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### **Ministry Moment...**

I have this problem: I forget names. As quickly as I meet someone, their name goes right through me like a breakfast burrito. Poof! It's gone. I have even forgotten my wife's name at introductions. She compensates for me when she sees that I am struggling with it. She will stick out her hand and introduce herself to the person before I have the chance to fumble and embarrass myself. *(I know, I married wel, I right?)*

The other day I met a man named Frank. Please don't ask me why I remember his name, I just do. He's a new guy to our service, a bit of a joker, and he enjoyed the service and participated.

After the service Frank commented that he didn't have time for church when he was younger. He said this with a mournful expression and included that he felt that he failed his kids. I wasn't sure what he wanted me to say, if he was looking for some sort of absolution or not, but I just remained silent for the moment. After a moment he shrugged a little and told me that he was glad to meet me and he looked forward to the next week.

As I consider Frank's admission to failing his kids, I look forward to telling him about the cross of Christ that forgives us where we have failed and how there is hope in spite of failure.

Thank you for helping to provide hope and grace to the residents who too are in Frank's boat.

~John

## Prayer Letter...

Dear Prayer Partner,

Hi, there! The new year is in full swing, and I couldn't be more excited. This year we will usher in the start of our 15<sup>th</sup> year of ministry! I have to admit that I really did not expect to still be ministering to the homes this far into it. And I will also admit that I expected the turnover rate of people in the homes to be more drastic; I actually have a lady who was in our very first service on September 7, 2003. Yes, I am looking forward to yet another year of reminding and calling the residents to have faith in their resurrected Savior.

During 2017 I want to accomplish a number of things. I hope to:

- Continue our mission of serving the homes with the love of Christ.
- Meet the demands of the approved 2017 budget.
- Organize and enable the board to help us succeed in our mission and vision.
- Effectively reach out to the churches in our county to join us in the effort.
- Increase our monthly prayer partners by 40 people, families, or churches.
- Increase our shoeboxes by 20% (Increase to 10).
- To support the Davies better as they so faithfully minister to three homes.

I'm sure there is more that I hope to do, but this is the minimum. Please pray with me that our Lord will enable and guide me to accomplish these goals for the sake of the residents. And pray that I will have patience as God often guides me differently than what I initially think is best.

As part of this prayer letter I, have included a sort of report for the 2016 ministry year. Please look it over as I am so impressed with how much God is doing through our ministry. Thank you for your part in making it to happen.

And one final thing: would you please pray with me for Jenn and Drew Davies who minister at the Moravian Corridor homes? Though they don't agree, Megan and I feel that we have not done a good job at supporting and encouraging them as they do an often difficult task.

So thank you, and may God richly bless you as together we share the good news of Jesus to the forgotten Church.



John