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THE FATHER, THE
SON, AND THE
HOLY GHOST

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Love And Compassion Ministries News Letter

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*Happy New
Year*

**I wish to pray blessings on all of you that read this News Letter
The Lord wishes to bless all His children!
Numbers 6:22-27 says:**

22. **And the Lord spoke to Moses, saying:**
23. **Speak to Aaron and his sons, saying, This is the way you shall bless the children of Israel. Say to them:**
24. **“The Lord bless you, and keep you;**
25. **The Lord make His face shine upon you, And be gracious to you;**
26. **The Lord lift up His countenance upon you, And give you peace.”**
27. **“So they shall put My name on the children of Israel, and I will bless them.”**

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Love And Compassion Ministries has a new staff member. We thank God for providing a man of God that is willing to toil on the front lines of ministry work, helping many with their struggles through counseling.

This is his story!

Rev. Steve Smith

It is with real delight that I begin my work at Love and Compassion Ministries. For the past year I have been an Associate Pastor at First Assembly West on Pine Island Road. My jobs there included pastoral care and outreach to the community. I was thoroughly enjoying my job there when the Lord started to put a message in my head. I needed to be counseling the people in my care not for just an hour or two, but over a longer term during which we could really work on their problems.



God was also prodding me to reach the lost, and although my efforts at FAW met with some success, I felt God was asking me to go among the lost, or as we read in Luke 14, we are to ... “go out into the highways and hedges, and compel them to come in, that my house may be filled”. In other words, God wanted me to go among the lost, and invite them to become part of His family. Where was I to do that? How would I ever find the proper venue, and above all, “Lord, Why me!?”

As I pondered God’s will, I reviewed my path to ministry. I had been called by God, very clearly at 8 years old, but got no support from my parents. My father was an angry Christian; if there can be such a thing, so I gave over Christianity because I didn’t want to be that way.

I devoted myself to the enemy for years, and ended up in disaster at age 50 after an experience like Job’s. Over the decade of the ‘90’s I gradually returned to God, and in 1998, **Jesus tackled me from behind in an experience on Easter Sunday morning**, which left me reeling for weeks. **Every time I closed my eyes I pictured myself at the foot of the cross** cradling Jesus’ dead body in my arms. Soon after that my call to ministry reasserted itself, and I found myself pursuing it in different ways. I did a year of college ministry at FGCU for the Presbyterian Church. I found the Emmaus Community, and my Christianity grew and deepened. I became a Kairos Prison ministry worker, and participated in Kairos weekends at Moore Haven, and at Charlotte Correctional.

I became very aware of my shortcomings as a minister and began an online program to complete courses qualifying me as a lay minister in the Presbyterian Church. During this time I began to understand very clearly that our ordination comes not from the church, but from God. Nonetheless, I needed a license to minister and pursued it through the World Bible Way Fellowship, first a license to Minister, and after a year of full time ministry, an Ordination. Finally, after only 54 years I had an-

swered God's call.

As I said before, I was enjoying church ministry immensely, when God intervened. He pointed me at Isaiah, 55:8 ... "For my thoughts are not your thoughts, and My ways are not your ways." "But Lord," I said, "I don't want to go." "Never mind," He said. Then, after the Christmas Eve service at Central just days ago, I was handed two scriptures by a woman I didn't even know. She said, "God told me to give you these." They were Isaiah 48:17 "This is what the Lord, your Redeemer, the Holy One of Israel says; I am the Lord your God which teaches you what is best for you, who directs you in the way that thou should go. And the second was, Psalms 32:8, a similar warning to follow the Word of God.

Now enters Love and Compassion Ministries. I'd met Ron Willis at a meeting at FGCU, and immediately liked the guy. I so admired his ministry, and when I told him of my desire to Counsel, he immediately invited me to join with him in his effort. He said he would provide me with an office, a couch, a chair, and what ever else I needed, to do the job!

