

Upcoming Work Days:

(the 2nd and 4th Saturday of each month):

- August 11
- August 25—No work day
- September 8 and 22

Volunteer Needs:

- Administrative Assistants
- Concrete work— hole patching and pouring the sidewalk and window wells
- Fence repair
- Metal stud framing
- Welding

Prayer needs:

- Wisdom, perseverance and rest for Jim, Tammy & Family
- Non-profit status approval
- Printer
- Sale of Rental Property

Non-profit Application Submitted

Last month the application for non-profit status was submitted to the IRS. Approval enables the ministry to apply for grants and other funding. Additionally, supporters will be able to send their tax-deductible donations directly to MTC.

Please pray for approval!

Summer Progress

MTC has received summer work teams from around the country at the building in Wellston each week during the months of June and July. These teams have emptied all three window wells of dirt, rock and debris to allow the windows in the lower level to be reopened for light and emergency exits. Also, the lower level has been emptied making room for the family apartment and the new office. The existing office will be utilized as a showroom. *Thank you to all who came and worked with us this summer! You are a blessing and a tremendous encouragement to us!*

Vision Statement Posted to Web

The MTC Vision Statement has been posted on the web site. It is a thorough explanation of the apprenticeship program. To read it go to www.morethancarpentry.org and click the "Vision Statement" link under "About Us" to get a better idea of the details of the ministry.

McGarry Family Changes

James McGarry, Jim and Tammy's oldest son, is in Bulgaria for the month of August serving as a missionary. When he returns, he will head to boot camp and school for the Army Reserves. Additionally, Jim and Tammy's second daughter, Sarah, will be moving to Kansas City this month to attend college. *Please pray for the McGarry family as they all adjust to these major changes.*



The first window well to be emptied!

Christian Community Development Association Conference

The CCDA is offering a conference in St. Louis, October 10th-14th for anyone interested in learning more about community development and mercy ministry. The McGarry's plan to attend and hope to have MTC volunteers attend as training for their work in Wellston. Visit our website for a link:

WWW.MORETHANCARPENTRY.ORG

Board Members Host A Barbeque

Members of the board of MTC will host a barbeque lunch for all volunteers at the August 11th workday. Please plan to come and meet our board of directors! Wear boots and work gloves (if you have them) and help prepare the building for ministry. Please join us and see what God is accomplishing through his people. **PLEASE RSVP by phone or email by Wednesday, 08/08/2007.**

Printer Needed

MTC needs a color printer to produce brochures, newsletters and other publications necessary to operate. The printer that best fits our needs is a Xerox Phaser 7400 DN, which retails for \$2999. We have a donor who is willing to contribute to this need, but we need someone to participate with him by sharing the cost. Would you prayerfully consider that? Let Tammy know if you want to help.

WINDOWS TO WELLSTON

Matthew 5:14-16 "You are the light of the world. A city on a hill cannot be hidden. Neither do people light a lamp and put it under a bowl. Instead they put it on its stand, and it gives light to everyone in the house. In the same way, let your light shine before men, that they may see your good deeds and praise your Father in heaven.

More Than Carpentry desires to practice the message taught in Matthew chapter 5. We long to be a light to the community of Wellston. But, due to the condition of the building that we inhabit we are unable to effectively reach this goal. We are asking that you join with MTC and help the McGarry family move into Wellston. One of the largest obstacles is the fact that all the windows need to be replaced, particularly those in the lower level, before the McGarry's move in. The window sizes vary, but the average cost is \$1,000 each. Would you consider sponsoring a window, or rallying a group of friends, co-workers, youth group or your church to join in ministry with More Than Carpentry by sponsoring one or more windows? Let's make the building a lamp on a stand, giving light to Wellston.

In July, \$11800 was raised toward windows including a single donation of \$10,000 which was used to purchase a new front door and paid some critical financial needs. THANK YOU TO ALL WHO ARE SUPPORTING MORE THAN CARPENTRY BY PRAYING, VOLUNTEERING AND FINANCIAL SUPPORT!!!

OUR PURPOSE...

Is to minister to the physical and spiritual needs of individuals through apprenticeship-training and education in carpentry which integrates Christian discipleship and life skills.



Neither do people light a lamp and put it under a bowl. Instead they put it on its stand, and it gives light to everyone in the house. (Matthew 5:15)

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Jim and Tammy,
I would like to partner with you in this ministry!

Enclosed is my gift of __\$1,000__\$500__\$250__\$ _____ toward the purchase of windows.

