

The Sharing Org

Loving God by Loving Others



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Dear Prayer Partners,

Hello! All is fine here in Armada, MI, and we trust that you all are doing well, too. Our hearts go out to the victims of Hurricanes Katrina and Rita, and we hope that you continue to pray for the many families who have been devastated. We were privileged to join with the many Christian groups that donated toward the relief efforts. One of our friends who is currently living and working in Taiwan told us that there are relief efforts happening in her neighborhood in Taiwan, too! We expect to donate again this month toward the continued effort as the Red Cross is in need of more funding for further relief efforts. We give joyfully, trusting that the families in the southern states will once again be made whole.

We have begun plans for participating again with Samaritan's Purse in this year's Operation Christmas Child shoe box project. This will be the third year that we have been able to participate in Operation Christmas Child. In 2003 we assisted the residents in assembling 25 shoe boxes, and in 2004 we assembled 30 boxes. This year we plan to assemble 35 boxes! The assembly of these boxes is such a blessing to the residents as it allows them to reach beyond themselves and give to those in need during the Christmas season. The boxes also mean so much to the millions of poor children in the 95 countries that receive these shoe box gifts during the Christmas season. Finally, the shoe boxes mean so much to Jesus, because it shows the world a physical expression of the love of Christ and allows us to share the gospel message on a large scale. We are pleased to be able to once again be a part of Operation Christmas Child, and we invite you to join us. If you would like to be a part of Operation Christmas Child, you can sponsor a shoe box for \$20.00. This covers all of the supplies, the gifts that we place inside the boxes, and a \$5.00 processing fees.

I ask that you would remember Megan, Sela, and me in prayer this month as I am continuing to look for gainful employment. We are looking at the possibility of having to move out of the area if we cannot find something local soon. We are not sure what the future of our current ministry will be if we have to move out of state. We ask that you call out to God on behalf of us and the folks that we currently serve. We desire to continue to provide spiritually for these residents through the Sunday morning worship services, but the future of the ministry is ultimately up to the Lord. If He sees fit to move our family on, we trust that He will take care of the ministry and the people that we serve. We desire to remain here and continue in the ministry as is, but "not our will but Yours."

We pray that all of you are doing well, and we are thankful that all of you are praying for us and this ministry to the residents of care facilities. May God bless all of you through this next month.

God Bless,

John Rock on behalf of The Sharing Org Team
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