

The Sharing Org

Loving God by Loving Others



NOVEMBER 2006

Dear Prayer,

Do you know what your ministry has been doing in October? Yes, you read it correctly, I wrote "your ministry." The work of the Sharing Org cannot happen without you – without your prayers and without your financial support. In October we began a Winter Soup program, we completed 15 of this year's 40 Operation Christmas Child shoe boxes, and we began looking for office space to lease for the ministry. It's been a busy month that has just flown by.

We began the month trying to find one dozen senior citizens to participate in our Winter Soup program. You would have thought that this would have been easy, but we came up with only eight people. Of the eight that we served, one was visiting from out-of-state and one has since been hospitalized (not due to eating the soup!), so we are looking at delivering soup to six local shut-ins in November. This arm of the ministry seems to have struck a chord with those who participated, and I anticipate word-of-mouth will help fill up the empty slots we have available. Pray with us that those who receive the monthly soup luncheon will know the blessing of the Lord as we attempt to minister to them in this way.

This month Megan and I went shopping for the items to fill the shoe boxes for Operation Christmas Child. Prior to shopping, we called Samaritan's Purse to find out which age and gender category is the least represented every year. They told us that 10- to 14-year-old boys are under-represented, so we decided to fill all 40 shoe boxes for that group. We came home with about 25 shopping bags full of everything from toothpaste and toothbrushes, soap and wash cloths, and sturdy t-shirts and socks to pencils, pens, gum, candy, and little toy trucks. The empty shoe boxes were provided and wrapped by the Richmond Community Baptist Church ladies' Bible study and the Memphis Free Methodist Church's children's program. I helped three of our facilities pack 15 boxes and distributed the daily prayer cards, and I was greatly pleased when a staff member was moved enough to ask me for help finding a child to sponsor through Compassion International. Our efforts have provided for a specific child all year long and probably longer than that! In early November we will be getting together with one final group of residents to fill the remaining shoe boxes, and we are looking forward to that.

Finally, office space has been something that I have been in sore need of for about two years. As my family is growing, I am finding it nearly impossible to get any ministry work done beyond the bare necessities. I looked into leasing desk space in a local office building, but after reviewing the Sharing Org's operating budget for 2007, I decided that this is not an expense the ministry should incur at this time. Please pray that our family will find creative ways to juggle our needs and the ministry's needs, without hindering the ministry's growth.

As I put a face on the Sharing Org name, I cannot do it without your support – this is every bit your ministry as it is mine. I am dependent upon a host of people who do not get the proper recognition for the behind-the-scenes work that goes on. So I thank you for your most vital involvement in our most important work.

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.

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

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