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Ministry Moment...

I met a woman last year in St. Louis, MO and I fell in love with her. I was having lunch with a few people and she was part of the group. Our time together was short; in the more than 410,800 hours of my life only four of them were with her.

She had been the secretary of the pastor who started the association of churches that we are a part of. I have met many Christian people in my life but there was something in her manner that impressed me. At one point, she grabbed me by the hand and I was automatically drawn into an embrace and prayer with her. Those few hours with her were incredible and natural.

I recently learned that she had been ill through the winter and now she had passed away in April. I'm not a person who weeps but I feel the tightening of emotion in my chest as I write this. It's amazing to me how quickly the bonds of Christian friendship can be formed.

I have the privilege of taking the love and gospel of Jesus to the residents in the nursing care community each week, and I am mindful that there are many more people in my life that I have the opportunity of forming such relationships with.

This makes me happy.

~John

Prayer Letter...

Dear Brad & Melissa,

Hi there, I trust you are enjoying the sunlight of the summer—I know we are.

This past month I had one of the most unique experiences with God that I have had in my Christian life. I went to a men's retreat that was beyond blessed and I experienced our Lord through dynamic relationships with other men. I have been to many retreats in my Christian life, and for the life of me I don't remember a one of them, but I don't know how I could ever forget this one. Thank you for all who prayed for my time away these past few months, it was a grand blessing.

I received a phone call from Jen and Drew the other Sunday as they were informed that the three homes that they serve were closing their doors, and all the residents would be moving within the week. This was a huge surprise to us but after making a few phone calls I learned that it was true, and so we've gone from serving nine homes to just six. This gives rise for a couple different prayer requests.

1. Please pray for the residents as they transition into their new homes. Pray that they are taken care of and that that they are able to be encouraged in their faith.
2. Please pray for Jenn and Drew as they will be dealing with the immediate separation from the people that they have so faithfully been serving—many of them for years.
3. And please pray for all of us as together as we try to hear from God for the future. We are seeking God to see if Jenn & Drew should stay with us and seek other homes to minister to, or if God is calling them into a new chapter of ministry.

Please pray for these things as that's about it for this month. A lot is happening here but we are all confident that as we seek His leading, and wait on His guidance, that all will be well in the end. Thank you for praying with and for us.

Blessings,



John R Rock

On one occasion, while he was eating with them, he gave them this command: “Do not leave Jerusalem, but wait for the gift my Father promised, which you have heard me speak about.

Acts 1:4

