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Now to Him who is able to do immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine, according to His power that is at work within us, to Him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, for ever and ever! Amen.

Ephesians 3:20, 21

Bill,

Two years ago when it became clear that we needed a forklift to keep up with the demands of our food pantry ministry, we set our standards low, knowing we could not afford a forklift of high quality.

We searched for a used forklift within our price range of a few thousand dollars. As you can imagine what we found for that price didn't amount to much. Eventually we decided to go the lease to purchase route. Once we found what we thought we wanted we then had to wait four months as the company worked to find and refurbish it. When the day finally came for us to accept delivery the salesman emailed a contract for us to sign before shipment could be scheduled. Fair enough, except when we reviewed the contract it did not line up with what the salesman had promised earlier. We backed out.

Now keep in mind that all the while we were picking up and distributing an average of just over 6.8 tons of food each week. We had only a pallet jack, a gate lift on our truck and our backs to move all of this. So we desperately needed a forklift. And I admit, we were being to wonder why God had not provided.

Then a few months ago we nearly lost a pallet of canned food off our gate lift as we were unloading. Someone could have been seriously hurt and/or valuable food could have been lost. We have lost pallets and/or nearly lost them before, but this was the final straw for me.

We gave one of our volunteers, Mike Wright, simple instructions...go to every dealer in the greater Chattanooga area and find us a forklift. By this time, with the pledged help from an anonymous donor, we believed we could go as high as \$5,000.00. Mike soon found that most dealers wouldn't even talk to him once they discovered we were a non-profit and needed to stay within a set price range.

Then Mike made a trip to MHI and met you. And as you know within just a few weeks, by the grace of God and the generous hearts of the folks at MHI, we were donated a \$7,500.00 forklift with charger! *More than we asked or imagined.* Our anonymous donor has pledged to purchase racks to utilize space in our storage area now that we can stack pallets, since we have a FORKLIFT.

Please be certain to let everyone at MHI know how grateful we are for this blessing. Your gift will enable us to do our work safer, quicker and easier. And you all now have a hand in feeding approx. 600 households each month. Our prayers are for God's favor on MHI, its employees and their families.

Thanks again for all you've done.

Be Blessed!

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