

Share Cluster Ministries - 2011

Name: Labor Finders (Biscuit Ministries)

Requested Funding: \$3000 (\$250 per month for 12 months)

Budgeted Funding:

Contact person(s):

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When: The first, third, and fifth Wednesdays of each month at 5:40 a.m. at the church

Description: FPC members meet at the church at 5:40 a.m. or at Labor Finders on Governors Drive at 5:50 a.m. to hand out lunch kits to anywhere from 50 - 60 of the homeless and working poor who come to Labor Finders in search for work. A lunch kit includes: vienna sausage, apple sauce, oreo cookies, crackers, and a juice box, along with a fork/spoon, napkin, a ziplock bag to put it in, and a bible verse on a label outside. We also hand out lemonade or hot chocolate. During 2009, FPC received a grant to supply about half of the funds that allowed us to increase to twice a month. The grant has expired, but we would like to continue to provide this ministry twice a month.

Other church participants: John Newton, David Smith, Otis Vaughn, Steve Newton

Volunteer opportunities: Any are welcome to hand out lunches with us. In addition, there is a need for people to assemble lunch kits. Generally, supplies are bought for 144 kits, and a Sunday School class or Disciple class volunteers to assemble the kits. The children and youth have done this as well. There is a sign-up sheet on the Service bulletin board.

Evangelism opportunities: This is a good place to expose members of the congregation to the needs of our community. We have used this as an opportunity to hand out Bibles when available, and this year, we have incorporated group prayer as a regular part of the ministry.

When you gather the grapes of your vineyard, you shall not strip it afterward. It shall be for the sojourner, the fatherless, and the widow. Deuteronomy 24:21