

# The Sharing Org

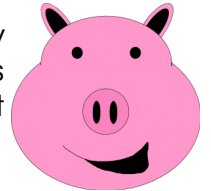
Ministry to the Nursing Care Community

September 2009

Dear Prayer,

I am not sure but I suspect that Fall is upon us. I've not seen any leaves having turned to attest to that fact, but the weather has been cooler than it normally was this summer. However, It may just be that I am hopeful as I really like the Fall season.

We're moving forward with the **Shoebox program**. Some people at the homes have been very diligent about saving their money. One gentleman has been giving me \$2 per week toward his home's savings goal. The residents are getting excited to once again be able to give pack a gift for a child for Christmas.



This past month my family was invited to a volunteer luncheon at one of the homes. It was a farm theme and as part of the after lunch activities they had a square-dancing troop perform. The troop invited the audience to join in and learn how to square-dance, so my 5-year-old daughter joined in. She had a ball, and she was good at it too! There is no particular reason that I informed you of that except I get to publicly boast about my little girl as well as report something fun. ;-)

Also this past month, I switched accounting systems. I do not expect any problems but I did want to make you aware that if you noticed anything that seems "off" with what is being reported with your giving, please let me know so I can get it corrected.

**Please be in Prayer** for Joan as she was moved from her facility and to a home that I do not service. She faithfully attended every worship service and really enjoyed the chance to express her gratitude to God each week. **Please pray** that God would comfort her as she learns to adjust to her new home, her new care givers, and new routine. Also, **please pray** that she will have some avenue to worship our Lord on a regular basis.



Our local Stevi B's Pizza Buffet has offered to **raise funding for us by setting aside 20% of their sales for a whole day** of business! It is scheduled for Monday, October 5th, from 11 a.m. until close of business. **Please be in prayer** for this fund raising opportunity and keep an eye open for more information - *coming shortly*.

Thank you for continuing to pray with and for us each month. You cannot begin to know what your support means to me, my family, and the residents whom I serve each week. Without you I could not do what God has called of me, and many people who are living at their final homes on this earth would not be hearing about the comfort and grace of Jesus Christ our Lord each

week. The words "thank you" seem inadequate, but I pray that you will know deep down the blessing that you are to me.

In His Grace,  
John

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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.*

# Ministry Moment

I've always had a notion that the people who are in the nursing home are plagued with guilt and regret. Regret for the things that they did wrong in their lives and to their loved ones, as well as regret that they did not take advantage of the opportunities that they had while they were still able to do so. This past month I was able to talk to a friend about her move into the nursing home and what was going on in her heart and mind. In this talk she confirmed what I had always suspected.

I was told about the regret of not loving her spouse the way she should have before her spouse passed away. I was told about the mistakes that she made with her children when they were growing up and how she also made mistakes over-compensating for her earlier mistakes when her children reached maturity. She told me about the regrets that she had because she had not loved certain members of her extended family the way that she should have, and she shared with me her regret at not taking God more seriously in her life. All of these regrets weighed on her like a giant stone upon her chest and she felt like she was drowning in guilt.

I read to her scripture that told her that God demonstrated His own love for her when Jesus went to the cross (Roman 5:8). She told me that she knew all that, but despite her knowledge she struggled with her feelings of regret and guilt. As we talked together I was once again reminded why it was that I was called by God to do the work that I do – *to share a gospel that redeems regretful lives.*

“But God will redeem my life from the grave; he will surely take me to himself. Selah”

~Psalm 49:15

~ John

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  **\$9.00** for 2009  \$\_\_\_\_\_ 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.

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