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### Ministry Moment...

I first met him about four years ago, and he would speak much about his wife and adult children. They were still very much a part of his life and would visit often, though through the years his mind has slipped and the visits from his family have become less frequent.

The other day I was sitting at the table during our time of worship, and I noticed that next to him sat a woman who has been with us for a year or so. As we sang I noticed she slid her hand over and held his hand for a few minutes.

My first thought was about the man's wife and the impropriety of him holding hands with another woman. But there was nothing to it really; just one friend taking comfort of another friend where I imagine it can be lonely at times.

After the song their hands parted, the momentary comforting of friends was over and they continued on with their worship of our Lord. While the moment was just that fleeting moment, in my mind it was a good reminder that Jesus comforts His church in even in the most remote places at times.

~John

### Mark 1:40-42

<sup>40</sup> *A man with leprosy came to him and begged him on his knees, "If you are willing, you can make me clean."*

<sup>41</sup> *Jesus was indignant. He reached out his hand and touched the man. "I am willing," he said. "Be clean!"* <sup>42</sup> *Immediately the leprosy left him and he was cleansed.*

## Prayer Letter...

Dear Prayer Partner,

Although shoeboxes never stop around here, October is when it begins officially for us. This month we get to fill shoeboxes with the residents! The time it takes to actually fill the boxes with the residents is minimal compared to the planning and distribution, but the act itself is a huge blessing to our residents as it helps them to reach the world around them in a very real and concrete way. Thank you all who donated items and money toward this year's program, and please pray for us all as we conduct the filling of 50 shoeboxes.

On November 4<sup>th</sup> is an official shoebox event party in Canton, MI, if you are interested in meeting us there. Please let me know or just show up; it's always a great time and plenty of food. I've included a link to the invite below. If you can't make it but would like to fill a shoebox on your own, just Google "OCC Shoeboxes" and it will point you in the right direction.

**Greater Detroit Area Team -- Operation Christmas Child 2017 Countdown Event (<http://bit.ly/2f3VP40>)**

This past month I was fitted for a foot brace. I am not walking well these days and have a drop foot that causes me to trip and fall at times. This new foot brace will be hinged and spring-loaded to help me get that toe up when I walk. As they were fitting me the doctor noticed that my other leg is ¼" shorter than my drop foot leg, so he is fitting me with a lift for my other shoe as well. Hopefully between the foot brace and the lift I should be getting around better. I thank God that I can still walk at all, and so I ask you to pray with me that these new devices will help me to improve in my ability to continue to walk for years to come.

Ian has adjusted well to preschool, and Megan and the older kids have gotten into a good homeschool routine of their own.

And as always, please pray for the people we minister to wherever that may be. Pray that we are able to communicate a vivid and inviting picture of the Lord Jesus Christ and that they will find comfort in it.

Blessing,



John R. Rock

## **2 Corinthians 1:3-5**

*<sup>3</sup> Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of mercies and God of all comfort, <sup>4</sup> who comforts us in all our affliction, so that we may be able to comfort those who are in any affliction, with the comfort with which we ourselves are comforted by God. <sup>5</sup> For as we share abundantly in Christ's sufferings, so through Christ we share abundantly in comfort too.*

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