

The Sharing Org

Loving God by Loving Others



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Dear John & Rebecca,

I trust that you enjoyed your time of worship this Easter season. We celebrated our Lord's resurrection with great joy! We were very pleased to share our celebration with the residents at the care facilities as most of them had no other avenue to worship except for the services that we provided. One lady actually thanked me for showing up on Easter Sunday because she could not go to her own church for the Easter Celebration. It is small things like this that help me to know that our efforts are touching the lives of people in a very real way.

Megan and I give thanks to God as we had agreed together this past December to trust God until April to show us if he was going to provide for us so that we might continue with this ministry. Well, he has indeed provided for us. In the last three months God has provided \$733 a month through your generous donations plus we have had some one time gifts that, when combined with the wages that we bring in from our other jobs, has provided for our family quite well. Praise be to God for allowing us to serve him in this way, and thanks to you for your support that has made our mission to the care facilities possible.

At the beginning of April we installed an Executive Board consisting of four people. I am excited as I get the board fully acclimated and working with me so that the Sharing Org might advance. I am currently serving nine care facilities and have another four or five on the back burner waiting yet to be served. An active board will provide the extra knowledge and experience necessary for the Sharing Org to reach out to these new homes. Please pray that God will provide for what is yet needed to provide Christian services to the facilities that are still waiting.

Since February we have been sending birthday cards to the residents every month. The other day when I arrived at one of the facilities, I was greeted by a lady who had received a birthday card this past month. She waved the coffee stained and dirtied envelope at me and thanked me with a great big smile for the card. I guess because I was in the Army I know full well the great value of a single piece of personal mail. All of the cards that we send have been hand made and donated to us by one of our prayer partners. These cards have proven to be a very effective way to share the love of Christ with the residents.

This past month we received a letter from India! Do you remember the shoe boxes that we have been filling each year with the residents? Earlier this month we received a letter of thanks from a family in Pudukkottai, India. Apparently the family's seven-year-old daughter was given one of the shoe boxes and saw our card in it. The father of the family sent a letter thanking us and he sent a picture too! It is exciting to see where our boxes went as well as who received them. Thank you for helping us to participate in Operation Christmas Child with the residents of the care facilities.

On a final note, I am excited to introduce our latest Sharing Org team member! Evan James Rock joined us on April 22 at 4:05 a.m. That's right! Megan gave birth to our son, Evan James, on Saturday, April 22. He weighed 9 lb. & 12 oz. and was 21½ inches long. Both mom and baby are at home and doing well.

Until next month.

May God bless you,

John Rock on behalf of The Sharing Org Team

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Our mission is to share the love of God and to build relationships with the residents of care facilities by providing them with weekly interdenominational Christian worship services.