self adhesive contact paper, Magic eraser, batteries (sizes C, D, AAA) and floral ribbon of all colors.

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## **REPORT OF ACTIVITIES: JUNE 2016**

TOTAL APPLICANTS 926 (Representing 2,594 individuals with 928 needs) TOTAL NEEDS ASSISTED 925 (147 with funds, 778 in-kind) TOTAL NEEDS TURNED DOWN 3 (0 for lack of funds, 3 for other reasons)

	Month Needs Assisted	Month Value of Assistance	Year-to-date Needs Assisted	Year-to-date Value of Assistance
MINISTRIES: FUNDS	147	\$20,237	1,115	\$159,579
Utilities	94	\$15,492	579	\$101,246
Shelter	16	\$3,148	170	\$32,911
Medical	10	\$1,027	152	\$20,468
Transportation	24	\$460	172	\$3,574
Miscellaneous	3	\$110	42	\$1,380
MINISTRIES: IN KIND	778	\$28,268	6,591	\$351,106
Food	356	\$13,777	2,906	\$118,254
Food Individuals	1,030		7,916	
Clothes/House Items	215	\$13,335	1,885	\$148,554
Other In-Kind	207	\$1,156	1,447	\$7,968
Special Projects			661	\$90,430
Special Project Individuals			2,029	
TOTAL ASSISTANCE	925	\$48,505	7,706	\$510,685
NEEDS TURNED DOWN	3	\$385	104	\$13,141

\*Fiscal Year October through September

### AREAS OF INVOLVEMENT:

Wooster	645	Burbank	5	Fredericksburg	4	Sterling	1
Orrville	102	Doylestown	10	Marshallville	1	West Salem	12
Rittman	55	Creston	6	Shreve	28	Other WayneCo	0
Apple Creek	15	Dalton	9	Smithville	30	Transients	2

ASSISTANCE WITH FUNDS \$20,237 FUNDS IN FROM 11 CHURCHES \$6,998 PURCHASES FOR MINISTRY \$3,959 OTHER DONATIONS \$54,681 FUNDS USED FOR MINISTRIES \$24,196 TOTAL DONATIONS \$61,679

VOLUNTEERS:129 PEOPLE VOLUNTEERED 1,288 HOURS