



# Faithful Servant

Fall 2012

## I Drive the Truck ... by Bill Boone

### Divine Appointments

Since our last newsletter, my truck, Old Bessie, has driven hundreds of miles. Our journeys have kept divine appointments in dozens of locations, from our supporting churches, schools, and companies collecting food from food drives, to a trip to a mission in Big Laurel, Kentucky, and Crossroads Bible College.

### Food Drives

Each fall, we have several annual food drives in the month of October. The classes at Hornet Park and Central Elementary in the Beech Grove City Schools do a weeklong food drive, usually the first or second week of the month. This year when we picked up the food, we had a new group of students from Hornet Enrichment Academy come and help us load the food in the trailer. It was great to have these students help us; not only did they round up the food, but they also followed us back to the pantry to unload and weigh it. What a blessing! That yielded over 3,117 pounds of food.

Our annual Can-Do-Challenge is a month-long food drive. This year, three companies competed to see who could bring in the most pounds of food per employee. The Challengers were JFW Industries, Erie Insurance agents, and St. Francis Medical Groups. The winning results are still out waiting on total number of employees, but the blessings from the Challenge were twofold. The combined total weight of food collected was 3,037 pounds and \$3,180 in cash.

The last food drive of the month was done by Ethan Drent and his youth group from LifePoint Church. They have a Halloween tradition of going around the neighborhoods near the church and collecting canned goods from the houses. They borrow our big red wagon, pulling it up and down the streets and filling it with our red bags. Their efforts this year in just a couple of hours netted 622 pounds of food. They had gotten a wonderful response.

### From Servant's Heart to Laurel Mission

The first weekend in November, I was privileged to take Old Bessie on a long road trip for Servant's Heart. Our mission was to deliver a load of clothes to the Laurel Mission in Big Laurel, Kentucky. As Joe, Andrew, and I were traveling to the mission, Joe told me a little of the history of the mission. The mission was founded over 75 years ago by a nurse and a teacher from Pennsylvania, who set out on their quest to help folks in the Appalachian Mountains of Kentucky. It is a beautiful setting right on the Greasy Creek. We had sent clothes down in the spring with a work crew from LifePoint to help supply their little store that provides income for the

mission. I got to meet the current caretakers of the mission, Debbie and Nathan Boggs. Nathan's mom and dad had been the caretakers of the mission for over 35 years. Nathan's dad passed away last summer. He told me he didn't assume the position of director because of his dad, but he has a genuine love for the people whom the mission serves. They truly do some amazing things with very little resources. Nathan and Debbie are so thankful for what God provides. At 28 years old, Nathan's main focus is to bring the folks of Leslie and Harlan Counties to a saving knowledge of Christ.



### Crossroads Bible College

In the last six months, I have truly been blessed by the faculty and fellow students of Crossroads. I have learned so much. I have shared in the past that I have felt God leading me to get more training. When we are used by God to sow the seed of His Gospel message, it is just a wonderful feeling. The only thing better than sowing is reaping — to see someone make a decision for Jesus Christ, wanting to give an account of the same joy I have inside for Jesus Christ. After my class in Discipleship and Evangelism, I look at people in a different way: I always look for common ground to start a conversation with someone and for the opportunity to share the gospel. I am ever mindful of the two thoughts of Robert Seelye: "I wonder if this person knows Jesus Christ?" and "Lord, is this the one you want me to talk to today?" When you have those two thoughts in your mind, it gives you the boldness to start the conversation.

We have been blessed by so many folks in our ministry over the last nine years: from schools to companies, from churches to clubs, from families to individuals, each group helping us to supply physical food to help our clients. We have served over 4,700 families in the last nine years. God has provided in miraculous ways. I think now is the time to honor God by sharing His Gospel message and giving spiritual food to our clients. One statement that Dr. Crouch made in our class that has really stuck with me was, "He and his wife were not here to collect things but to collect souls for Christ."

Is that your mindset? Will you join with me to share the Gospel? I hope so. Let's not just make an earthly difference in lives around us, but an eternal difference, having a love for those around us whom society has forgotten, like the love Nathan Boggs shows in Laurel, Ky. Come be a part of God's ministry serving the needs of families in Indy at Servant's Heart.

