

The Sharing Org

Ministry to the Adult Foster Care Community

JULY, 2013

Ministry Moment:

"O Lord my God" – *Ewww! What is that?*

"When I in awesome wonder" – *Ughhh! It's on my pants?*

"Consider all the worlds thy hands hath made," – *Wonderful! Now it's on my hand.*

"I see the stars," – *Why did I leave my hand sanitizer in the car?*

"I hear the rolling thunder," – *Why is my arm sticking to my shirt?*

"Thy pow'r throughout" – *I need a bath.*

"The universe displayed;" – *(shudder) I want a bath.*

My lips were singing "How Great Thou Art" but my thoughts were elsewhere. While I love my interactions with all of my friends in the homes, I do have my limits. I still don't know what it was, and I shudder to consider what it could have been.

Then I think about Jesus touching the leper in Mark 1. He not only touched the man, but the Scripture tell us that he had "compassion" on him... Jesus had compassion on him, then reached out and touched a man who was considered unclean by everyone else. The man was so unclean that Jesus was not allowed to enter towns because He was considered unclean by the simple exchange.

And me? I get a little weirded by a little (what's it called?) *schmutz*.

One time Mother Teresa had her face just inches away from an open sore on a woman's leg as she gently and carefully picked out maggots from the rotting wound. She explained that Jesus said, "When we do this for the least of these, we are doing it for Him."

"...Then sings my soul
My savior God to thee,
How great thou art!
How great thou art!"

~John

Prayer Letter:

Dear Prayer Partner,

Happy July!!! I think Summer is finally here. My wife has boxed the kid's winter clothes *so we will see*.

We began 2013 with just 4 goals:

1. Continue the Mission
2. Assemble 100 Shoeboxes with the Residents in cooperation with Operation Christmas Child
3. Write & Publish a 10th year Ministry Anniversary book
4. Make this year's Budget

Then in February I added a 5th goal:

5. Make 100 new Song Books

Well I am happy to report that we realized our goal to keep on Mission when we began regular services to a new facility (#1). When I look at the financials I learn that we are on track to meet our \$33,000 budget for this year (#4 -*Yay, first time in too many years*). We installed 100 new songbooks in the homes in June thanks to the many who donated money and time to making this effort happen (#5). And this month we begin the hard push to raise the \$4,580.00 to assemble 100 shoeboxes with 100 residents (#2). I will keep you posted about the progress.

Please pray for *and with us* as we are hosting the 2nd annual Putt-Putt Golf Outing at the World's Finest Frozen Custard and Mini-Golf on July 20th. Please consider sponsoring a hole for this fund-raiser. You can do it in your own name, in the name of someone you love who is deceased, or your Sunday School Class and/or Church can sponsor a hole. The cost of sponsorship is just \$50.00 (\$25 fee and \$25 prize value), and it helps us to raise the necessary money to do the shoeboxes with Operation Christmas Child.

I'll close for now as I am eager to get started with my own 4th of July Celebration.

Blessings to you and yours,



John