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### Ministry Moment...

"They're shutting down this home next week...and the other two as well."

Those words put us in shock. We had just left the first home and hadn't been able to say goodbye to the folks there. We don't know if we'll ever see them again and now we're at the second home on our Sunday schedule and looking into their fear-filled eyes, we didn't know what to say.

As we opened the hymnals and began our worship, frantic thoughts rushed through my mind. What happens now? Where will these people go? Will we ever see them again? Will they have a church service wherever they end up? Will there be someone to remind them that they are loved and never really alone?

"Please give me the words to say, Father," I prayed silently. "You alone know what they need to hear."

Just then as I was partly singing and partly praying, I felt a calmness in my spirit and a thought came across my mind that seemed to overcome all of the others: "Trust Me."

We prayed aloud together that the Spirit of God would meet us there, that it would be His words spoken and that they would fill every heart the way He intended.

As I opened my Bible and started to deliver the message, I realized it was the exact message that these folks needed to hear. What God had put on my heart, long before we walked in and got the shocking news, was the message of trusting Him, even in the midst of chaos, even in a seemingly scary situation, even when you can't see the next step (2Cor. 5:7). We have an amazing Dad who loves us with an awesome kind of love (Zeph. 3:17)! He cares about every tear we cry (Psalm 56:8) and doesn't like when we go through painful things, but He comforts us (2 Cor. 1:3) and can make lemonade out of life's lemons if we trust Him to (Romans 8:28). No matter what trials we go through in this life though, we can be assured that they are temporary (2Cor. 4:17) and that He will never leave our side through them (Isaiah 43:2).

We are grateful that God knew what they needed to hear at the homes that day. We're grateful that a few of the residents have been transferred to homes that are still being served by The Sharing Org and that John will make sure they keep hearing God's Word. We continue to pray for all of these people whose hearts we had set out to touch for Christ, but who have inadvertently left a mark on ours.

~Jenn and Drew

## Prayer Letter...

Dear Prayer Partner,

This past month we officially began our summer. The children are in a variety of free and budget-friendly summer programs such as Junior Law Enforcement Academy through the Chesterfield Police, STARBASE Camp at Selfridge Air National Guard Base, and the summer Drama Camp at The Aud in Richmond. We are blessed that our family is able to participate in these summer activities. And God provided us with a second vehicle after we turned in our lease, which is making all of this kid-chauffeuring possible!

With July we begin our annual Shoebox program. This is always the highlight of our year! The residents love packing items for destitute children all around the world, many of you enjoy donating the funds to purchase the items that we pack, I love being part of packing shoeboxes for the last 21 years, and I know for a fact that the children are overjoyed with the gifts that they receive being part of Operation Christmas Child. Our shoebox program blesses many individual people in many different ways, and I am grateful for Samaritan's Purse for giving us this avenue to spread the gospel and love of Jesus in a very practical way. Please **visit the Operation Christmas Child website**<sup>1</sup> to learn how you and your church might be involved with your church's own shoebox program.

I wrote last week that three of our homes suddenly closed their doors which left Jenn and Drew Davies without homes to minister to. We have prayed about their future with The Sharing Org and have concluded that they should take this time to seek God and what His plans might be for them. We have not closed the door on the idea of them continuing with us, but for now, we all believe that they should just take a break, focus on seeking His direction, and move forward only after they are sure about their next move. We will be working together to develop a training booklet to help churches develop nursing care community ministries in their own congregations. So thank you for praying for us about this; we are pleased that God has answered our prayers in this matter.

I will close here and I leave you with a short word from the Davies themselves.

### ***(FROM THE DAVIES)***

For now, we feel we are in a time of being refilled, so that, in His timing and in His way, our ministry work can continue. Please keep praying for clarity from God and His guidance in how He wants us to keep obeying Jesus' Great Commission. We remain praying for all of you.

~Jenn and Drew

Many blessings,



John R Rock

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<sup>1</sup> <http://sampur.se/28QIvNE>