As another sign from God, I had been enrolled in a Master of Arts in Biblical studies program at Trinity College and Seminary in Newburgh Indiana, and was considering a change in my major to counseling when I got an announcement by e-mail that they were starting a new program which would be an accelerated online course, in Biblical counseling. To make matters more interesting, if I enrolled, I could apply all the tuition I had already paid, to this new program. **That was enough of a sign for me! I made the move.**

The past three months have been difficult, as I transition to my new position. I had to announce from the pulpit that Pastor Steve would be even more available than before, but would no longer be on the church staff. I had to explain my calling to a pastor who had learned to lean on me as his right hand.

But as I began to attend rallies for the homeless, and had an opportunity to preach to a group on the street at Thanksgiving, **I began to see the blessings which would be involved in such a ministry.** So as I type this article I am sitting in my new office at Love and Compassion Ministries and counting my blessings.

If I can be of help to you in any way, please call me at LCM's office at 239-574-5683, or email me at drplanet@comcast.net.

God bless you all, and remember that Jesus loves you and so do I.

Steve Smith

Pastor Steve Smith



Thanks to Jan (See Mark 4:35-41)

06-23-2006

JUST GIVE ME FIVE MORE MINUTES

My marriage was at its end ...

My husband and I had gone to several christian and non-christian marriage counselors for help, but nothing seemed to work.

It got so bad that we separated and started working with a marriage counselor within a local Church. After working with us for several weeks, the counselor determined that our marriage was dead on arrival and suggested that we should divorce. That was the lowest point of my life! I felt that I had failed to be a wife and yet I knew that I had to do all I could to protect my children's future and mine.

Upon finding out that we were looking for a divorce attorney, Rev. Willis, with Love And Compassion Ministries, asked us not to give up until he had a chance to work with us for a few weeks. He said that God hates divorce, that he could see the love we had for each other, and wanted to help us to see that love in each other.

Rev. Willis has so much patience! He worked with us for many weeks, listening to us, and giving us biblical reasons to hang on to each other through phone calls and several visits a week. With God's directing, he showed me where I was putting our children before my husband and degrading him. He showed my husband that satan was using all kinds of items (sins) to punch holes with-in the protective barrier that God has provided though him for his family.

I am happy to report that my husband and I are now back together. We are dealing with the issues that separated us and I am so happy that we have started a new life together with new hope in the future, and a new life in Christ, thanks to Ron Willis.

May God bless Ron Willis, Love and Compassion Ministries, and all that come to them in need of a new life. With divine authority and true concern, Rev. Willis gives people hope, direction, and helps people change into a person God wants them to be.



If your marriage is at its end, you need to know that change is possible if you desire it and allow God to do the changing. If you are trying to change your partner, stop! Let God do the changing. Never try to cover up sin, confess it and ask God to forgive you of that sin. Sin causes a barrier to be erected up between you and God. It also put a barrier between you and your mate.

Rev. Willis showed us that the closer you and your mate are to God, the closer you two will be to each other. So get into a good Bible believing Church, read your Bible daily with your mate, pray for your mate, and if all else fails go see the people at Love And Compassion Ministries. I am sure that they will be able to help you see the light.

Matthew 19:6 says: So that they are no more two, but one flesh. What therefore God hath joined together, let not man put asunder.

By: Melissa Endsley



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**When you are down and out and
 you need a friend call
 Love And Compassion
 Ministries.**

**They will introduce you to a
 friend that will be there for you
 in any situation,
 today and tomorrow.**

Dear Love & Compassion Ministries,

11-05-07

My name is Dale Johnson and I'm an inmate at Baker Correctional. I want to write and say thank you for sending me your news letter. I'm sure someone puts a lot of hard work into it and it sure makes me feel good to know someone has taken the time to send them to me.

I was a resident of Cape Coral at one time. I owned a home there with my wife & daughter. When I found out my wife was committing adultery, I turned to alcohol to kill the pain.