# God's Praises

## Thanksgiving:

Turkey Drive-Thru: 441 Families / 1,369 Individuals Fed  
Hot Meal: 57 Families / 98 Individuals Fed in 8 locations  
Tuxedo Park Meal: 130 Individuals

## Christmas:

196 Families / 404 Children

# Scripture of the Quarter

*He who is generous will be blessed, for he gives  
some of his food to the poor.*

—Prov. 22:9 (NASB)

# God's Provisions

## September: Activities

Beech Grove Fall Festival collections:

Bake Sale: \$550

Diapers: 3,758

Wipes: 1,000

Fall Yard Sale raised \$1,577

## October: Food Drives

Hornet Park and Central Elementary: 3,117 pounds

Can-Do-Challenge Results:

3,037 pounds of food

\$3,180 cash

LifePoint Youth Food Drive: 622 pounds of food

## November: Turkey Drive Collections

Baskets of Hope Food Drive: 5,342 pounds

Over \$10,000 cash received: Many Individuals, Civic Groups,  
LifePoint Church, Bomar Corporation

Menu contents collected by: Arlington Avenue Baptist Church,  
Grace Evangelical Church, South Emerson Church of God, Beech  
Grove High School, Wicks Pies, Network Global Logistics

## December: Christmas Fundraisers

Euchre Party: \$1,600

Spaghetti Dinner & Auction: \$2,000

## Year-to-Date Stats

495 First-timers

2,662 Return visits

120 Out of Area

9,650 Lives touched

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## Prayer Requests:

*God's guidance of the ministry*

*Share the Gospel with clients*

*Expand financial support*

## Volunteer Base Needs:

Daily Operations: Pantry

Workers and Team Leaders

## Additional Opportunities:

Office, Warehouse, Grocery

Procurement, Special Events

## New Board Members

Members-at-Large

Volunteer Coordinator

Grant Writer

Fundraiser Coordinator

Communications Director

## Wishes:

A building of our own

Refrigerated Box Truck

Portable Projector

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**Volunteers Making an Impact with a Servant's Heart**

# Hearing God's Call ... by Debbye Butler

**D**an and Kim Boomershine each worked so long for Navistar that they recall getting paychecks under its original moniker: International Harvester. Today, the retirees who amassed a collective 73-plus years of service for that employer devote several hours a week working in the field of a higher-powered harvester — God.

The seed had been planted at Grace Evangelical Church. Little did the Boomershines know what lay on the horizon. All they knew was that they were searching for a place to devote themselves to community outreach. Their church affiliation linked them to Servant's Heart chairman Bill Boone.

"I had expressed an interest in becoming more involved with hands-on community service, and Bill was looking for volunteers to help with the pantry 'mechanics,'" Dan explains. One of the Boomershines' home group Bible study members saw the opportunity and arranged for Dan and Bill to meet.

In December 2011, Kim participated in the home group's Christmas shopping spree for Servant's Heart after Bill had given the group lists of toy requests and clothing sizes for children whose families are Servant's Heart clients.

"It was so much fun to shop with a friend, get something special for a child, along with meeting some clothing needs, and do it within a limited amount of money. I think I got as much from shopping for Servant's Heart as each of those children receiving the Christmas gifts!" Kim notes.

When the calendar rolled over to 2012, the Boomershines made a commitment to work 8 to 12 hours a week at the pantry. Often, they work longer because they get caught up in the spirit of the service and they discover many opportunities to participate in something different than what they originally volunteered to do.

Dan focuses primarily on stocking and organizing the warehouse of food, clothing, and furniture. Kim spends a lot of her time working directly with the pantry's clients and in office operations. They also enjoy sharing the duty of grocery shopping.

"My original plan was to stay focused on the pantry mechanics, making sure the shelves were stocked with food and keeping the warehouse

organized," Dan says. "This involved shopping, not only picking up groceries, but also looking for better pricing to make our cash donations go further. We have found different products on sale and been able to work with grocers to get discounted pricing."

The couple, who married in 1997, also shares responsibility with other volunteers for picking up food distributions from supplier Midwest Food Bank, bakeries, and groceries that donate food overstock.

Dan says the demand for food is never-ending and the work to maintain the supply can sometimes be overwhelm-

ing for a few individuals. He has a vision to organize the behind-the-scenes warehouse operations in a manner similar to how regularly scheduled teams show up to service clients every Thursday and Saturday. (Each of those teams works a specific day of the month.)

"I am quite impressed with the donations that are received that go beyond food," he comments. "These are things such as clothing, furniture, appliances, bicycles, and household items. It goes beyond the first impression. I'm still amazed every day."

"Bill always claims he 'only drives the truck,' and until I experienced the way God provides and delivers exactly what is needed, when it's needed, I guess I didn't really understand. The amount of caring and donations that people are willing to make is amazing."

The couple, who are Servant's Heart board members, also are in awe of the number of volunteers who are trying to make a difference by doing God's work.

They should know. They are two of them.



## A closer look at the Boomershines

### Shared hobbies:

Spending time with their children and grandchildren; watching soccer and football (especially cheering the Colts); attending car shows and swap meets  
Membership in the Indiana Nova Club (they own a 1971 Chevy Nova)

### Guiding Scriptures:

[Dan] "Let not your heart be troubled" (John 14:1)

[Kim] "Be still and know that I am God" (Psalm 46:10)