



ABUNDANT LIVING-SIMPLE GIVING
MEN'S BREAKFAST
 Wednesday, July 14 7:30 a.m. GSM Food Warehouse
 The Challenge: 100 Men Giving \$100

Help raise funds for the Christmas boxes we will distribute in December. Call Stacy at 325-643-2273



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The mission of Good Samaritan Ministries is to proclaim the Gospel in both word and deed to all people in need in Brown County, Texas.

Taking it to the Streets

Mobile Food Pantry program expands across Brown County

Five years ago the Mobile Food Pantry program started at North Lake Community Church. The North Lake pantry is still going strong serving families and individuals in that area of Brown County.

Mobile Food Pantries are also serving the May community, homebound senior adults through the Brownwood Senior Citizen Center and residents of Cannon Courts Apartments in Bangs.. Two new Mobile Food Pantries are scheduled to open this summer—one serving the Blanket Community and another serving Bangs Housing Authority.

“When we were blessed with the donation of a box truck last summer, we really weren’t sure what we would use it for,” Executive Director Leesa Stephens said. “No we are understanding that God is telling us “Go!”

According to Stephens, the main ingredient for starting a Mobile Food Pantry program in an area is volunteers with a heart to serve their friends and



neighbors in need.

“Every church has shut-in’s, widows or others in their congregation who need help,” Stephens said. “If God puts someone on your heart to deliver food to, call us and we will help. You can be that Good Samaritan.”

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Above: Bishop Distributing donated the box truck that benefits many of GSM’s hunger ministries. Left: Volunteers from Victory Life Church come each month and pack the boxes that will be distributed through the Mobile Food Pantry Program.



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Mobile Food Pantry—continued

Those who want to volunteer in the Mobile Food Pantry Program don't need specialized training. There is, however, a short interactive online civil rights course required because the Mobile Pantry utilizes USDA foods. GSM will provide directions for taking this course.

Volunteers are the heart of this program as well as the hands and feet of living out our faith.

"Victory Life Church brings a group each month to pack the food boxes for this program," Stephens said. "We use volunteers from the partner church or organization to help fill out intake forms and then help clients load the food into their vehicles."

Stephens said that while some Mobile Food Pantry clients are families with children, it is very common for the majority of clients served by this program to be senior adults or those with disabilities.

"The intent of the Mobile Food Pantry program is to make it possible

for those with transportation, health or financial limitations to still benefit from this food assistance even if they are unable to come down to GSM," Stephens said.

Rural hunger and senior adult hunger are growing concerns in Texas. "Before the pandemic, many people in the smaller towns and more remote areas of Brown County counted on church fellowship meals, Senior Center lunches and other types of events to help fill in the gaps in a household grocery budget," Stephens said. "The isolation of the pandemic has eased a bit, but some of these meal programs are still not operating at the

capacity they once did. We don't want to let anyone who needs our help fall through the cracks."

Not all of Brown County is currently served by the Mobile Food Pantry. GSM is looking for partners in Zephyr and the Shamrock Shores area of Lake Brownwood.

"We have the truck and the food," Stephens said. "We need you to help us reach those in need."

Left: Students from FBC/Bangs help with the Cannon Courts Mobile Food Pantry. Below: Volunteer Kesi Prescott interview clients at Cannon Courts in Bangs.



A Fond Farewell

Chumbley to return to mission field in late summer

Saying "Good-bye" is very hard, even when you know that the person is following God's will for his life.

Good Samaritan has been blessed to have Terry Chumbley serve as Food Resource Manager since October. Chumbley and his wife Robin are education missionaries to Prague in the Czech Republic with SHARE Education Services .



GSM staff and volunteers gave the Chumbley's a money tree to help with expenses as they and three of their children prepare to return to this mission field.

Thank you, Terry, for sharing your time and talents with us. Our prayers are with you and your family.



You never turn down rain in West Texas—even on the day of the largest fundraising event of the year!

In spite of the heavy downpour most of the day, folks in Brown County came out to support this year's *Empty Bowls Project*.

GSM was able this year to tithe \$5000 to Food for the Hungry to help with nutrition programs for children in Africa.

Hopefully, *Empty Bowls Project* will return to the Coliseum in 2022.

EBP raises \$60k for hunger relief locally & globally

How Does Your Garden Grow?

Fresh produce needed for Food Pantry

While Good Samaritan is blessed to receive quite a variety of food items from our Feeding America partners like United Supermarket, Wal-Mart and Aldi, often the one thing they don't have to share is fresh produce.

Recent rains have helped gardens grow. Why not consider sharing your abundance with our Food Pantry? We will gladly pass on these healthy foods to our clients and their families. All fresh fruits and vegetables are appreciated. Just bring them to the Food Pantry Warehouse door on Lee Street.

We cannot accept home canned or frozen vegetables or homemade jellies or jams.



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Every dollar spent in the Resale Store supports the operation of our food and aid programs.



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4th Annual Abundant Living- Simple Giving Breakfast returns July 14 to food warehouse



What will \$100 buy? At today's current prices, not as much at the grocery store. A family of four may spend almost this much going out to dinner or to the movies with popcorn and soda.

In fact, most Americans spend \$100 today like our parents and grandparents spent \$20.

The *Abundant Living-Simple Giving* breakfast taps into the financial blessings many enjoy by asking 100 men—or the women in their lives—to donate \$100 towards the Christmas boxes we distribute in July.

"Come get a great meal, and don't let this

opportunity to participate in *Abundant Living-Simple Giving* pass you by," Volunteer Coordinator Stacy Walker said. "It's a great time of fellowship and seeing how the power of multiplying our resources can add up."

The challenge is for 100 men to donate \$100 each to reach the goal of \$10,000 for Christmas boxes.

"We exceeded our goal in 2019," Walker said. "Last year's pandemic forced the event outside to our Donation Center, but we still came close to our goal. It will be great to be together again."

Breakfast starts at 7:30 am. You can come and go or come and stay. Carry out will be available. Women are invited to attend and donate in honor of or in memory of men in their lives. For those who cannot attend, donations



may be made online or through the mail. All proceeds go to purchase food for the anticipated 850 Christmas boxes.

Approximately 60 people attended Abundant Living-Simple Giving in 2019..