



Dear Prayer Partner,

My name is Megan Rock. I am a member of The Sharing Org's board of directors, as well as John's wife. I offered to write the prayer letter this month to give John a little vacation and also to take the opportunity to share some things John is too reticent to say.

First of all, thank you all for your faithful prayer support! We so often see God's hand moving in our lives and in the life of the ministry, and we know it is because people are praying for us and the work God has called us to. John's leg has healed well, and he is getting his strength back. In mid-November he started up again with a full-time schedule of services each week, and we are getting used to that routine again. During December, John is focusing on Advent and is lighting an Advent wreath (battery-powered candles!) with the residents each week. They always enjoy this traditional part of the Christmas season.

Thank you, also, for your financial support. This is absolutely vital to the ministry, because without it, the ministry could not exist. I realized in talking with one of our prayer partners a couple of weeks ago that perhaps there is some misunderstanding about how we support ourselves every month. John does not work outside of the ministry, and I work an average of 12 hours a month at a cleaning job. Our household budget is based on a monthly income of \$2,200. We subtract my variable monthly income from that, and the ministry gives us a stipend to make up the difference. We voluntarily capped our monthly income at \$2,200, knowing that with simple living it would be just enough to meet our family's needs without draining the Sharing Org's bank account too quickly. Your financial contributions to the ministry are necessary in order for the ministry to continue functioning the way that it does! Without your support, one or both of us would need full-time jobs outside of the ministry, which would severely limit our ability to share Christ's love with the care facility residents.

John is wonderful at communicating regularly with our prayer partners, but he dislikes fundraising and hates asking for money. That's why last month John applied for a seasonal retail job. We both had hoped that he might get a part-time job with the option of purchasing health insurance while also reducing the amount of stipend we must take from the Sharing Org every month. John was interviewed but in the end did not get a job. Had he gotten a job, it would have severely reduced the amount of time he could devote to the ministry, and we are both at peace with continuing to trust God to provide for the ministry each month. God has provided faithfully, however, the Sharing Org's monthly income always falls short of its expense, which is primarily our stipend. Now that we have medical bills to pay on every month, our family budget is even tighter than it was before, and we cannot afford to take less than a full stipend in any given month. I want you to be aware of the need so that you can pray specifically about that over the next few months. And if you are not a regular supporter of the ministry, would you prayerfully consider committing to a regular donation? We mean it when we say, "Every gift helps."

We are both wholeheartedly committed to the Sharing Org's mission. I think you can see John's dedication spelled out in his perseverance in visiting several care facilities every week, even while he was still recovering from surgery and used a walker to hop around on one leg. Most of you know that he has Multiple Sclerosis and deals daily with muscle pain and fatigue unrelated to the knee surgery, yet he keeps going without complaining. *We believe in the work God has called us to and the people He has given us to love!*

As we move from Thanksgiving into the Advent season and Christmas, I want to thank you for standing alongside us, both with your prayers and your financial gifts. We are looking forward to 2008 and have some exciting goals for the ministry in the new year! Watch for details in the January newsletter.

May God richly bless you this Christmas season as we celebrate Immanuel: God with us!

Merry Christmas!

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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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