



Dear Prayer Partner,

Dear Applicant:

We are pleased to inform you that upon review of your application for tax exempt status we have determined that you are exempt from Federal income tax under section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code. **DATED JULY 31, 2007**

This is a portion of the seven-page letter that I received in early August. Since 2003 we have been under the legal umbrella of Liberty Christian Church ([www.libertycc.net](http://www.libertycc.net)) but have been working to become our own legal tax exempt entity. As of July 31, 2007, we are now autonomous. I expressed to our board members that I am hesitant to make too much of that autonomy as I feel much like I did when I moved out of my parent's home for the first time. I know now (what I didn't know then) that I was destined to need my parents again and again in my future life. So we may very well have come of age legally, but I know that the Sharing Org's relationship with Liberty Christian Church will remain persistent (sorry, Karyn – *the secretary at Liberty*).

I want to say thank you for your prayers this past month. My accident and surgery have done a number on me, my family, and the ministry. I've been healing up ok, just doing the daily stretches to try and get my leg to straighten out on its own (slow going). Megan and the children have adjusted to my constant presence in the home. The boy, Evan, has warmed up to me in the past couple of months and now comes to me with a book and wants to climb up in my lap so I can read to him. Instances like these make me glad that I am forced to stay home to heal. The ministry has taken the biggest hit with my limited schedule. I have had to drop three of the care facilities completely and schedule the remaining nine on a very modified schedule. As if this was not hard enough to have to do, I have been forced to cancel many of my newly scheduled services due to rain. Confucius should have said "Guy who slowly clomps along with walker gets wet to skivvies trying to get to car in rain." So, all in all there has been a lot of change in the ministry, but I am looking forward to getting on my feet in October and getting back to a normal schedule again. Please pray for the residents as my heart aches as I desire to be with them again. Pray that they know full well that they are loved by God and are not doubting *that truth* since I have been absent from them.

As I get back on my feet, please pray that I will find adequate employment to support my family and hopefully provide us with health coverage. Becoming gainfully employed will mean that I will have to be extra creative to continue services to many of the facilities, but it will also mean that I will not need to draw as much of a monthly stipend from the ministry. It really is true that God redeems unfavorable situations for His kingdom.

On to some business. Although it was behind schedule, I have assembled the mid-year financial package and posted it on the internet ([www.thesharing.org/financials.html](http://www.thesharing.org/financials.html)) for your viewing. The report shows that the gifts to the ministry have been down 10% for the first six months of 2007 compared to 2006, and the expenses have been down 11%. Although the expenses have been down along with the gifts-received, the expenses have outpaced the gifts by \$1,100.00, leaving the ministry at a fiscal deficit. I am not too alarmed by the drop in the gifts as this was expected because I knew of two contributions last year that were not going to be repeated again this year. Nor am I alarmed at the fact that 2007 expenses have been over 2007 giving by 10.15% because when I am again gainfully employed, the ministry will have its burden of my stipend relieved. So even though a deficit for the year as a whole is expected, the reason for that deficit should be resolved by year's end.

Thank you again for your prayers and support during this tumultuous time in our family's life. We are being renewed every day and we are seeing our Lord through the expressions of your love and concern.

Blessings,

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*The Sharing Org's mission is to provide interdenominational church 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

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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 \$«mthlygiving» per month to support the Sharing Org.

Your gifts for «date By Year» have totaled \$«Tax Deductible»

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 Please mail to: PO Box 73  
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