

The Sharing Org

Ministry to the Adult Foster Care Community

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THE MINISTRY MOMENT:

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Jesus said **“The King will reply, ‘Truly I tell you, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me.’**
Matthew 25:40

You might say that the residents in the homes we serve would fall under the category “the least of these,” but we must admit that during our weekly visits with these folks, we don’t see them as such.

True, our original motive behind going into these homes was in effort to live by the scriptures **Mark 12:31 ‘Love your neighbor as yourself’** and **John 13:35 ‘By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you love one another.’** But as we are forming friendships with them, we see it as more than an act of being selfless. Our experiences with the residents are allowing us to flex our “heart muscle” if you will. Something that has become so beneficial to us.

I guess you don’t know how much you’re capable of loving until you put yourself out there, in situations in which you are able to be the light in someone’s dark day and tell them of God’s love for them or remind someone of how beautiful they are when they may have no one else to tell them so. To do these things for no other reason, just simply because we can, because we are blessed with the opportunity, is what is allowing our hearts to grow more and more.

We’re finding that the ability to love, much like faith, increases the more you use it. I guess the same could be said about hate as well. The more you hate, the easier it becomes for you to hate. But what good could ever come from that? Even if it weren’t for the Bible telling us so, I would imagine that we were

meant to love one another. What else in this world could make everyone involved feel so good?

John Bunyan said “You have not lived today until you have done something for someone who can never repay you.” I’d like to say that every week we get to experience this as truth. These residents are always so happy to see us, to sing songs to The Lord and hear scripture that they know we’ve prayed for guidance specifically for them. To see their smiles in exchange for something that can be so simply given is a treat for us.

The truth is, these people could have easily been, or one day may *be*, our parents, siblings...even us. Not only should these folks be shown love because they may be the “least of these,” but also because of the “Golden Rule” **Matthew 7:12 ‘So in everything, do to others what you would have them do to you...’** A simple rule that the world tends to forget and advice that could make sharing the planet with one another much easier!

Drew and I are very grateful for this opportunity to love and learn how to love even more than we ever have. We roll with the punches and the hiccups that sometimes come with this ministry work, not on our own, but with strength that comes from Christ. Before entering each home, we pray for God to increase our capacity to love and to let the Holy Spirit pour out onto them, so that they can feel the love that we were all designed to feel. We have to believe that there hasn’t been a day that He has not answered that prayer!

- Jenn Davies

PRAYER LETTER

FROM: The Davies

We are blessed to announce that our youngest daughter will be graduating high school in a few weeks and our oldest daughter will be getting married in September! As you can imagine, this makes for hectic days in the Davies family!

Please join us in prayer that the planning for these events does not spread us too thin. These are such happy occasions but the preparation for them can wreak havoc on an already busy schedule. Please pray that we keep our focus on God and His work.

Although we are currently busy, we ask for your prayers that God would make it possible within our schedule to add another home to our list. There is a home that we have in mind, but it is quite a distance from our house. We know that God will provide if it is His Will. We will keep praying for guidance regarding this.

As always, please continue to pray for the residents and that each one would continue to feel the love that God has for them, as we continue to remind them.

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

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 and let us know.

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

Drew and Jenn Davies

PRAYER LETTER

FROM: The Rocks

Hi there, I pray that you had a great Memorial Day. The weather here in our part of Michigan was surely cooperative for the time of outdoor memorials.

This week I would ask that you continue to pray for my wife as she is just five weeks away from her estimated delivery date. She told me that when she feels well she really is enjoying her pregnancy, but she admits that she often does not feel well so she is anticipating the baby coming out. 😊 A friend of ours hosted a baby shower for “Aristotle” recently, and we are mostly ready to once again have a baby join our household.

Over the Memorial Day weekend, two of our family members passed away. One was my Great-uncle Ed whom I have had the great privilege and honor of serving in one of the nursing homes for the past seven years. His passing was not unexpected as he was on Hospice for a couple of years, but it is still a sad time for our family and he will be greatly missed. Please pray for our family as we mourn his loss.

The second family member was on my wife’s side. We received word on Memorial Day afternoon that my wife’s cousin Kevin had been hit and killed by a

car while on a bike ride. Kevin was the executive director for the Southeast Michigan Youth for Christ. His impact in the lives of our youth in this part of the state has been significant, and his loss is felt by many, many people. Kevin leaves a wife, two grown children, a son-in-law, and two young grandchildren. Please pray for the family, that God will comfort them during this time and provide for any needs that may arise.

I ask that you will pray for my health as I am being treated for high blood pressure. The doctor is in the process of having me check my BP regularly and adjusting a medication to see if it works. As a result of the medication, my blood pressure is improving a bit, but I’ve been extra cold and tired lately, and I am retaining fluid in my ankles (*just splendid*). Other than that I feel okay. Please pray for my health as I get this sorted out.

Thank you so very much for your continued prayers and support of this ministry. I don’t know if I have expressed my gratitude to you lately but if not – THANK YOU.

Blessings,

John