

The Sharing Org

Loving God by Loving Others



OCTOBER 2006

Dear Prayer,

We've had a good response to our request for shoe boxes. The ladies' Bible study at Community Baptist Church of Richmond contacted me and said that they would supply us with 40 wrapped shoe boxes. Afterward I was contacted by the Memphis Free Methodist Church who said their Christian Life Club youth program will provide about 10 more. These extra boxes will come in handy as I want to include three new facilities in filling the boxes. **Please continue to pray** as we help the residents that we are working with reach out and touch the world in this small but very satisfying way.

I am pleased to announce that we began conducting regular worship services at our 11th facility this past month! I am blessed to have this new opportunity to share the love and grace of our Lord with a new group of saints who are not able to leave their home to attend services elsewhere. Thank you all for your prayers and donations that are working in concert with our Heavenly Father to make ministry to this new facility possible.

On a Saturday in September, I was contacted by one of the facilities and asked if I wanted to use a tent that they had rented (for a different event) to conduct the Sunday morning service. It was a very nice gathering as the weather cooperated and everyone seemed to enjoy the tent setting. I threatened to do my best imitation of Charles Finney, but I decided against it because *nobody got the joke*.



In the last week quite a few of the residents have been relocated to new homes within their care system. This change of residency can be quite trying to the residents as they now they have to get used to a new home with new house mates, routines, and staff. When I walked into one of

the homes I noticed one of the ladies was out of place, and I called her name with a surprised voice – as I was really surprised to see her in this location. She smiled and told me that she was so glad to see that I was doing a worship service at her new location too, because she had feared that because of her move that she would not be able to participate in worship services anymore. Then the next day at another location, one lady who had recently moved from one of the other facilities spotted me and her face brightened as she recognized me (or more likely my clerical collar “uniform”). This lady does not speak and she is usually quite unresponsive, but I could tell that I was a bridge for her between her old home and her new home. As I thought about these two ladies, I was very thankful that our ministry could be such a source of familiarity and comfort to them as they underwent a change of living arrangements. Thank you all for helping me to continue to minister to these residents who, in most cases, have no other means for spiritual grounding.

Have a good October and enjoy the harvest!

God bless you,
John

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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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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

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