

# **Bhakti Seva ----- Report for April 2011**

March was a difficult month to go through. My father-in-law was very sick and in and out of the hospital in India. He passed away on March 18<sup>th</sup> and I had to leave for India on March 23<sup>rd</sup>. I left peacefully after yet another feeding of the homeless on March 20<sup>th</sup> at the Interfaith Ministries community dining hall.

A group of young engineers working for a company in India have been come to Wichita on a few years assignment to work for a big aerospace company. They were really getting well settled with their families. Some had children who were in schools and others were young couples.

All of them were service minded and were wondering how to find poor people in USA to donate food for the, which is an everyday practice back home in India. A friend of mine lives in the same apartment complex as them and she guided them to me.

I talked to my friend about how wonderful it will be if she can coordinate and be a volunteer leader. She readily agreed and was so helpful. A group of ten ladies cooked the menu which consisted of rice pilaf, lentil soup called Dhal, one vegetable, salad and dressing, bananas, garlic bread and chocolate chip cookies for dessert.

The interfaith staff were so touched by the trouble that these women have taken to cook all this food. The homeless people were very appreciative of the tasty food and commented what a healthy selection it is. Some of them spent a few minutes discussing the nutritional value of our vegetarian food and gathered the recipes from us. It was a fun

filled, enriching evening where one feels the inner peace. We had a very satisfying evening and went home with a happy heart!