# Community Benevolence

Our church also ”budgets” or allocates a portion of the treasury to be used for *community benevolence*. Examples are: gas for their car, money to buy automotive repair parts, propane to heat their camper, or personal toiletries. These are usually smaller ticket items. I typically have them donate a little of their time doing some chores around the church. Not every situation fits this mold and often we’ll just help out with the $25-50 need. I sometimes put the gas in their car or propane tank myself. We rarely buy cigarettes and never marijuana or alcohol (and yes, people ask for these!). We often help with prescriptions. When they ask for a loan, say, “No, we are a church, not a bank. If we can’t give it, to you we aren’t going to do either.”

1. Food Pantry is offered without qualification,
2. Helping Hands is offered except when it will take away from a business,
3. Rides, employment networking, resource networking will be offered without qualification,
4. Financial assistance ($50 and above) is offered pursuant to Biblical Guidelines, Crown Financial Ministries Manual, and satisfactory questionnaire. Money is to be given as charity and not a loan. Checks will be written from the church to the vendor or creditor. Generally, cash is not given out. Ongoing assistance is considered only if recipient is faithfully attending church, committed to Jesus as Lord and Savior, and taking steps to alleviate the problem area.

# Community Benevolence Interview

Name:

Address:

Telephone:

Email:

Dependents (#/Age):

Marital Status/History:

What is your immediate need? (Please be specific.)  
  
1. Do you attend a church locally? If so, did your church offer you assistance?

2. Where is your church and what is your minister’s name?

3. Do you attend AGCC regularly?

4. Do you have relatives who can assist you with your needs?

5. Do you give to AGCC regularly?

6. Are you receiving aid from the government?  
 (unemployment, Social Security, food stamps, worker’s comp)?

7. Have you worked a job or looked for work locally? When and where?

8. Are there any obstacles that hinder you from taking a job (child care, disability)?

9. Are you willing to work today if we know of an available job?

10. If we are unable to help you, what other options do you have?

11. If we are able to help you, how many people are involved? (Please list family members.)

12. Do you have some form of identification?

13. Are you willing to engage in financial and spiritual counseling? (If the need is ongoing)

14. Are you willing to do community service or volunteer work?

INTERVIEWER COMMENTS/IDEAS: