

Upcoming Work Days:

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

- September 8
- September 22
- October 13

Volunteer Needs:

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

Prayer needs:

- **Sale of Rental Property** (a critical need)
- Wisdom, perseverance and rest for Jim, Tammy & their family
- Non-profit status approval
- Printer (see last page)
- Cabinet work for Jim

More than Carpentry (MTC) is a ministry headed by Jim and Tammy McGarry that will involve teaching the trade of custom cabinet making to high-school dropouts, convicted felons, and other “at risk” people in Wellston, Missouri. The vision of MTC also includes developing mentoring relationships with trainees that will teach them life skills such as managing finances and caring for children.



A basic curriculum, three to four hours of weekly class time, and on-the-job training provide the ministry’s framework. The program will include Bible study, job skill training, mentoring (encouragement and empowerment), and—very importantly—a paycheck for apprentices. For apprentices without diplomas, MTC will require involvement in a General Education Development (GED) program.

Jim was loved and shown the gospel by a couple who owned a trucking line. “Though it didn’t show up until years later,” Jim says, “it was their love that inspired More Than Carpentry.”

Neighbors of the MTC building in Wellston have been watching the McGarry family from their porches, and slowly relationships are forming. Amid the challenges and struggles of rehabilitating the MTC building and grounds, the McGarrys praise God for the blessings: 10,000 volunteer hours last year, donated office furniture, a local businessman’s offer to let his employees spend occasional workdays at the Wellston office and a local resident becoming involved in the ministry.

As the Lord builds laborers for this vision, the McGarrys look forward to the day when they will live among their Wellston neighbors in a restored warehouse with apprentices, mentors and neighbors coming and going, kids playing in a future green space in the yard, while the sounds of saws and hammers proclaim the glory of God and His work of restoration and reconciliation.

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 McGarrys 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.

UPDATE: Through August, \$2150 has been raised towards the purchase of windows. The first order will be placed when \$20,000 is raised. These windows will be in the family residence and new office in the lower level.

Please return the stub below with your check made payable to **Memorial Presbyterian Church**. Indicate **"MTC Windows"** in the memo and send to:

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

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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:

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THANK YOU FOR YOUR TAX DEDUCTIBLE DONATION!!!
(Funds not designated for windows will be used at MTC's discretion.)



Open House Pig Roast

Saturday, September 8, 2007

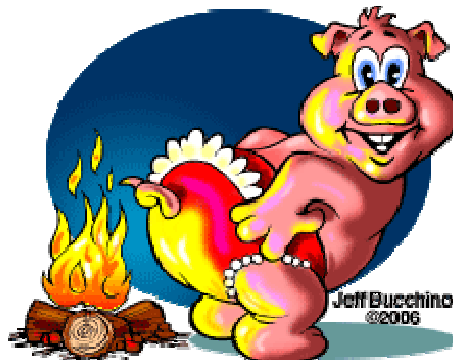
2pm—Fun and Fellowship

4pm—Food ready to eat!

Where?????

1259 Stephen Jones Ave.

St. Louis, MO 63133



Paper goods, Pork
Lemonade & Water Provided

RSVP to Tammy
tammy@morethancarpentry.org

Bring a Side Dish or Dessert to Share

Bring your lawn chairs and yard games and plan
to spend some time just having fun!



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MTC PURPOSE STATEMENT

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

Board Members:

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| Nick Gleason | Stan Guy |
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| Vern Sinkey | George Stulac |
| Joe Thompson | Ken Wolfe |

Committee Members:

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| Lexy George | Nathan George |
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| Elizabeth Pickett | Dave Risko |
| Janet Schamp | Vern Sinkey |
| Dwayne Stanley | Patrice Stanley |
| Michael McFarlane | Josh Stigers |
| Vern Sinkey | Jessica McGarry |

COLOR PRINTER NEEDED

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

CCDA CONFERENCE

The Christian Community Development Association is offering a conference in St. Louis, October 10th-14th for anyone interested in mercy ministry and community development. The McGarrys plan to attend and would love to have you join them. Visit the website for a link:
www.morethancarpentry.org

Staff Volunteers:

- Lexy George, Volunteer Coordinator
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