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Dear Prayer Partner,

Ministry Moments...

God is experienced in many great and awesome ways. Some people report talking to and hearing from Him on a daily basis, many people say that when they are in nature (be it the woods or the beach) they experience God, and others report they experience God through the love of a child or spouse. While all are valid ways of experiencing God, I met with a group of residents this past month and shared with them one of the ways that I experience God – through good coffee. Now I know what you are thinking and I admit that it sounds corny but the goodness of God really can be experienced through fresh roasted coffee!

1. **Creator** – Every bean has been designed and chucked full of flavor and goodness that says “Welcome to the world, aren’t you so very glad to be alive?”
1. **Provider** – On those days that we are blue and we think that all is lost, we brew a hot cup of black gold and sip in the angelic tastes of nuts, woods, and sometimes a chocolate note, and in this way we realize that all of our concerns are not as big as they were just a few moments ago.
2. **Redeemer** – The very fact that we have to wake up and tend to the work of our days in the first place needed to be atoned for - a hot cup of java makes us temporarily forget our toils and miraculously makes everything better.

I was able to share a tiny bit of God with a group of residents in a special coffee experience demonstration. I roasted and brewed a Mocha Matari and a Kigoma Peaberry (both African) for them as we talked about the many facets of the coffee crop. I cannot say that anyone but me actually experienced God through the brew, but they certainly enjoyed the flavor that only a fresh roasted cup can provide. (And the fact that it was not decaf was a big hit too.)

Have I mentioned lately how much I love my call to God’s work? I theorize that one of the reasons that the Apostle Paul was able to handle his days in prison was because he had coffee (καφέζ). ☺

Prayer requests... (Other Side)

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Shoebox time begins!!! We have less than 4 months before all the ducks have to fall into the row with our shoebox program. Please be in prayer for the residents since for many of them this is the one opportunity they have to do something for someone outside their homes. Pray for the children who will receive these gifts for Christmas this year, that they might experience the love of Jesus through the shoe boxes. Pray for me as I coordinate and solicit the funding for the project. Pray that we receive all the funding necessary. We have already received funding from a few individuals and churches and currently have enough money to pack 14 out of our goal of 90 shoeboxes. *(There is still time if you would like to contribute.)* Pray also for the grant request I submitted to The Hagen Family Foundation. I did not request 100% of the project funding from THFF. However the bulk of the project funding does rest on this grant-- and we are still waiting to hear if we have been awarded the grant.

Also, we have implemented a new way for you to support the ministry. By directing all of your internet searches through GoodSearch.com you can choose us as your charity of choice and we get \$.01 every time you search for something on the web. This might not sound like much but it really adds up over the course of a year. In June alone we have raised over \$8.00 from searches, and that is with a very small band of people participating, please consider making GoodSearch.com your first place to search for things on the web – it's powered by YAHOO. Select The Sharing Org in Chesterfield, MI, when you choose your charity.

Finally, I offer this praise report. In the last month or so I have become involved with a small group of men who engage in Bible study and praying for one another. It's an informal group of us who are just seeking to be good husbands, fathers, and employees, and it is just what I needed at this point in my life. (Heh, funny how God knew that huh?)

Thank you for joining with us in prayer and financial support. Without you allowing God to work through you in these ways, there would be many people who would be without anyone to come to them and share the good news of God's love and Christ's redemption for them.

Blessings,
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