

# The Sharing Org

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## Ministry to the Adult Foster Care Community

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### Ministry Moment...

“Good morning! My name is John, what's your name?”

I introduced myself to the new gentleman and expected a ‘George.’ I don't know why but he just looked like a George.

“I am Father Randall Kenning.” He replied with a clear and determined voice.

I always feel a little strange when I meet a priest in one of my services; I feel like I am being judged. I'm not suggesting that priests are judgmental, but I do feel like I am being graded: sort of like when I was in college and felt the scrutiny of the profs. I don't at all feel shaky about my trust in Jesus under scrutiny but I always seem to want to figure out how best to honor the faith of the man who dedicated his life to the service of our Savior. I have great respect for the service even if the servant wasn't of my particular flavor of Christian.

I like meeting men like Father Kenning. I like that I feel the weight of his service. I like that I want to honor his faith in our Savior. I find encouragement when I meet retired servants of God. I know from personal experience that they were not perfect and at times they experienced a lot of struggle in their faith. I am encouraged because I get the chance to share with them, once again, a Lord who not only redeemed them but a Jesus who is actively present with them.

Like I said, sometimes the servants of God struggle with faith still.

As I just completed the Advent season I am reminded that the physical realities that we find ourselves in are nothing compared to the Spiritual reality that the same Spirit that raised Jesus from the dead now abides in us. My prayer is that I am able to share the reality that Jesus is active and present with even the priest who now lives in the nursing home.

~John

**“You shall stand up before the gray head and honor the face of an old man,  
and you shall fear your God: I am the Lord.”**

**Leviticus 19:32**

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## Prayer Letter...

Dear Prayer Partner,

Welcome, 2016!

I think it's fitting to start this New Year off with the Sharing Org Vision.

“Our Vision is to inspire all churches to adopt a care facility in their own community so that they may provide them with regular Christian worship services.”

What we actually do each week is ‘to share the love of God and build relationships with the residents of care facilities by providing them with weekly interdenominational Christian worship services.’

As of late I have been convicted that I have gotten busy with my week-to-week Mission and that this Vision of getting churches on board has not gotten enough of my attention. So for 2016 I want to focus on just two main things.

*Shoebboxes:*

You are aware that this is our main annual outreach project. This year I hope to bring some organization to it that begins early and finishes with a strong triumph. I'll admit that I have allowed this effort to glide into an almost afterthought the last few years. So this year I plan to begin as early as next month starting this project.

*The Vision:*

Part of my publishing a book was to make a plea to the reader to become engaged in the nursing care ministry someplace. What I pray is that mission boards of the various churches will take notice of the mission field in their very own neighborhoods. Now I am approaching new ground as I have to promote the book and get people on various mission boards to read it. Please be in prayer as I attempt to accomplish this (and if you have leads please let me know).

For many years you have been supporting me and my family in this ministry and for that we are eternally grateful. Your regular prayers and financial support have been a blessing beyond all measure – Thank you!

Now as we go into 2016 I ask that you continue with me and be extra diligent in prayer imploring our Savior to allow us to reach both of these goals in a mighty and powerful way. Please ask God that we would have the wisdom to maneuver the fields white with harvest that His grace might be proclaimed through us.



John

**Where there is no revelation, people cast off restraint;  
but blessed is the one who heeds wisdom's instruction.**

**Proverbs 29:18**