



The Sharing Org

Ministry to the Nursing Care Community



DECEMBER 2008

Dear Prayer,

Merry Christmas!!!

Together we rejoice for Immanuel - *God with us!* Thank you for praying with us this year as together we have touched the lives of many people with the love and gospel of God through Jesus Christ our Lord - *the Babe in the Manger.*

We began 2008 with three objectives: First was to increase our prayer partners by 100, second was to pack 100 shoeboxes with 100 residents in cooperation with Operation Christmas Child, and third was to see a Friends of the Sharing Org group develop. Plus I had some other goals that needed to be addressed like improving the technology with which we worshipped and improve the hymn books that we used at the facilities each week. I was also praying for revival among our residents.

First, as I said I was praying for revival among the residents but I did not know what revival in the nursing care facility might look like. However, a few months into the year a woman asked if I would baptize her. This was the first time such a request had been made in 5 years of ministry. Needless to say, I was thrilled to learn that God was working in the hearts of the residents and I decided that this must be what revival looks like in the nursing care facility.

Our second objective (plus greatest leap of faith of the year) was by far the 100 Shoeboxes for 100 Residents program. Through your prayers and financial support God provided for us to purchase all of the supplies necessary for 100 residents to fill 100 shoebox gifts to give to poor children for Christmas. This was a great blessing to the residents as they were able to reach outside their homes with the love and gospel of our Lord to hurting children this Christmas season.

However, our first objective for the year was to increase our Prayer partners by 100. Although I would have liked to have seen 100 new prayer partners join us in this work, I am thrilled with the 22 new prayer partners who did join us. As far as the third objective goes, we did nothing more than set the objective to organize a Friends of the Sharing Org committee. Since then there has not even been one mention of interest in this objective, so I consider this idea as something that God was not too fond of. ☺

Even though it was not one of the formal objectives for this year, I did make it my goal to overhaul the entire worship system that we use for worship in the facilities. This year we received donations that allowed us to retire the CD players that we used and switch to a digital iPod system. Also, we were able to have all new large-print nicely bound hymnals created for each facility. Thank you and God for this small but very important improvement.

And then, as icing on the cake, we were able to donate to the construction of an orphanage in Zimbabwe! We have joined a group of churches from the US and Great Britain through Lifelink International to adopt the Rekai's Children Home in Nyanga village, Zimbabwe. Together we are building an orphanage for 36 children! The residents I serve love this project as they are able to pray for and care about the children there. Along with packing shoeboxes for Operation Christmas Child, the Rekai Children's Home is their missionary project.

When God called me to the ministry to the residents of nursing and Adult Foster Care facilities I never dreamed it would be as broad and far reaching as it is. Just a little love and compassion in my own neighborhood has reverberated in not only my own community but throughout the entire world! Thank you for your part in this ministry and providing the base for which so much good can be done here and abroad.

I pray that you and your entire family will know the joy of the Christmas child this year. The child who has come to set us free from sin and shame and to give us life eternal - AMEN!

Blessings of the Savior to you and yours,

John, Megan, Sela, Evan, and Baby



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It is the MISSION of the Sharing Org to share the love of God and to build relationships with residents of care facilities by providing them with weekly interdenominational Christian worship services.

I would like to partner with 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 partner with the Sharing Org by making a **monthly contribution** of: \$50.00 \$25.00 \$15.00 **\$8.00 for 2008** \$_____ Other

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

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Thank you for partnering with 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 2008 have totaled \$30

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