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We are concluding our ninth year of ministry to those in need in the Lee County area. We have witnessed first hand of our Father's provisions for us. The number of churches and people involved continues to be encouraging. One of the significant developments we are witnessing over the last several years is the increased participation of people from the community we are serving in helping serve those who come.

Our primary work is to bring some relief to those in need. We would like to move beyond relief and begin to help people become more self-sufficient, more productive and less dependent on social services. We would like to see the materially poor better able to fulfill their calling of glorifying God by working and supporting themselves and their families with the fruits of that work. We would like encourage people to take advantage of training and development opportunities in our area for employment. We would like for people to see the potential they have to make a contribution to their community.

We would like to come to your church fellowship or community organization and tell what we are doing and how you can participate. If you are interested in having us come, call Tom Tippet at 705-0505, and we will arrange a time at your convenience.

The articles below will give you more information on each ministry. Please take the time to read each one.

We invite you to join us in working with the families we serve to develop a right relationship with our God, self, others, and the rest of creation.

Thank you for all the support in time, talents, and treasure.

Tom Tippet
President

Treasurer's Report

Christian Care Ministries has had another wonderful year and the Lord has blessed continued to bless our small efforts. We have, through your generosity, provided many greatly needed boxes of groceries and many sorely appreciated meals to our friends and neighbors who are in need. Thank you for all you have done.

Again this year, contributions are used as wisely as possible, and we continually strive to stretch every dollar contributed to the utmost. We have had to be very frugal and creative to meet the needs. Our operational expenses through September have been just around \$10,300, and contributions and grants have been almost exactly the same. Currently, I have to tell you that the cupboards are bare and the need is great.

According to my calculations, in 2010 we spent over 95 cents of every dollar you gave for food, for food. You have entrusted us to feed the hungry and that is exactly what we are doing. In previous newsletters we have described our income sources and expense categories, so this

year instead of going through that again, I just want to stress that there are no salaries or wages paid by CCM. It continues to be staffed entirely by volunteers. The largest non-food expense is for liability insurance, which we are required to carry. Out of the \$10,300 operational expenses so far this year, we have spent around \$6,000 at the East Alabama Food Bank directly. Of the \$4,000 spent through the CCM food pantry, most was also used to purchase food. Other expenses totaled less than \$300.

During this past year, we completed a supplemental fund drive to raise money for a new hood over the range used for the soup kitchen. If you donated for the hood, the kitchen staff will be forever grateful. The old hood didn't work, and the fire code required a new hood anyway. Commercial hoods are very expensive, around \$6,000 even with the "charity discount" some of the contractors allowed. Through your generosity, we were successful and the new hood should be installed very soon.

Again, this year, our needs are much the same, even more with more people needing help. If you know someone who might be willing to help, show them this mailer and tell them about Christian Care Ministries. Christian Care Ministries is a very small organization, just a few really dedicated people who help out the best they can. It's not a government agency. If we run out of money and volunteers don't come, we can't keep going. Please help if you can.

Bob Goodman
Treasurer

Food Distribution

A couple of days each month the sidewalks outside of 1000 Samford Court are crowded with people coming to Christian Care Ministry to receive a box of food. In order to qualify, they must meet certain criteria, and be signed in. While this seems to be pretty straight forward, the logistics involved to make this box available would not happen without the faithful volunteers who show monthly to make this happen. Food has to be purchased, delivered, unloaded and put on shelves. The database has to be updated with all the people qualified to receive the food box. Someone has to check each participant in so they can be counted. Boxes of food have to be made up for distribution and in a lot of cases, help is needed to take a box out to a car or in some instances delivered to shut-ins. This all takes place to help those less fortunate than those whom are volunteering and serving.

During this time of economic hardship, with the poverty level in Alabama at 17.5% percent and the unemployment level now at around 9%, we have seen a steady increase in the need to serve the area's poor and needy. At the same time, the individual monetary support to CCM has fallen, requiring the Board of Trustees to try to secure alternative funding. Fortunately, each month, we have been able to find monetary sources to meet our need. The Volunteers have found ways to fill the boxes with produce items available at the Food Bank for little or no cost. This is a service of Love. So far in 2010, we have distributed 1860 boxes weighing 28 pounds on average, at a cost of approximately \$3.66 per box.

As God has blessed us during these hard times, we ask that you consider your blessing and if you are able to continue to support Christian Care Ministries with your prayers, talents and contributions. You will be blessed for it in the same way the volunteers are blessed each month.

Roger Johnson
Food Distribution Ministry

Soup Kitchen Ministry

Changes in the CCM Soup Kitchen continue to provide ways to serve in the community. New equipment, additional volunteers, monthly menus, support from various individuals, businesses and churches, and sharing of duties are only a few of the changes. The Soup Kitchen is open each Thursday with volunteers arriving about 9:00a.m. to begin preparing the meals to be delivered to the homebound and to be served in the dining room that day. Meals are served in the dining room from 10:30a.m. to 12:00p.m. The number served is 45+ in the dining room and 45+ homebound. Stewardship of the resources available will be the key to a very successful 2011 and this past year has been one of laying the groundwork to do this.

In keeping with the mission, statement of purpose and belief of Christian Care Ministries, the Soup Kitchen is increasingly focusing on caring for the whole person which includes not only the physical needs but the spiritual needs as well. Devotional opportunities, prayer support, Bible studies, Biblical counseling, and fellowship of various kinds are being offered for those who wish to be involved.

With devoted workers and continuing support and donations from the community, more and more lives will continue to be touched and changed for the better during 2011.

Chaplain Ken Allen
CCM Soup Kitchen

Clothes Distribution Ministry

This part of our work is in need of workers. The need for clothes is constant. When we receive clothes, we want them attractively displayed. Shirley Swanson has come to help fill the gap. If you have time during the month to come and display the clothes we receive, please let us know.

East Alabama Transportation Ministry

For several years, we have not had anyone who would be interested in continuing this work. In the past, we have received cars that were donated to us. We would enter into a two-year contact with qualified recipients. CCM would hold the title to the car. The recipient would be responsible to maintain and insure the vehicle. If they proved responsible in the care for the car at the end of this period, we would give the title of the car to the person.

If you or anyone you know would be interested in helping with this much needed service, please let us know.

Statement of Purpose and Belief

Christian Care Ministries is an organization dedicated to the purpose of sharing the love of Jesus Christ through a ministry of compassion to those in need in the areas of food, clothing, and transportation. We believe that Jesus Christ is the Son of God and is the only source of our salvation. We believe that the nature of, and the reasons for, His life and ministry are revealed in the Bible. We believe that He has called us to be co-laborers with Him in His work.

How You Can Help

Christian Care Ministries calls on fellow believers in Jesus Christ to join with us in this ministry of compassion. CCM is in need of your participation in four very major ways:

- **Prayer Support:** This is a faith-based program; that means far more than merely being a "religious" or "church-related" ministry. We are dependent on the resources of our Heavenly Father as we endeavor to participate with Him in meeting the needs of people in our community.
- **Volunteer Support:** CCM needs volunteers to help prepare and serve the food each week at the Soup Kitchen, to help screen cars, to participate in fund raising activities, to serve as a contact person in your church or organization, and to assist with clerical duties.
- **Financial Support:** We are in need of your generous financial support to supply food for the Soup Kitchen and stock the Food Pantry, to make donated vehicles ready to use and to help maintain those vehicles once in the hands of participants, etc.
- **In-Kind Items:** Donations of food, clothing, vehicles for the Transportation ministry, and other ministry related items are welcomed. Write to CCM at the post office box, email CCM below, or contact any member of the CCM board if you have any items to donate

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