

# The Sharing Org

Loving God by Loving Others



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Dear Megan & Steve,

We've done it! We've come up with a plan to minister to the elderly in our greater community who are not living in a care facility. Of course our impact will be minimal and our reach will be short (at first) but we are developing plans for what we call the *Winter Soup Program*. This year from October until March we want to distribute a *free* monthly soup luncheon to the residents of Armada who are 76 years of age and older. We will begin by serving a pilot group of 12 residents so that we can assess our capacity. We are excited that we will be able to reach out to our community in this manner and we ask that you would pray that everything works out so that we will be able to provide this *free* service to more residents the following season and possibly even be able to offer this *free* service to residents in other communities as well. Did I mention that it will be *free*? We desire to *minister* to the elderly residents in our community so we will not be charging them for the monthly luncheon. It is just another way that we are trying to share the love and grace of Jesus in our community.

Please visit our web site ([www.thesharing.org](http://www.thesharing.org)) as I have posted the 2006 mid-year financial statements there. If you do not have access to the web and would like a copy, please contact me and I will be happy to send it to you. So far in 2006 we are \$2,050.00 per month below our needed monthly commitments, but the Lord has provided for the shortfalls and we are still in the black for the year! Please pray that our upcoming fund raising efforts will be successful.

Also, our web site has been updated to include the *TSO Forums*. These forums were set up to give the Board of Directors a place to discuss the business of the organization, but I thought that the forums had the potential for more than just that. There is a forum for all the prayer partners to be involved in discussions, and I have created forums for other ministers from around the country to discuss the ministry to care facilities. I have also created a forum called *Greek Geek* where really fun people like me can go to translate and then commentate on the scriptures. There's a link on the Sharing Org home page that will help you get to the forums.

In July I had the privilege to fill the pulpit at the Armada Congregational United Church of Christ while the regular minister was on vacation. They called me because a lady in one of the facilities that we serve used to attend church there, and she mentioned me to their head deacon. I was thrilled to have the opportunity to meet people from town, worship with them, and share the Word of the Lord with them. Brad filled in for me at the regular facilities so our people did not go without their Sunday worship services.

**RISK<sup>®</sup> NIGHT IN AUGUST!** It is time again for the quarterly RISK<sup>®</sup> Night Fund-raiser where a group of us men gather to wreak havoc and destruction around the globe. Of course, we will do this in only the *kindest of Christian charity* that a bunch of guys can muster as we stuff ourselves with meatballs, mashed potatoes, green beans, and rice crispy treats. We will have a bar that will host a variety of rice crispy treats including Peanut Butter Rice Crispy treats, Cocoa Pebble treats, and Fruity Pebble treats. RISK Night will be held on Saturday, August 19th. If you've never played RISK, we'd be happy for the chance to show you how it's done. Please contact me (or visit the Sharing Org web site) for more details.

Thank you for your faithful prayers and financial support of the Sharing Org ministry. We are blessed to have the opportunity to share the love and grace of Jesus Christ with those who are not able to attend a local congregation. We look forward to continuing to advance the Gospel in this area to the many people who have no other avenue for hearing about their savior.

God bless you!  
John Rock

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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.*