

# The Sharing Org

Ministry to the Adult Foster Care Community

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## THE MINISTRY MOMENT:

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Other than the weather being a challenge lately, the visits at the homes we serve have been going well. With almost 83 inches of snow falling this past winter in Macomb County, we are grateful that the major snow storms have not happened during our Sunday visits.

As the residents are becoming more comfortable with our presence every week, we see that we're getting more and more participation from them. At first, only a few decided to join us for church services. Now, we're finding that most come out of their rooms at the sound of our cheerful entry greeting, "Happy Sunday!"

There is not much in way of material things that these folks need, but we found that they still enjoy the occasional unexpected thoughtful token. On the Sunday before Valentine's Day, we delivered each resident a Christian Valentine's Day card that we were able to find at [ChristianBookStore.com](http://ChristianBookStore.com).

Each card quotes a different scripture, reminding them of God's unwavering love for them. They were visibly touched by something so simple yet meaningful and rushed to put their cards in their rooms, as if it were a valuable treasure. A reminder to them that they are adored by a God who has never forgotten them proves to be a treasure indeed! We

also remembered to include the homes' staff, whose smiles showed that they also seemed to enjoy a cute, unexpected sentiment!

Drew can tell you that I am one for labeling Valentine's Day an unimportant "Hallmark Holiday", but this year it served as an opportunity for us to share God's love in a small but effective way. I guess you're never too old to change your outlook on things and find a way to use anything as a tool in doing God's work!

Another great thing we have been noticing in our homes is that, as the staff has gotten comfortable with our visits, they seem to enjoy our presence and the work we are doing. We see a change in their demeanor, even contributing positive comments to the group conversations as they are passing through the room. We even have one staff member that joins the whole service with the residents every week and thanks us for our efforts as we leave! We can say that although we cannot predict the circumstances in each home

from week to week, we can count on God for equipping us and making us feel like being His "hands and feet" is just as much for our benefit as it is for the residents we serve. What a blessing this ministry is!

-Drew and Jenn



## PRAYER LETTER

FROM: The Davies

We ask that you please pray that God would continue guiding us, equipping us with love, compassion and humility to help those who need to know that they are loved by a God who will never leave or forsake them.

Please join us in praying that He strengthens the faith of every human being, and that their faith be of action. *"You see that a person is justified by what he does and not by faith alone."* James 1:24 NIV

Also, let us pray for the perseverance of those who are suffering. We all have a cross to bear and are suffering with something in our lives. We need to trust that God will get us through the darkest valleys

to see His promises fulfilled and remember that "Joy in the Lord is our strength!"

How can we pray for you? Praying is the most powerful thing one can do for another Christian. Please do not hesitate to let us know how we can pray for you. Email us at [jenn@thesharing.org](mailto:jenn@thesharing.org)

If you would like to be taken off of this Prayer Partner list and no longer receive these monthly letters, please email us at [info@thesharing.org](mailto:info@thesharing.org) and let us know.

We pray that you are blessed and that God is doing wonders in your life!

Drew and Jenn Davies

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## PRAYER LETTER

FROM: The Rocks

Happy Easter! For those of us in Michigan, the Easter Bunny better color those eggs because the white ones would be too hard to find in all the snow.

In my opinion Easter is the best time of the Christian year. The emphasis on the resurrection is the focus on faith itself. The message that Jesus died for our sins and then actually rose back to life is the most powerful and hopeful of messages. Out of all messages this is the one that resonates most with the residents.

Last month I asked you to pray with me for Megan as this pregnancy has been harder on her body. I am happy to report some improvement as she is feeling better overall – in fact she is in the "nesting" phase of her pregnancy and cleaning everything to make room for baby. This is wonderful. Her arm that caused her so much trouble the last I wrote is better and she is not bothered by it now. So all in all, things are looking better. Please continue to pray with us about the upcoming birth of our son "Aristotle" (this is just a nickname as we are sitting tight lipped on the actual name until the birth day).

So I have been discussing with God about the ministry's future. And while I don't think it prudent to share what is on my heart at this point, I am more excited than I have been since the beginning. My original vision of seeing all the Adult Foster Care Homes in Michigan served with weekly Christian services is looking less like a pipe dream these days. I hope to share details in the near future so stay tuned!

I was approached this week by a friend at Southeast Michigan's chapter of Operation Christmas Child about publicizing our annual Putt-Putt Golf fundraiser. It forced my hand into coming to an actual conclusion about the event this year since I was hemming and hawing about it. I think it best to not have the event this summer as we are expecting the new baby, and I would hate to have to bail on something should my wife go into labor or some other situation arise that required my presence with the family. I'm sorry to have had to make this decision but I thought it best. I know that we said that we were going to fill 200 shoeboxes this year, so it will be an extra move of faith as we see how God will provide for this project despite the loss of our major fundraising event. Please be in prayer about that.

And finally, I expect to be doing new work in the next month or so that will be paying a wage that will not only support my family but allow me to stop taking a stipend from the ministry. I cannot tell you how elated I am about this prospect as it will free up funds for things like Shoeboxes and expansion. Please pray for God's direction and blessing in this new venture for us!

Again, I want to thank you for joining us in the call to take the good news of Jesus to that part of society that is largely overlooked in our day to day lives.

Thank you!

Because He lives,  
John