

The Sharing Org

Ministry to the Adult Foster Care Community

JANUARY 2014

The Ministry Moment:

After 10 years God has blessed our little missionary effort with a new missionary couple. Earlier this week our board has unanimously approved **Drew & Jenn Davies** as our new missionary couple! They will be starting three new weekly worship services to three new locations in January. I could not be more pleased.



Drew & Jenn have three grown children (Kayla, Kevin, and Katie) and a grandson named Jaxson. Drew graduated from Specs Howard and has 25 years' experience in shipping/receiving/logistics and presently oversees a few warehouses for Paul's TV. Jenn graduated from the Dorsey Business School where she majored in accounting. She has 21 years of experience in Administrative Support and she most currently was with Oakland County helping to monitor the quality of mental health care for individuals seeking services from the OCCMHA or living in adult foster care homes in Oakland County.

Together they have served as a Chaplain Team at The Woods Church in Warren, MI, and they still volunteer with The Hope Center of Macomb and MCREST (Macomb County Rotating Emergency Shelter Team).

On January 5th, 2014, we will be starting three new worship services that the Davies will conduct every week. **Please pray with us** as the Davies begin this new missionary effort, as well as for the residents who will be blessed by these new services.

~ John

Prayer Letter:

Here we are at a new year and I, like many, am thinking about this year's goals for the ministry – so here they are.

1. **Stay on Mission** - It is a fact that if an organization's efforts are not intentional about staying of mission they will very quickly veer from that mission.
2. **Actually Publish the 10 Year Anniversary Book** – One would think that this would not be so hard. HUH! Editing is a time consuming, nasty little process. But the first quarter of 2014 is the time.
3. **Complete 200 Shoeboxes** – Friends of the ministry have expressed a desire to increase our annual 100 shoeboxes to 200 shoeboxes. This task has quite a few logistical things that need to be addressed, but I am confident that if God is leading we'll be making all 200 of them.
4. **Make the 2014 Budget** – Generally we don't come close, but 2013 was only a little more than 6% off, so I am hopeful for this next year. Oh, did I mention that it increased for 2014?

So these are the four goals that will guide us this year. I would like to have included another one or two, but did I mention that we are expecting a new baby in July? I expect that my time will be seriously limited this year. Not so much that my wife will require a whole lot more from me personally but that our bedroom is our office, and getting anything done on a regular day can be a challenge let alone with adding a baby to the fray. So **please be in prayer for this ministry and our family** as we will have many new challenges I am sure.

Also, **please be in huge prayer for the Davies** as they embark on this new journey as local missionaries. I can attest to the learning curve, and I ask that you would join me in prayer for their protection, success, and spiritual growth during this time.

Finally, I will be getting the annual tax statements out ASAP. Your annual giving below may not be complete as it does not reflect anything that was not received in the post by 12/28/2013. I hope to have received all the mail by 1/7/2014 and at that time finalize and print the tax statements. Please check the final statement against your records at that time.

Happy New Year!



John

"Like money, time is spent - what are you buying with yours?" -Roy H Williams