

Dear Prayer Partners,

I am thankful to have this opportunity to share with you this month's praises and prayer requests. Each of you, as a prayer partner, is a vital block in the building of this ministry, and I pray that God places on your hearts how very important you are to our mission.

For instance, this past month God called upon the SHARinG Org to provide for a young family in our community that was in need of a reliable vehicle. Because of the faithful prayers and financial support that God has given to us, through you, we were able to rise up and meet the need of the family by providing them with a minivan. We are grateful that our Lord has called us to meet the needs of people in our community, and we look forward to future opportunities. Our team is quite aware that if it were not for your prayers and monthly contributions we would not have been in a position for God to call on us. Thank you, thank you, thank you! To see a picture of the minivan that God used you to provide, please visit our web site.

Our major goal for 2004 is to schedule local families to visit our worship services one Sunday a month. We hope to get enough children and families coming so that the Fair Acres residents will feel the love of Christ through the community that chooses to worship with them. We have had two families visit with us in January, and the residents thoroughly enjoyed interacting with the little ones. We've created a program called the "12 Months of Christmas" that we are promoting to raise the awareness of this volunteer opportunity. We are also starting a monthly contest for children in grades 1 - 7 that will raise the general awareness of the SHARinG Org in the Armada community and surrounding areas. Please pray for success in promoting the SHARinG Org this year, and that our community will respond to the volunteer opportunities.

In mid-January, I went to Lansing to introduce the SHARinG Org to our parent church in Lansing, and Brad was in charge of conducting the Sunday morning services at Fair Acres. I have received word from the Activities Director that the residents said he did a very good job. I am thankful to have Brad and Melissa as partners on our team. This year Brad will be in charge of the services on the third Sunday of every month, and if you would ever like to visit I could not think of a better time than then. Brad is a very thoughtful and competent minister of our Lord's Word, and I am sure that you would find much blessing from his messages.

I want to share with you a little bit about the reaches of our ministry outside the Sunday morning services to the residents. This past month I was able to minister the grace of our Lord to a Fair Acres staff member and her family as her mother passed away and I was asked to conduct the funeral. I am so very thankful to the Lord for the privilege of building the sort of relationship that it takes for the staff members to feel comfortable inviting me to serve them as well.

Remember that the invite to visit and worship with us is always open to each of you. We appreciate your support, prayers, and encouragement and look forward to how the Lord will use us together to serve Him in the Armada community.

God bless,

John Rock on behalf of The SHARinG Org Team

(John, Megan, Brad, & Melissa)