

The Sharing Org

Loving God by Loving Others



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Dear Prayer Partners,

I trust that your New Year has been off to a great start and that the Lord has kept you through the holiday season.

Our team has begun a new study on prayer. I recognized that I have been so focused on actually serving in this ministry that I was neglecting our team's spiritual growth. So we have incorporated a study time into our Sunday afternoon activities along with our time of communion. It has been going very well, and we are all enjoying the focus on our team's spiritual growth.

Please pray for our team as we add this fresh focus to our ministry. Pray also as Brad and I are taking the topic of prayer into the care facilities in our sermons.

On Sundays we always share a meal together as a team, and it has turned into an informal time for developing our interpersonal relationships. We are finding that our team is becoming like family. I always say that "if you're not picked on, you're not loved," so I must love each of my teammates because I am relentless. ☺ **Please continue to pray** for our team as we work together to take the gospel of God to the residents that we serve. As something fun for our team, we will have a "Jones Soda tasting party" on Sunday, January 30th. We will taste three flavors of Jones Soda: Grape, Orange, and Blue Bubblegum. It may not be a fancy-schmancy wine-tasting, but it is cost effective and the perfect choice to go with pizza.

In recent weeks we have had to cancel some of our services because the residents were suffering from illness. **Please pray** that everyone will get to feeling better soon and be able to return to Sunday morning worship. Pray also that our team stays healthy so we don't have to miss any Sundays with the residents.

Residents are eagerly taking part in the Sunday morning worship services as they have come to view these services as their church. They open the services with congregational prayers as well as scripture readings. We've provided a small sound system to make it easier for everyone to hear, but it seems that our little system is not adequate for the job. So we've contacted one of the facility's administrators to attempt to have a real sound system installed. We've offered to donate toward the cost of the system and **I ask that you would pray** that the facility administrator would accept our offer and agree to work with us on getting a new system for our Sunday morning services. This sound system would also be available to the residents and staff for their everyday activities and special gatherings.

Thank you for your prayers as you support this ministry. We recognize the important role that each one of you plays as you lift us up to the Lord in prayer. We love you all and pray that God would bless you as you walk in the footsteps of Jesus.

God bless,

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