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Pastor Paul gives food to all who come

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If you've ever driven by Emerson and Broadway during the past couple years on a Wednesday or Saturday, you can't help but notice a huge crowd milling around with grocery bags, and several vans pulled up beside the First National Bank. What's

Church at 1000 Oliver Avenue North give away over 8,000 bags of groceries per month to the needy and the not so needy.

Pastor Paul is a soft-spoken but dynamic person who oversees the \$12,000 per month operation. As we spoke,

about 100 people and other young men created makeshift switchback aisles much like Valley-fair. The crowd seemed amazingly orderly and cheerful. A dishevelled man with mismatched shoes and no socks mingled with well-dressed people who seemed

the food get it than let someone go hungry."

Pastor Paul would rather not waste money or time determining eligibility. He feels this is his mission, and that he was sent here by the Lord. The food, he said, comes from a variety of sources and that basically he "begs" for it. His church also serves food on the premises—a late breakfast and supper. He estimated that they service about 3000 families. In addition, the Disciples

Ministry operates a used clothing store, and he has a radio program on KUXL 1570 AM from 1:30 to 2:00 P.M. Monday through Friday. Most of his congregation comes from the suburbs, he said, and they are devoted and committed to service.

Services at Disciple's Ministry are at 8:00 P.M. on Fridays and 10:00 A.M. on Sundays. For those who need help or those who would like to help others, the phone number is 521-4665.



The scene on a typical Saturday at the corner of Emerson and West Broadway

been going on is the biggest and most organized food give-away in the area. Pastor Paul Arnopoulos and a staff of volunteers from the Disciples Ministry

healthy-looking young men filled grocery bags out of the back of a black truck emblazoned with "Disciples Ministry," a flame and a sword. The line of recipients grew to

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undaunted by the situation.

It doesn't bother Pastor Paul that some undeserving people collect food too. "If they are willing to stand in line and carry the food away," he reasoned, "they either need it themselves or want it for someone else. I'd rather see a few who don't need



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