

The Sharing Org

Ministry to the Adult Foster Care Community

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Ministry Moment...

She doesn't know who I am.

I don't know why this reality hits me now--she certainly is not the first (nor will she be the last) person to forget me. No matter, this realization has hit me with a new weight that seems fresh to me - *and it scares me a bit*. For someday all whom we know and all whom we love will be no more; in this world anyway.

I am comforted to know that this life and its illnesses are not the end of the story because I do sing *Victory in Jesus* with true conviction. But even in this comforting thought I am sad that she doesn't know me anymore.

She had a wit that was quite enjoyable. At one time we played off each other like those old friends of ours who know what we are going to say before we said it. We had fun as we played the Abbott and Costello parts for those around us. Our friendship was cross generational, it was real, it was fun, it was refreshing, and it was fleeting for today she does not who I am.

I'm not trying to be sad. I really am happy that I had a chance to talk with her, be her friend, and tell her about Jesus in her more lucid moments. And I am happy to still speak words of encouragement into her life even though she is quite confused at what I say. But, like any of us who remembers an old friend, I'm feeling a little nostalgic.

So, sad as I might sound, I really am so happy that I have the memories of my time with her; for not having them would be so sad.

~John

I thank my God every time I remember you.

Philippians 3:16

Prayer Letter...

Dear Prayer Partner Suzie,

It is Shoebox time!!!

We are excited about our annual shoebox program again. We are trying something new this year for fundraising. We have created note cards to be used to encourage people in our lives who we are praying for. This one fundraiser has the potential to reach lots of people with the love of Jesus.

*This single donation gives you, as a donor, greeting cards to give to people who will then be encouraged.

*That single donation provides money to buy items for the people we serve to fill Shoeboxes.

*And that single donation does so much directly AND it would take another page or two in order to describe the indirect blessing of it upon the world as a whole.

One single donation does so much for so very little. So we invite you to be a part of this fundraising effort.

1. Take just one minute to ask God's blessing on the Shoebox program
2. Order cards for yourself at www.thesharing.org
3. Order packets of cards at www.thesharing.org as gifts for your friends
4. Invite your friends to order cards from www.thesharing.org
5. Make an announcement at your church about our Shoebox program
 - *Then ask them to buy cards at www.thesharing.org
6. Like our Facebook page - <https://www.facebook.com/thesharingorg/>
7. Share the Facebook fundraiser info with everyone you know
 - *and ask them to buy cards from our website too.

If everyone gets involved we are sure to raise enough money for this year's Shoebox program! And thank you in advance for your participation.

Last month I asked if you could help us with writing individual notes to the children who will receive our Shoeboxes this Christmas. We are still in need of these notes, so if you have a Sunday School class or Small Group that would like to help, please contact me.

In February we started a Discipleship Group for Families and it went very well. So well, in fact, that I think the devil hates it, because we had to cancel two of the first four weeks due to illnesses in our family. Please be in prayer for this group as it seems to have the potential to meet a real need in the lives of the modern Christian family.

And thank you so much for being with us as we impact the lives of residents (and more) with the love of Jesus.

By His Grace,



John

We know love by this, that He laid down His life for us; and we ought to lay down our lives for the brethren.

1 John 3:16