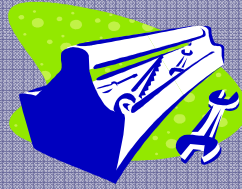


THE TOOLBOX

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December Prayer Requests:

- Volunteer Administrative Assistant needed
- Successful Grant Writing and fundraising
- Housing for the McGarry family in Wellston

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MERRY CHRISTMAS

We wanted to take this opportunity to wish you a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year. We appreciate our board of directors, advisory committee, volunteers, donors, friends and family more than we can express. Thank you for your love and support this past year. We could not be where we are without you. You are such a blessing to us and our family.

We pray God richly blesses you this season as you remember his gift of love. His grace which freed us from bondage to sin and gives us hope for an eternal future with him motivates us to serve him.

With Much Love,

Jim and Tammy McGarry



Windows to Wellston Campaign

In June of this year a campaign was launched to raise funds for the replacement of all the windows in the building where MTC operates. To date, this campaign has raised **\$7,852.50** toward that goal. At the beginning of the Windows to Wellston Campaign all donations were to be made through Memorial Presbyterian Church. However, since the non-profit status has been received, please make all donations directly to More Than Carpentry and

indicate Windows to Wellston in the memo line so the funds can be designated for your intended purpose.

With so many windows to replace, the project seems insurmountable at times. But we know Who owns all the windows in the world. Please pray that God will bless the fundraising efforts, including grant writing, and provide for this need.



Upcoming Volunteer Opportunities

Saturday Work Days:

December 8

January 12

February 9

March 8

These are the regularly scheduled workdays on the 2nd Saturday of each month starting at 9:00am and ending at 2:00pm. Please bring a sack lunch and wear work boots and gloves if you have them.

Administrative Assistant Needed:

This position requires flexibility and general office skills. Training is provided. Duties include mailings, filing, data entry, errands, event planning and various other administrative tasks. We need one or more people committed to volunteer regular, part-time hours.

Summer Internship Available:

MTC is offering a summer internship for someone interested in practical experience with the development of an inner-city ministry. Flexibility is a must. Tasks will vary and include administrative skills. Please direct any questions to Jim or Tammy McGarry @ 314.315.7817.



Merry Christmas and
Happy New Year!

Current Project at MTC

The current project at More Than Carpentry is one which helps organize the office and creates a space for customers to view and purchase products built by the apprentices in the program.

A new wall is being built separating the shop from the new office space which extends along the front of the building from the new entry to the right

all the way to the north outside wall. This space allows room for volunteers and office staff to work in a clean environment. It also creates a reception area for customers who enter from the street. After the current office space is renovated it will be used as a showroom to display cabinets, furniture and options for customers

Every project at the building brings us closer

to the goal of carrying out our mission of ministering to people through apprenticeship-training. While the building is being renovated many pieces of the ministry puzzle are being put together behind the scenes. For example fundraising software and mentoring curriculum are in place. New contacts are being made which connect the ministry to existing resources.



MTW Global Mission Conference

The MTW Global Mission Conference in Atlanta, GA, November 16-18 was an excellent opportunity for churches around the country to be made aware of short-term mission opportunities at More Than Carpentry. Many

interested people stopped by the booth and asked questions. It was a blessing to be there.

When the conference was over we drove to Fort Jackson, SC with our children to witness our oldest son graduate from

Army boot camp. It was wonderful to spend time together as a family on Thanksgiving, though one of our children was not able to join us. Thank you all for your prayers and support.

Lumber Club Update

We are grateful for the response to the Lumber Club fundraising campaign which supports our family as we work full-time developing the ministry in Wellston

We recently invested in a software program that tracks donor and volunteer information. This information is currently being entered and a 2007 Annual Report will appear in next month's issue of the *Toolbox* for your review.

Nineteen response cards have been received so far, totaling 24% of our support. Several others

have verbally responded. We are grateful for the sacrificial giving of so many of our friends and family.

Please prayerfully consider joining the Lumber Club as an individual or a group and participate with us at MTC as we minister in Wellston. If you verbally agreed to support us please take a moment to return the response card for our records.

In error, the option to become a prayer partner was left off the previous response cards. This ministry **will not** survive

without committed prayer partners. If you are interested in becoming a prayer partner please check that option below and return the card. Or if you have already responded and would like to be added just drop an email or phone call to Tammy. Your name will be added to the prayer newsletter mailing list, which is only sent to those in the Lumber Club Prayer Team.

Thank you again for your prayers, financial support, words of encouragement and for your time laboring along side us at MTC.



We look forward to the day when light shines through new windows.

The Lumber Club Allows *You* to Participate with MTC

Yes, Jim and Tammy, I would like to partner with More Than Carpentry as you minister to individuals through apprenticeship-training and education in carpentry integrating Christian discipleship and life skills.

I would like to make a pledge at the following Lumber Club Level:

2x4 4x4 6x6 1x12

My commitment is for one year two years.

Enclosed is my one-time gift of:

\$100 \$200 \$500 \$1,000 \$_____ Other

Please do not print my name in "The Toolbox"

I would like to join the Lumber Club Prayer Team. Please contact me with specific prayer requests.

Make checks payable to:

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

"It's not too late to show your support for the mission of More Than Carpentry by cutting out and mailing the response card to the address shown."

More than Carpentry Christian Ministries

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St. Louis, MO 63133

PHONE:
(314) 315-7817

FAX:
(314) 862-0587

E-MAIL:
tammy@morethancarpentry.org

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Our Purpose...

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