



The Sharing Organization

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### Ministry Moment...

For years, since 2006 I guess it's been, a gentleman has been asking me every few months for a written letter to the courts explaining how he was regular at the weekly worship service and how his participation is exceptional. When I initially wrote the letter I was not sure how to write it because he wanted to use it as a tool to prove to the courts that he was competent to leave the assisted living home and move into his own place. From my position, he wasn't well enough to move out on his own, but I knew that wasn't my call, so I wrote the letter just stating that he was a "regular active participant" at the weekly worship service. He was very happy to get the positive review and that, *I thought*, was that.

A few months later he informed me that he lost the original letter and asked me to send him another one. This I forgot to do, and he pestered me about it until after I did so. It became a pattern over the next many years that he would ask me to send him a new letter because he had lost the previous one; he did this every four months or so. Last year he moved on to a new home, and I was not sure where he had gone. That's the way of it--rarely do people have advance notice that they are moving, and when they do it is always immediately; sort of like the "hurry-up-and-wait" movement of the Army.

In January of this year, I received a phone call from the gentleman. It was good to hear from him and learn how he was doing and where he ended up. He asked me to send him another one of those letters, and he gave me his new address. He asked me to start doing services at his new location, but his new location was outside of Detroit, so I let him know that even if my schedule would allow it, I was not able to do a service that far away.

After we hung up, I was getting his letter ready to send, and I thought about how I had sent him dozens of letters over the years, and I was puzzled how he could possibly always lose them. Then it dawned on me, he probably didn't lose them, I think he just liked getting real mail in the post box. It's sort of like when I was in the Army, getting mail was validation that you had not been forgotten and people were remembering you.

I think I will send him a hand written note card this week, just to say "Hi."

~John

## Prayer Letter...

Dear Prayer Partner,

I met a gentleman named Barry on Easter and learned that he has been doing a Bible study service at a nursing home in Richmond for a couple of years. He's been doing this all on his own, not through his church or anything. He just believed this is what God would have him do, and he set it up and now does it. I was thrilled to meet him, because he has a passion for the residents and caring for them. We shared over breakfast one day, and he is excited to share with people what we do through the Sharing Organization. I have offered to help him with anything he needs, but he's pretty much set up. The one thing that I was able to help with is providing him with a list of Adult Foster Care Homes in the St. Clair Shores community, because he wants to help his brother and niece get set up for going into a home in that area. Please pray for Barry as he endeavors to get another home served by his brother and niece; that all would go well and another group of residents will know that they are not forgotten by our Savior.

There isn't much on the home front that is new for us. The kids are winding down with school, and Megan is planning the family's list of activities to do before the snow flies again in the Fall. I continue to serve six homes each week with the love and gospel of Jesus. Please pray for us in our endeavors.

Again we are hosting a **Meet & Greet & Eat** on June 2<sup>nd</sup> from 1 to 5 p.m. at Haven Place, 58575 Main Street, New Haven, MI 48048. The doors will open at 1 p.m. with the program starting at 1:30 p.m. **Please join us and bring friends who you think would appreciate our work.** Contact me via phone or e-mail by June 1<sup>st</sup> to RSVP with how many people will be joining you.

I pray for each of you as you follow our Lord in your own journey to honor and glorify Him.

Be blessed,



John R. Rock