

The Sharing Org

Loving God by Loving Others



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Dear Prayer Partners,

December! It's December already! And winter seems to have flown home for...well, the winter. I looked out at my car and saw the fresh layer of snow this morning and fondly remembered the days when the snow used to excite me. The snow still excites me but more in a panic-attack sort of way. All jesting aside though, I love the change of the seasons and how beautiful it is to gaze out our back window into the woods after a fresh snow.

In November our team was able to assist some of the residents as they filled shoe boxes with gifts for Operation Christmas Child. We had a nice evening of fellowship as we packed 35 boxes. Thanks to all of you who contributed to the effort both financially and physically. Many of you provided funds for purchasing the materials and some of you were able to assist with packing the boxes – thank you!

The United Congregational Church of Christ in Armada hosts the Macomb County Rotating Emergency Shelter Team (MCREST) a couple times a year. MCREST uses local churches in Macomb county to house homeless people who are in need of assistance. The Congregational Church had what they called “Undie Sunday” this past month where they collected men’s underwear for MCREST’s constituents. What they found was that they could not wash the clothes of many of the people because the people only had one pair of underwear or socks or one under shirt. We were happy to be able to contribute to this community effort.

Sunday, November 27th, began the Advent season – just five Sundays to go until we celebrate the Birthday of our Lord! The residents enjoy the focus on Advent as each Sunday service begins with the lighting of a candle on the Advent wreath and as the services build the anticipation of Christmas. Please pray that during this Advent season we will meet and form relationships with new residents who do not usually attend our services. Pray that we would have the opportunity to share the love of our Lord with those who do not know it.

You will notice that included with this prayer letter is an opportunity for you to begin supporting our ministry financially. The details are included (along with a reply card and envelope) for you to look at. As we will be able to more than double the number of people that we share the gospel with each week, I ask you to pray for our effort to make the Sharing Org a full time ministry.

I pray that you will have a blessed Christmas and New Year as the season will surely pass entirely way too quickly. May you and your family know the Love of the Savior just as you are fully known this Christmas season.

God Bless,

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