



The SHARing Org

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"And can it be a dream, that in the end man will find his joy only in deeds of light and mercy?" - Father Zossima from *The Brothers Karamazov* by Fyodor Dostoyevsky.

Dear Prayer Partners,

The above quote from Dostoyevsky's Father Zossima was published in Russia in 1880, and I am deeply gripped by the extreme simplicity with which the author captured the essence of our Lord's words: "Love your neighbor as yourself." Father Zossima had concluded that Christian joy comes from serving our fellow man. And that is why you pray for us - so that we might offer the light and mercy of Christ our Lord to the residents of the care facilities that we serve. Thank you for continually remembering us before the throne of our heavenly father.

Many of you were able to join us as we gathered for the Prayer Partner's Reception on July 10th. We were happy that you could meet and talk to the folks that we worship with every Sunday. I am sure that you could see that they love us just as much as we love all of them. One of the residents commented that she would like to get together like that more often and so we hope that we can do it again soon.

Last month I asked you to pray specifically as I have been dealing with a Multiple Sclerosis relapse. Thank you for praying. I am currently on the upswing as far as my legs go. Much of the strength has returned and the feelings are slowly returning to a bit more normal. It could be a few months before I am able to start walking regularly for exercise, but I still hope to return to my scheduled two miles a day! Thank you all for your love, concern, and prayers.

This month during the Armada Fair we will be distributing the Armada Fun Map that we have designed and printed. We have been working on this project since last December, and we just received the maps in the mail. The purpose of this project is to publicize the SHARing Org and to raise awareness of what we are doing in our community.

Next month on September 7th we will be celebrating **1 year of services** to the residents in the care facilities. The time has flown by, and we thank all of you who have helped us and made it possible for us to minister to the residents. In this past year we have grown to love the people we serve, and it has been our great pleasure to provide Sunday morning worship services to them. Many of the residents specifically thank us for bringing them church each week, and we are convinced that this is what the Lord would have us continue to do. We have no words that adequately express our joy for the ministry we have, and we thank you for continuing to support us in it.

We pray that you will enjoy the rest of your summer and discover the joy of service in your own walk with our savior.

Thank you & God bless,
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