

The Sharing Org

Loving God by Loving Others



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Dear Prayer Partners,

It's hard to believe that it's July already! As I grow up, time moves faster and the pages on the calendar seem to fall off all by themselves. I remember when summer used to creep by and I would have a tough time keeping from getting bored. In the words of the Bunkers, "Those were the days."

In this prayer newsletter, I'd like to relay a story that Brad shared with Megan and me a few weeks ago. In 2004, Brad earned a degree in Biblical Studies and hoped to continue his education in order to be qualified to teach at the college level. He recently discussed his options with one of the professors at Rochester College, his alma mater, and was told that in order to teach, he would very likely need to earn his doctorate. This would mean being in school for another eight years or so, and neither he nor Melissa wanted to put their lives on hold for that long. Besides that, the education he would need was not available through RC, so it was likely they would have to relocate.

In the past, Brad had considered changing his career goals and pursuing a degree in computer science through RC's program for adult students, but his work hours would not allow him to attend the required evening classes. It began to look like his best option was to pursue the additional Bible education after all, even though it would probably mean moving out of state.

Brad and Melissa spent an evening praying together for God's direction, because neither of them had a peace about moving out of state in order to further his education. The next day Brad spent his lunch hour in his car, praying some more for God's leading. When he returned to his desk after lunch, his supervisor approached him and, without knowing his situation, told him there was an opening on another shift that would allow him to start work earlier and leave work earlier. Brad was flabbergasted at such an immediate answer to his prayers. His new position will allow him to attend evening classes at RC and finish his degree in computer science by December 2006. When he shared the story with Megan and me, we were greatly encouraged by how God still moves mountains in our lives. We were also thrilled to hear that Brad and Melissa will not be moving away and will be able to continue in the ministry with us!

As we contemplate prayer, this month I ask that you would pray for our team as we begin plans to organize a card ministry to our residents. We hope to send the residents "thinking of you" cards through the mail every few months. Who doesn't love receiving real mail? We are praying that this extension of our ministry will touch and encourage the residents in a more meaningful and personal way.

Thank you all so much for your support each month. We appreciate your devotion to us and the ministry that we have been called to.

God Bless,

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