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**Encouraging Stories from our Volunteers**

Operation Blessing is ready to help whenever we are needed. As we've mentioned before, many of those who come to our pantry are working families. But sometimes you just need extra help. Sometimes that time frame is short, maybe even one time. Sometimes it's longer or intermittent. You just never know what life will bring as you can see in this story:

*"A young mother came into Operation Blessing for help. She had remembered receiving help from the pantry in the past when she was having a difficult circumstance and now she was back again. She had fallen into some very difficult situations after becoming injured on the job. She was the primary financial support for the family, because her husband's wages were so low. She had two small children and she was unable to pay the bills and they could not afford food this month. She was very thankful for the food and after praying for her, she said that she felt much better."*

It's not just about providing food at Operation Blessing. We also provide encouragement. We believe that God wants us to pray for people and bring their needs to Him. We don't always know the results, but sometimes we will get a report back. Here is a wonderful answer to prayer from one of our clients:

*"This month a young Hispanic man came in with tears in his eyes requesting a certain prayer partner. He was exceedingly grateful to the Lord and for the prayer and support he had received from Operation Blessing. He said he had been diagnosed with heart failure from a very young age and it had been becoming progressively worse. He had received prayer for healing of his heart when he came in for food this month. He was extremely grateful for the prayer, because when he went to the doctor recently, they told him the heart failure was gone and he had been completely healed from it."*

**Another Happy Birthday for Operation Blessing!**

It's hard to believe another year has passed and we are 44-years-old now! (Are we middle aged?) Things have changed so much since we began as a small office on Southwest Highway in Oak Lawn with a closet for the pantry and a refrigerator. Through God's provision, we have grown and have a spacious building to operate in. Technology has really changed too. Cell phones are ubiquitous. Texts and emails are essential. Much of business is done through the computer. Even though we still put out our monthly newsletter, that has changed too. Here is an example of a newsletter from 1992 (when we were already 10-years-old). The program was called "Wordstar", the printer was a dot-matrix, and the storage was a floppy disc! Yikes! The tools we have now have certainly improved. However, over the years some things have remained the same. There are still plenty of people that need help and we are still busy "Reaching out in Christ's love—feeding people body, mind, and spirit".

Here we go into another year!



**February Statistics**

Heads of Households	642
Individuals	1957
Prayed with	558
Professions of Faith	13