



The SHARinG Org

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Dear Prayer Partners,

Blessings to you all! This past month has been quite an exciting time for us as the Lord has used us in significant ways to serve our community, as well as opened up a new opportunity to serve those who are unable to leave their residences to worship with the rest of the Church.

You might remember that in January God called the SHARinG Org to meet the need of a local family of six who needed a reliable vehicle. We met this need by purchasing and giving them a mini-van. Just a week ago or so we received a phone call from the family telling us what that gift has meant to them. They told us that by us giving them the van they were free from having to use their income tax refund to repair their old vehicle. When their tax refund arrived they were able to use it to rent and move into a three-bedroom house. Until now they had been living in a tiny, two-bedroom apartment that was very cramped for their large family. We thank you all for your continued prayer and financial support that allowed us to meet the call of God for the benefit of this family.

In February we had to cancel two of our Sunday morning worship services because of a virus. The nursing home staff called us to cancel so that Megan and I would not become ill as we prepared to have a baby. We are grateful for their concern and God's protection. **Please pray that the residents would get over the virus and back to good health.**

At the beginning of February we launched a monthly children's contest in our community to promote the SHARinG Org. The contest is called "What's in the Can?" and children from 1st to 7th grades are invited to play for a prize package that includes two free drinks from the local gas station, \$5.00 in free gas, two free Steak n' Shake shakes, and a \$25.00 gift certificate to a local toy store. We've put a video on the local cable access station and put leaflets out to the children in the schools. **Please pray that the Lord would allow this effort to see success as we try to inform our community of our existence and the service that we provide.**

February marked our sixth month of ministry in our community, and the Lord has opened the door for us to serve more. Recently a gentleman who owns five adult foster homes in the area heard of us. So he contacted the SHARinG Org to provide spiritual services to his facilities, and we began a Tuesday afternoon worship service for one home that has about 30 residents. That one home has almost doubled the reach of our ministry! This is a great blessing, as our Lord taught that those who are faithful with a little will be given more. My heart is overjoyed as we are being pushed into a greater work with more people to love. **I ask that you would pray for me specifically as I attempt to meet this new need and the need of the other four homes in the near future.** I have yet to find full-time work, adjust to a new baby in my life, and I am beginning to see just how vast the ministry opportunity is for the SHARinG Org - I am beginning to feel the pressure. My desire is to remain strictly as a volunteer in this ministry, but the ministry seems to be growing quickly and could easily become a full-time commitment. **Please pray that the Lord will grant me the wisdom to do what is right rather than simply to follow my own desires.**

Thank all of you for the encouraging notes that we receive each month and for your continued prayers. I'm excited to see how God will develop our ministry over the next six months. May God bless you and your families.

God bless,
John Rock on behalf of The SHARinG Org Team
(John, Megan, Brad, & Melissa)

Something Extra Special
This month Megan and I welcomed our daughter Sela Joy into the world. She was born on February 15 and weighed in at 8 lbs. & 11 oz. spanning 21.25" in length. Mom and Sela are both home, healthy, and doing fine. Sela is simply beautiful - but then again I am biased.

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