

# The Sharing Org

Loving God by Loving Others



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Dear Prayer Partners,

Hello there, good prayer partners! Can you believe that we are less than two months from the end of the year? The years certainly move quicker and quicker as I grow-up.

October was a great month! Our team went to Lansing for the Institute for the Study of Christianity and Culture annual conference held at the Kellogg Center at Michigan State University. Professor Max Stackhouse of Princeton Theological Seminary gave an excellent presentation about Globalization and American Christianity. Brad and I attended the conference while the ladies shopped and enjoyed our hotel's pool. All of us enjoyed the time together and were refreshed by the time away.

This past month the Sharing Org was able to make a contribution towards the work of the Smile Train organization ([www.smiletrain.org](http://www.smiletrain.org)). There are children around the world who have cleft palates and will never be able to function in their societies because of their conditions. With a corrective surgery it is possible for these children to smile as they begin to lead normal lives. It was our great pleasure to provide a child with this surgical procedure. Please pray for the child that will receive the surgery.

As we try to bless others with the funds that our Lord has provided through all of you, the Lord continues to sustain us. We realized a fiscal shortfall in September, and it appeared that October was going to prove to be the same as our contribution level was less than adequate to meet our bills. However, as we were heading to Lansing for the conference I stopped by the post office and found that one of our prayer partners had donated a car to Charity Motors earlier this year, and they had the proceeds donated to the Sharing Org. The check we received was substantial, and it not only covered all of the expenses for September and October but allowed us to continue with our planned giving program as well. The Lord never ceases to amaze me where finances are concerned.

On November 6th we will be getting together with some of the residents to pack 35 shoe boxes for Operation Christmas Child. The residents enjoy this opportunity to reach out and give gifts and share the love of Jesus with children around the world during the Christmas season. Please remember to pray for our team and the residents as we participate in this effort. I desire that we all feel the love of Jesus in a very real way through this act of giving to others.

Our team prays that you and your families will enjoy your times of Thanksgiving this November. It's easy to tell others that we are thankful every day, but the Thanksgiving feast and the gathering of friends and family seems to be a special time that encourages us to remember to offer thanks in a special way. May God bless you and yours as you count your many blessings.

God Bless,

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