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## Ministry to the Adult Foster Care Community

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Ministry Moment...

This week a man informed me that he was glad that I showed up for services as Pastor *Blab-blab-blab* was not on the television that past Sunday morning. My blood pressure surged when I heard the tele-evangelist's name, but as I processed during one of the songs I realized that I really didn't know much about the evangelist. In fact, it is only by the titles of his books that I think I know anything at all. So, instead of my standard "detest of tele-evangelists" stance that I generally take, I changed my tack.

I asked him if he watched the evangelist often. He replied that he did. Then I asked him what the preacher said that made him like him. His reply was without hesitation or thought. "He tells me to Love the Lord my God with all of my heart, strength, and mind and to love my neighbor as myself." And he said, "Jesus wants me to love my neighbor as myself."

Honestly, I doubt but a few of the residents could summarize what it is that I usually speak about if asked point blank without struggled thought. So I figured that if this is what he walks away with from this tele-evangelist, then maybe the tele-evangelist should not be judged as harshly as I have judged him. While I don't see myself watching his shows or buying his books, I was pleasantly surprised that maybe the residents are finding encouragement from some of the TV preachers.

(Sheepishly) Heh, heh, news to me.

~John

"Teacher," said John, "we saw someone driving out demons in your name and we told him to stop, because he was not one of us."

"Do not stop him," Jesus said. "For no one who does a miracle in my name can in the next moment say anything bad about me, for whoever is not against us is for us. Truly I tell you, anyone who gives you a cup of water in my name because you belong to the Messiah will certainly not lose their reward."

(Mark 9:38-41 NIV)

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Prayer Letter...

Dear Drew & Jenn,

Since I am running a few days behind this month, this prayer letter is short and sweet.

Please continue to pray for Kayla and her baby. She is past the 32-week mark so they are in the home-stretch!

Please pray for me as the two people that regularly came to services in one of the homes have both moved out. This means that I will begin visiting with the residents who remain while I am in that home during my weekly time slot. I don't mind visiting, but I hate cold calling on people. Pray that I can do what is against my comfort level to get people involved with starting a new service.

And please pray for our friend and fellow minister Sheri as she has to take a break from meeting with the residents for a while. She has a daughter getting married this year and some other things that have made life a little hectic at the moment. Please pray that she knows the peace that passes all understanding in her life right now.

Thank you for your continued financial support and prayers for us and this mission. It encourages me to know that you are part of our work and that we are not alone!

By His Grace,



John

*I have revealed and saved and proclaimed—  
I, and not some foreign god among you.  
You are my witnesses," declares the LORD, "that I am God.  
(Isaiah 43:12)*