



BLESSINGS UPON BLESSINGS

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With all the changes we have been experiencing over the past year-and-a-half, one thing remains the same: the Lord Jesus Christ! He's our constant. Our Rock. Our Foundation. Our Hope. Our Provider. And boy, oh boy, He does provide!

I have been coordinating the Food Closet Ministry for about 12 years and have seen the triumphs and the struggles in this ministry. At one point, we were so low on food that we only had enough to fill one last bag of groceries. But before we gave that last bag away, the Lord supplied a blessing and our storeroom was filled once again! Praise God!

He continues to bless, even through this lean season and we're giving away more food now than ever before. In August 2020, we officially started the Grocery Giveaway on the fourth Sunday of every month, serving 100 families with a bag of groceries. In August 2021, we provided 100 families with 4 bags of groceries! Hallelujah!

Prior to COVID-19, we had been serving about 50-60 of our homeless neighbors monthly. But, once COVID-19 began, that number dwindled to only a few coming to the church for help. So we decided to take the help to them, and the Homeless Outreach began in April 2021. Capital Men's ministry team has been taking sack lunches, jackets, socks, blankets, toiletries, flashlights, and first aid kits to the homeless in our community. We started by serving 50 of our homeless neighbors and rapidly increased to 100. By August 2021, we were able to provide them not only a sack lunch but four bags of groceries as well.

The Lord just continues to pour out his blessings! When we started, we were distributing about 1,000 pounds of food monthly. Last month, we gave away 5,000 pounds! There are so many who faithfully give month after month, year after year. Truly I tell you, we could not continue without you! You are the Lord's provision! Blessings upon Blessings! Thank you, from the fullness of my heart, for responding to the Lord's prompting and partnering with this ministry through your giving. It's because of your faithfulness that have served thousands of families through the years, and we hope to serve thousands more. The gratitude, the tears, the hope, a simple bag of groceries is no small thing. It's real. Food Closet Team and Capital Men, thank you all for keeping us busy, serving our neighbors in need.

I cannot close without thanking our team. You are the most faithful, loving, hard-working, fun group and we are blessed by each and every one of you! Blessing upon blessing is what you are! Thank you for giving your heart to this work. It's a labor of love and I'm honored to serve alongside of you.