

# The Sharing Org

Loving God by Loving Others



JANUARY 2006

Dear Prayer,

Happy New Year!!! It's the beginning of a whole new year for the Sharing Org ministry, and I am excited to get moving on the plan to advance the reach of our ministry to the residents of nursing care facilities. Thanks to all of you for remembering us in your prayers this past year, and we are thankful to have you praying again for us in 2006. This year we are praying that we will realize the goal of reaching out to even more people in more facilities. Here are some of the immediate goals.

As you know, Megan and I will be going full time into this ministry. This means that we will be able to add more facilities to our weekly ministry itinerary and reach even more people with the Gospel of Jesus Christ! Please pray for us as we attempt to establish ministry programs in new facilities. There are two specific facilities that I will attempt to start working with in the month of January. I pray that February's letter will carry the news of success.

Going full time means that Megan and I need to raise financial support. I've always dreaded this aspect of ministry but there is just no way around it if we want to see the vision of this ministry advance – *to provide interdenominational worship services to the residents of care facilities across America*. Many of you have joined us in fulfilling this vision by responding generously to our request for a monthly contribution, and Megan and I thank you. Please pray that God will provide the rest of the funding for our ministry as He desires the vision to be fulfilled.

I would like to make a comment on a change in the language of our mission statement (*It is the Mission of the Sharing Org is to provide weekly interdenominational Christian worship services to the residents of care facilities*). Our modified mission statement now uses the word "interdenominational" where the word "ecumenical" was previously used. This change came about because we

realized, through a conversation with a friend, that Webster's definition of "ecumenical" did not communicate what "interdenominational" does. Where the word "ecumenical" means Christian cooperation in a *global* arena, the word "interdenominational" means quite simply anything that involves *more than one* Christian denomination. "Interdenominational" is what we are striving for with our worship services, because we welcome Christians from all denominations to worship and fellowship with one another during our weekly services. Our ministry's focus is on local, not necessarily global, cooperation and fellowship among Christians. I value conversations with friends and prayer partners that challenge me to communicate better the work that God has charged us with. Please keep the comments coming.

You'll notice the new format of the monthly prayer letter as it now incorporates our need to raise funding. The prayer letter is now personalized for you as it reflects your monthly financial commitment as well as your total giving for the year. We hope this new format fulfills our desire to adequately inform you of the ministry's progress and your financial involvement. You may see some changes through the year as we adjust the prayer letter and reply card, so please bear with us.

Thanks to all of you as you support our vision with a network of prayer and financial support. We are grateful that God has given us your love and support as we work together to take the Gospel of Jesus Christ to the residents of care facilities in our community.

May God bless you,  
John

on behalf of The Sharing Org Team  
(John, Megan, Brad, Melissa, & Sela)

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*The Mission of the Sharing Org is to provide weekly interdenominational Christian worship services to the residents of care facilities.*

I would like to join the ministry of the Sharing Org and serve the residents of care facilities by giving them the love of God through the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

I would like to join with the Sharing Org by making a **monthly contribution** of:  \$500.00  \$250.00  \$100.00  \$75.00  Other \$ \_\_\_\_\_

I would like to support the Sharing Org ministry by making a **one time donation** of:  \$500.00  \$250.00  \$100.00  \$75.00  Other \$ \_\_\_\_\_

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Prayer Partner  
12345 Anywhere St.  
Your Town, MI 48---

Thank you for joining us as together we share the love of God with the residents of care facilities.

You've pledged \$0 per month to support the Sharing Org.

Your gifts for 2006 have totaled \$0

Please make checks payable to: **The Sharing Org**  
Please mail to: PO Box 73  
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