I would like to be added to your e-mail list:
My e-mail address is: _____

I would like to receive the MTC Newsletter by mail.
My mailing address is: _____

Please return this stub with your check made payable to **Memorial Presbyterian Church**, indicate "MTC Window" in the memo and send to:

More Than Carpentry Christian Ministries
1259 Stephen Jones Ave., St. Louis, MO 63133

THANK YOU FOR YOUR TAX DEDUCTIBLE DONATION!!!

VOLUNTEER SPOTLIGHT



This month we would like to introduce Nathan George, our new Program Developer. Nathan was born on Andrew's Air Force Base in Maryland, and grew up in Vienna, Virginia, a suburb of Washington D.C., with his parents and brother. He went on to study Social Work at James Madison University, where he met his

future wife, Lexy George. In 2002, Nate moved to St. Louis to pursue his Master's in Divinity from Covenant Seminary. He and Lexy were married in 2005 and he graduated in 2006. He currently teaches 5th and 6th grade Bible and Logic at Central Christian School in Clayton. Nate and Lexy are members of Memorial Presbyterian Church in St. Louis and live in an apartment in Dogtown, a neighborhood just south of the church.

Nate first became involved with More Than Car-

entry Christian Ministries just over a year ago. He has served in several capacities including being a Saturday workday volunteer, committee member, and this past June as an MTW missionary. It was during that mission trip that he was invited to utilize his gifts as the Program Developer, where his first assignment is to create a volunteer training curriculum from several resources about urban ministry, community development, and mentoring/discipleship. He will also assist in researching the history of Wellston and the Fulton Iron Works building, which houses the ministry.

Nate and his wife Lexy have been a constant source of encouragement for Jim, Tammy and their family. He is willing to jump in and serve at whatever task he is given and does so with a joyful spirit.

Sale Of Tools Provides for Needs

Jim was able to raise \$1160.00 this month through selling unnecessary shop tools on ebay. He plans to utilize the money toward the required equipment for the spray booth. He is making great progress at getting the shop ready for the inspection by the fire marshal.

Property for Sale

Best of city living! 2704 Alhambra Ct. is close to restaurants and MO Botanical Gardens with easy highway access. Two-family brick building with detached garage is an easy and affordable conversion to single-family home with beautiful woodwork, pocket doors, large kitchen, 2nd floor balcony with deck below. Not many rehabs left in this neighborhood, less than one block from Tower Grove Park, near St. Louis University in an active, award-winning neighborhood association. First floor ready to move in and includes stove and refrigerator. Property sold As-Is with some rehabbing complete.

Proceeds from the sale of this rental property will enable the McGarry's to purchase materials to build their apartment in Wellston as well as pay off some debt. Their plan to move to Wellston includes being debt free.

Please pray this property sells quickly!



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Thank you!!!!

**MTC PURPOSE
STATEMENT**

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Board Members:

Nick Gleason Stan Guy
Troy Hansen Tom Kennedy
Eric Kenyon Jim McGarry
Tammy McGarry Dick Schamp
Vern Sinkey George Stulac
Joe Thompson Ken Wolfe

Committee Members:

Lexy George Nathan George
Ben Jennings Jim McGarry
Tammy McGarry Dick Schamp
Elizabeth Pickett Dave Risko
Janet Schamp Vern Sinkey
Dwayne Stanley Patrice Stanley
Michael McFarlane Josh Stigers
Vern Sinkey Jessica McGarry

Representatives from the following churches volunteered an estimated 1254 hours during the month of July:

South Baton Rouge Presbyterian Church, Louisiana
Black Hawk Evangelical Free Church, Wisconsin
Lake Trails Presbyterian Church, Wisconsin
Memorial Presbyterian Church, Missouri
Grace Evangelical Presbyterian Church, Kansas
Rose Park Reformed Church, Michigan
Providence Reformed Presbyterian Church, Missouri
Altadena Valley Presbyterian Church, Alabama
St. Paul Lutheran (The Summit), Texas
Kirk of the Hills Presbyterian Church, Missouri
Grace Presbyterian Church, Missouri

Staff Volunteers:

Lexy George, Volunteer Coordinator
Nate George, Program Developer/Research Analyst
Ben Jennings, Project Leader
Jessica McGarry, Treasurer/Bookkeeper
Vern Sinkey, Yard Maintenance/Data Entry
Steve Jamieson, Webmaster
Dave Risko, IT Specialist
Elizabeth Pickett, Newsletter Editor
Patrice Stanley, Fundraising Assistant