



Dear Prayer Partner,

You should already have received your 2006 tax statement from the Sharing Org (if you were due one). If you have not received it, please contact me and we'll figure out what happened and get you another copy ASAP. I finished the statements in mid-January and you should have received yours by the third week of January.

This year we have begun a campaign called "\$7 for 2007" in order to encourage people to begin supporting the Sharing Org ministry financially. Many people have the notion that any gift under \$10.00 is not a real help or blessing to our mission – That simply is not true! Every contribution helps us to serve the care facilities each week. **Please pray** that God might use this campaign to encourage people to support our mission when they otherwise thought that they could not afford to do so. Also, our 2007 budget is severely underfunded\* and we are seeking churches that would like to support a local missions effort. **Please ask** your church or missions board if God might lead them to support us as we take the grace and gospel of Jesus into nursing care and adult foster care facilities.

As a congregation we have been going through Paul's letter to the Roman church (*the book of Romans*), and the residents seem to be grasping the concept of the righteousness of God being freely given by grace through faith in Jesus Christ. Maybe "grasping" is not the best word here – it is more like "soaking it up" like a dry sponge in water. Many of our people are learning for the first time what grace actually is. I could almost see the light go on in "Jerry's" head as he experienced an "ah-ha! moment." Jerry was confronted with Paul's explanation of a worker's wage not being a gift of grace but rather an obligation of the employer to the employee (Romans 4:4&5). Jerry realized that the spiritual education of his childhood conditioned him to think of his salvation like a worker collecting earnings from an employer. For the first time in his life Jerry understood the difference between works and grace. **Please pray** that in the coming weeks Jerry (and the others) will fully come to understand and accept that God has graciously given us salvation and righteousness through faith in Jesus Christ our Lord.

I am currently putting an extra effort into contacting our local churches to invite them to get involved with one of the local adult foster care facilities. This is an excellent opportunity for our local churches to meet a need in their communities with as little as an hour of time each month. Many church groups desire to be involved in serving their communities but often do not know about this ministry opportunity, so I am going to make the need known to them. **Please pray** that my plea to the local churches will be embraced with open ears and willing hearts. If *your church* has a ministry group that would like to be a great blessing to people right in your own community, please let me know, and I would love to help get things up and running with this great ministry outreach.

Thank you for continually lifting us up and supporting us with your prayers and gifts! We could not do this ministry without you.

God bless you,

JOHN

\*Please see our website for the 2006 financial statements

**www.thesharing.org**  
 PO Box 73 · Armada, MI 48005 · (586)784-4174

*The Sharing Org's mission is to provide interdenominational worship services for the residents of care facilities who are not able to leave their places of residence to worship with the rest of the Church.*

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  \$50.00  \$25.00  \$15.00  \$7.00  \$\_\_\_\_\_ Other

---

I would like to support the Sharing Org Ministry by making a *one time donation* of:  \$500.00  \$250.00  \$100.00  \$75.00  \$\_\_\_\_\_ Other

---

#060703«env#»  
 «first» «last»  
 «street» «box»  
 «city», «st» «zip»

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

---

You've pledged \$«mthlygiving» per month to support the Sharing Org.  
 Your gifts for «date By Year» have totaled \$«Tax Deductible»

Please make checks payable to: **The Sharing Org**  
 Please mail to: PO Box 73  
 Armada, MI 48005