

**The Sharing Org**  
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**Dear Prayer Partner**

**Ministry Moment**

I enter the commons area and I call out his name "Jim-Bob!".  
"Hellloooooo!!!" He will bawl out sounding more like a hound on the trail of a raccoon than a man. His greeting always brings a smile to my face. The only reason for him being in the home is that he grew old, frail, and in need of assistance as he lives out his days.

One day he was sitting next to his roommate (another elderly man) who was enjoying his second piece of silk chocolate pie. He looked over to his roommate and offered this advice: "You know that stuff is going to make you fat?" At this his roommate just shrugged with an almost imperceptible smile as he continued to enjoy his pie.

Another day I noticed that his birthday was on October 30th, the night before Halloween. I said to him that I did not know that he was a Devil's Night baby. He quickly shot back "Bahhh, I didn't see no devils."

The last time I saw him was at his bedside before he died. I recalled that when we began this ministry my desire was to build real relationships with the people that I served, relationships that caused me a very real sense of loss when someone passed. As I sat with him I buried my face in my hands and wept. I did not grieve his passing to the next life but I certainly mourned the loss of a friend.

~John

**Prayer Requests**

To begin with, I would like to extend a most heart felt thank you. I have been thinking about the many of you who support my work and this ministry with regular monthly contributions through which I am both humbled and grateful. Without your most generous and faithful support of me and this ministry I could not touch the lives that I touch with the love of Christ like I do. Your regular blessing makes a giant impact (more than I am really able to communicate) upon the many people that I serve who are not able to do for themselves. I am deeply humbled as I realize how God works through you and me to love the individuals that I see each week, and your part is extremely vital and I am thankful and mindful of your sacrifice for this work. From the bottom of my heart I thank you...

As this year's shoebox program is upon us we are seeking donations from individuals, churches, and others to help us fund the program. This year's program will cost about \$4,600 and provide 90 boxes to the residents to pack. In just a week or so we will be sending a grant application to The Hagen Family Foundation to request help in the funding of this project. Please pray that our request for the grant is accepted and the funding is provided. I also want to be sure to publicly acknowledge the Armada United Methodist Women for their generous donation to the shoebox program which covers the expenses of providing for one of the homes - Thank you, ladies, for your faithful and generous support of us and this program.

As the Sharing Org team continues to meet on a weekly basis and develop the necessary elements involved with speaking to churches and helping to get them involved with their local AFC homes, I ask you to continue to pray that the program that we develop will be exactly what needs to be developed in order to increase the blessing of God to the residents in the AFC homes.

I will conclude with another thank you for praying with us and continuing to support our work to the AFC homes. Please be mindful of just how important you are to this ministry and sharing the gospel of grace to a group of people that is largely overlooked in the arena of missions.

Blessings,  
John Rock