

The Sharing Org

Ministry to the Adult Foster Care Community

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Ministry Moment...

She lives out in the country and does not have a whole lot to keep her busy during the days, so she walks. She walks around the property of her home, she walks back and forth, she walks up and down, and she walks all around her yard. Her walking keeps her in the fresh air and gives her a lot of time to think.

She tells me that she thinks about God. While she thinks she sometimes fears that Jesus has returned and forgot about her way out there. She sometimes thinks (and is convinced) that there is a portal in the backyard that gives her entrance to Jacob's ladder and a direct entrance to heaven itself. She sometimes thinks how merciful Jesus is and how much He loves us all. She walks and thinks and busies herself day after rainy or sunshiny day in this way.

Each week she and I get a chance to talk and share together our faith. I get to remind her that Jesus is still on His throne despite what the television news tells her. I get to sing songs with her about the *Old Rugged Cross* of our Lord and how *Jesus Paid It All*. I get to shake her hand each week and reminder her that she is a redeemed child of Jesus Christ and not simply as Bob Seeger sang - *a number*.

Have I mentioned lately how much I love my job?

When she greets me it is always with enthusiasm because I suspect I am the only personal visitor that she will have all week. There are many things that separate us such as age, location, and personal hobby/interests. And while we only get a little less than an hour together each week we are able to focus on and talk about Jesus. For me, it is often the same conversations and for her it often feels like the very first time we have had them. And as many times as I have repeated myself, she never tires of hearing how Jesus desperately loves her.

My prayer is that while she is walking and thinking, the Holy Spirit of God helps her to remember the message of this singular truth.

Remember Jesus Christ, raised from the dead, descended from David. This is my gospel...

2 Timothy 2:8 (NIV)

Prayer Letter...

Dear Prayer Partner,

Merry Christmas to you and yours!

For this Christmas I am going to ask that you do something with me. I am going to send two people a special Christmas card to brighten their Christmas season. I invite you to join me as this is a very simple effort on our part and it would certainly make a difference in the lives of a couple other people. So please join me and help me to communicate just how much Jesus loves each of these people who don't usually get much attention during Christmas.

First Person

Miss Clare B.
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Second Person

Mr. Dave C.
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Please remember to continue to pray for the children around the world who will receive the Shoeboxes that we sent this month. It is such a pleasure to have such an opportunity to share the gospel with the residents, and they just love this annual project. Please pray as I hope to start again in February planning for the 2016 shoebox project.

Also in February, we will be hosting four families as we do a unique family small group bible study. We already have a few families verbally signed on to test this seven-week program. Please join us in praying that we are able to meet a real need in the lives of families who desire to grow in God's Word together with each other.

Finally, thank you for once again supporting our family and this unique little mission to the residents who live in the nursing care community. It is with great pleasure that we are enabled to serve people who are often invisible to larger church organizations.

Merry Christmas



John

Remember those who are in prison, as though in prison with them, and those who are mistreated, since you also are in the body.

Hebrews 13:3 (ESV)