



# The SHARing Org

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Dear Prayer Partners,

It is my pleasure to once again update all of you about the state of our ministry. Living each month mindful of significant happenings in our ministry causes me to remain aware of what God is doing in and through us. If I did not have all of you to inform about our work I think it would be too easy to coast through it without ever really considering its significance. Thank you all for not only praying for us but also for the accountability that you provide us with.

In June's prayer letter I told you about the sign that I had purchased and put up in order that people in our community would see our web address and hopefully visit our web site in order to learn about The SHARing Org. So far the sign has doubled our web site traffic bringing us 68 visitors during May alone. We've even had one local woman from an area church write to become a Prayer Partner! I could not be happier. **Please continue to pray** that we would be able to inform the community of our work so that they too would be in prayer on our behalf.

A couple of weeks ago I was called by our friend Pastor Shane from Community Baptist Church of Richmond. He informed me that he had a family in need of a vehicle and knowing that we have given cars to other families in the past, he was wondering if I had any leads. Well as the Lord would have it, I did, and we were able to work together to provide this family with a vehicle. I was thrilled that we could work together with a local church in order to help someone in the community. I thank God that the SHARing Org is being perceived by others as a benefit to the community as a whole. **Please pray** that our work will continue to generate this sort of good will with the area churches.

This month I have a prayer request for a personal need. As many of you are aware, I have Multiple Sclerosis and it is usually not too much of a problem to live with. However, in the beginning of June my legs have essentially become lame. I still get around with a cane or walker, but if my legs get any worse I will likely have to go to a wheelchair. The part that really bothers me, though, is that I may have an opportunity to expand our ministry to three new care facilities and provide a church service for about 50 more people each week. However, if I am not able to walk I am not likely to be able to take on this added work load. Megan and I have gone through our time of self-pity and pouting, but we have decided that we are people of faith and no matter what, we will live as people of faith despite the problems. We admit freely to God, and to you, that we don't understand (or like) our present situation, but we are people of faith with *hope* in a God who redeems his people. **So we ask you to pray** with us that Megan and I will remain faithful to our Lord as we work through this awkward time of our lives.

Again, I wish you all a great summer. If the temperature ever catches up, it should turn out to be a very nice one. I pray that all of you will bask in the grace and hope that is ours through Christ our Lord and that you will live in his peace as you minister in your own lives to those around you who need his love.

Thank you & God bless,  
John Rock on behalf of The SHARing Org Team

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