

The Sharing Org

Loving God by Loving Others



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Dear Prayer Partners!

Thank you, thank you, thank you!!! As I am considering how to open this letter all I can think to say is “thank you.” Thank you for supporting us in prayer, thank you for supporting us with your monetary gifts, thank you for your encouraging notes, thank you for helping us to remain connected to God’s people – his Church. Brad, Melissa, Megan, and I each know that our team is blessed by every one of you for helping us to do the work of our Lord in the care facilities that we serve. Thank you, thank you, and again I say “thank you.”

This past month Megan and I had what we called the “Brad and Melissa appreciation day.” It was the ordinary Sunday after-church time at our home but we had a special meal as we gushed all over them for their devotion and dedication to the ministry. Brad and Melissa make a 70-mile round trip every Sunday to serve with us. Megan and I recognize that if it were not for the two of them we would not have made it much past the first year anniversary in this ministry. I guess I am impressed with their dedication because I don’t know just how reliable I would have been with a 70-mile drive each week. I would have been fine during the summer but the winter would have shown my true cowardice ☹. Brad and Melissa have both become part of our family and like family to many of the residents that we serve each week. It was our great pleasure to take this day to appreciate them in the formal manner as we did.

There are two things that I want to ask of all of you this month. First, I want to ask you to pray for me as I am currently trying to find employment that will provide for our family. I’ve stepped up my effort to find full-time employment, and as I am entering a brand new field of employment I am faced with the hurdle of getting a job without any official experience. I’ve been through it before, but now that I am closer to 40 than 20, I am feeling a bit intimidated by the job-seeking process. Please pray that God will allow me to find just the right job and at just the right time.

Secondly, I want to ask you to do some brainstorming with me. I have on my heart to expand the reach of the ministry. There are literally thousands of care facilities that do not have any Sunday morning Christian worship services for their residents, and there are four more in our area that I have a heart to provide for. I am looking to reach out to these other facilities, but I am not coming up with a viable way of doing so—I physically cannot add them to my schedule. I am afraid that my ideas have become stymied by my own limitations, and so I want to turn to you for ideas and suggestions. If you were in my shoes, and you believed that God was calling you to move forward with this ministry, what ideas would you have about advancing? Drop me a note, send me an email, or simply give me a call if you have some ideas – because I would love to hear them.

As May brings with it a definite end of the winter I hope that all of you enjoy the fresh colors of the creation that God has painted our world with. Before we know it summer will be in full swing. It won’t be long before the lines at the ice cream shops will be too long to wait so you had better get there early.

God bless,
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