

The Sharing Org

Loving God by Loving Others



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Dear Prayer,

PLEASE HELP! In November we will once again be filling shoe boxes for Operation Christmas Child (www.samaritanspurse.org). If you can assist us in collecting the **40** shoe boxes that we need for this year, it would be much appreciated. We are seeking *empty, pre-wrapped, regular sized (no child or boot sizes) shoe boxes* that we can easily fill; however, I will take whatever you offer. If your church group could Christmas wrap some or all of the shoe boxes it would be a great blessing to us. We would like to have all of the shoe boxes by the end of October. We will take care of purchasing the items to fill the shoe boxes—what we need right now are the shoe boxes themselves.

Early in August, I was conducting a morning service at a facility, and one of the regular worshippers was there but it was explained to me that she had recently moved to another facility and returned only for the morning worship service. The woman is blind and elderly and I was greatly humbled that she would put forward the effort to come back for our service. Afterwards, I spoke with her and she handed me a flier from her new facility and asked if I would begin doing a weekly worship service at her new home. I have been struggling lately with the unhappy fact that I am just about “maxed out” time-wise and am operating on a budget that is currently covering only 36% of the ministry costs each month, but I wonder how I am to say “no” to a lady who desires a worship service in her new home and goes to such pains to invite me? After giving it much prayer and more thought, I have determined that I am not “maxed out” yet, and one of our monthly supporters has increased their monthly support “out of the blue,” which has encouraged and reminded me to continue to trust God to provide for all aspects of the ministry. **Please pray** for His continued provision and for my ability to trust that He is opening the doors for me to provide services at what will be my eleventh facility.

I ask that you would **please be in prayer** for one of the facility staffers that I work with on a regular basis. This woman was at her brother’s home when the brother’s 15-month-old child went missing. A short while later, the staffer found the child in the backyard pool. The child did not survive and the entire family is devastated. Please pray for our Lord to comfort this staffer and her entire family.

I received a letter from the IRS this past week. I was hoping it was *the letter of recognition* for our tax exempt status, but instead it was a letter informing me that our request form k1023 was stalled due to insufficient funds. When I had initially filled out the form, there was a \$500.00 *application fee*, but on July 1st the fee had increased to \$750.00 without my knowledge, so they wanted me to send them another \$250.00. **Please pray** that this last check will be the final hurdle in the process of gaining tax exempt recognition. The process has been going on since March, and I am ready for it to end.

September 7th marks the third year anniversary of the Sharing Org! Three years—we can hardly believe it. God has allowed us to minister to many, many people in that time, and we are mindful that He has granted us such a great honor to love and care for these very special groups of people. Thank you for being a part of this ministry and enabling us to serve in this way.

In His Service,
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.

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 the Sharing Org Ministry by making a **monthly contribution** of: \$50.00 \$25.00 \$10.00 \$5.00 \$_____ Other

I would like to support the Sharing Org Ministry by making a **one time donation** of: \$200.00 \$100.00 \$50.00 \$25.00 \$_____ 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 2007 have totaled \$0

Please make checks payable to: **The Sharing Org**
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