



The SHARinG Org

MAY 2004

Dear Prayer Partners,

This month I have a praise report, as well as several specific prayer requests to share. On Easter Sunday our team was privileged to provide four individual worship services to the residents of the different nursing and adult foster care facilities. I spent some time reflecting about how great it was to have the opportunity to proclaim the rising of our Lord to the residents of these facilities. To my knowledge, it was the first time anyone has conducted Easter Morning worship services for the residents in these facilities. It excites me to think that the Lord is using us to minister in this way!

In our April prayer letter I asked you to pray that I might be able to schedule services for the residents of another care facility. **Please keep praying.** I am confident that I will get this scheduled but it will take some more time. Also, as I sit here typing, I am thinking of five other nursing and adult foster care facilities that have residents that could benefit greatly from our ministry. **Please pray** that the Lord would open up a way for us to minister to them as well.

There are a few organizational issues that I ask that you would pray about. First, I have been contemplating the reality that the SHARinG Org will need to become its own legal entity. We are currently under the umbrella of *Liberty Christian Church* in Lansing, and we are very grateful for all of the support that they have given to us as we started this ministry. However, I am aware that we need to begin the process of becoming an independent organization, and so I ask that you would **pray** for all of the financial and legal details involved with this process. I will need to form a board of trustees that will be capable of leading the SHARinG Org into the future to realize our vision of serving nursing home residents all across the country. **Please pray** that I will find the people of God's choosing to serve in these key positions for us.

Please pray for our ministry team as we are working on becoming more intentional in our ministry and service to the residents and each other. As you know, it is easy to become complacent and fall into a groove, so as a team we are working toward implementing some strategies that will keep us from settling into our comfort zones. Also, **please pray** for Brad and Melissa as they drive about 2 hours every Sunday to come and minister with us. Brad works the midnight shift, and often when they come Brad has worked all night Saturday night. I am impressed by their dedication and very thankful for their friendship and support. **Pray specifically** for their safety as they travel so far.

In May we will be attempting again to promote the SHARinG Org in our community. **Please pray** that people in our community will learn of our ministry and see the significant value of what we do. And finally, we will be doing some work to raise the level of our prayer support over the next few months. **Please pray** that we will be successful in recruiting fellow Christians who will faithfully lift us up in prayer as all of you are doing.

Thank you for praying for us and this ministry. I often think about the work Mother Teresa did in Calcutta and how all she did was pray and serve. The stories of how God provided for the needs of her ministry are truly inspirational. I am looking forward to what God will do through the SHARinG Org as we pray together to meet the needs of nursing home residents in our country.

Thank you & God bless,
John Rock on behalf of The SHARinG Org Team

(John, Megan, Sela, Brad, & Melissa)