

The Sharing Org

Ministry to the Adult Foster Care Community

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Ministry Moment:

"Would you pray for me? I struggle with anger issues."

"Me, too!"

"Please include me in that prayer."

On the third week of every month we focus on prayer. Sometimes getting people to open up and share is kind of like pulling your own teeth - but not this past month. As I asked people what they would like prayer for in their own lives, there was a volley of voices in response.

"When I came here, the care home that I was in before just swept me up one day, gave me a Kroger bag to stick my belongings in and sent me away. They promised to send the rest of my belongings in a week. They didn't and everything that I owned is now gone. I have nothing left and am finding it tough to replace my belongings - not to mention that all of my keepsakes from my family are gone as well."

"When I came to the home I had a wife and children. Since I have been here, my wife has divorced me and I don't know where my children are."

"My son brought me here and promised to visit often." Wiping away tears and between guttural sobs: "Now he won't return my calls."

I am overwhelmed with the hurt that my friends experience, but still we pray out to God as we all know and believe that if it is ever going to get better, it will only be so because He will make it so. My friends have faith in a Savior who cares, often only because He is the only one who does care, and they have a hope in an eternity that has been redeemed by Him.

"And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come back and take you to be with me that you also may be where I am." John 14:3

~John

Prayer Letter:

Dear Prayer Partner,

Thank you for praying with us and supporting this work. I cannot stress the importance of this ministry and the blessing it is to the people whom I minister to. But let's face it – I am biased, for I'm going to bet that after Moses was called to go to Egypt, he was biased about his call as well. And before I start getting emails, let me just say that I am not comparing myself to Moses. ;-)

This past month I have updated the webpage with the packing list for this year's shoebox program. This year we are going to accept donations of actual items for the boxes, so if you want to contribute some or all of an item on our list, we welcome that and I thank you! Please see the packing list on the opening page of our website at www.thesharing.org. I am also in the process of setting a date for the Second Annual Putt-Putt Classic to raise money for the shoeboxes, so please stay tuned for information concerning this event.

This month I have three prayer requests that I ask you to pray with me about.

#1. I have been experiencing a bit of a flair-up with my MS symptoms. Please pray for my health as it has been rough for a few weeks now. Without going into great detail, I have been tripping more than usual, and every day that my legs continue to work has been a great blessing.

#2. I am supposed to have a 10 Year Anniversary book written and ready to be released in September to help raise money for the shoeboxes. I have a good amount of content written, but I am getting busy and I am concerned about actually getting this project done. Please pray that I do what I need to do to get it done and that God makes smooth the paths that I need to travel between now and September.

#3. Please pray for the Second Annual Putt-Putt Classic as we get everything together for this event.

Thank you for all of your support and your many prayers for me, my family, and the residents whom I serve – God is surely honored by your sacrifices.

For His Kingdom,



John