It turned out to be a terrible decision. I was desperate for help. One day after work I drove to a Church down the street, but the doors of the Church were locked. I knew the bar would be open, so once again alcohol and satan had a firm grip on me. I realize now that God never shut His door on me, I opened my door to satan.

I have four more months left on my sentence and a new beginning to look forward to. This time with God in my life, hopefully I can meet you all since I will be visiting my daughter there in Cape Coral.

Thank you!

God Bless,

Dale

PS: One of my favorite verses is... I Corinthians 13:13

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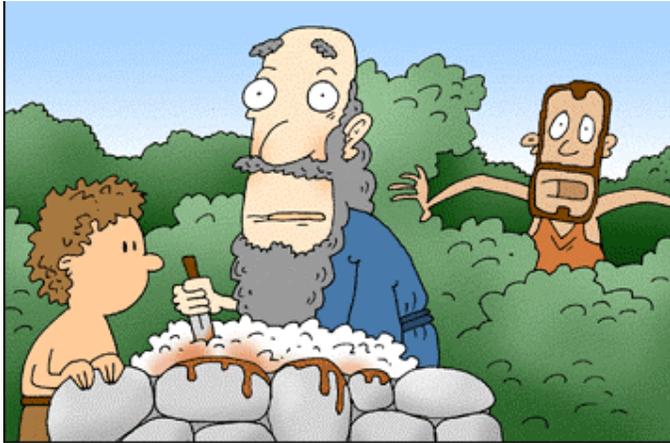
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And Provide The Money For Deposit / Rent

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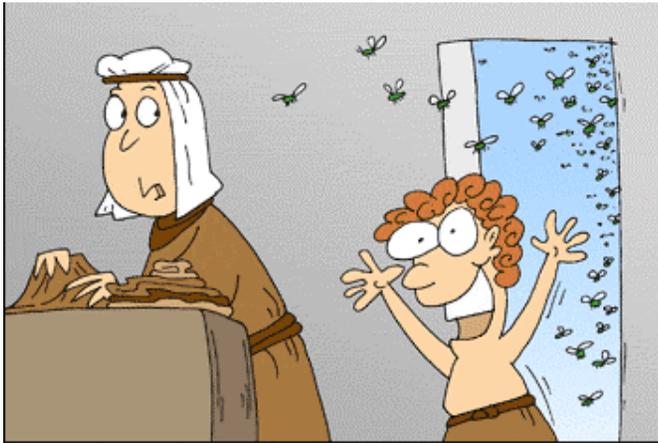
Thanks to Oscar Darling (See Genesis 22:1-18) 06-08-2007

HEY ABRAHAM, HAVE YOU SEEN MY RAM? ... I'VE GOTTA FIND HIM QUICK AND GET BACK TO THE OTHER 99 BACK AT THE FOLD



(See Matthew 7:24-27) 04-25-2007

WISE MAN LEADS FOOLISH MAN BY OVER 100,000 AS WE HEAD INTO FINAL JEOPARDY, WHERE THE TOPIC WILL BE ... "SOLID FOUNDATIONS"



Thanks to Richard Germain (See Exodus 7-12) 02-26-2007

YAY, NO SCHOOL ... PLAGUE DAY!



Thanks to Abri Stegmann 11-06-2007

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Thank You!



Love And Compassion Ministries

Dear Friends,

I first need to ask you to please forgive me for not getting this publication out on time. This is the time of year where a lot has to be done in such a small time frame. The year end books have to be balanced, a new budget has to be ready for the new year, all donation statements have to be sent out, along with all the usual every day items that normally have to be done.

On top of everything else we have to do, we must decide on a place where God wants this ministry to operate from. We have looked at so many available spaces in the past few months, that my head is spinning. I am sure that if God showed us the office He wanted us to be working out of, then He would provide the money needed to not only get moved in, but provide money to pay the monthly rent.

As you probably know, there is an election going on, but you may not know that as of today, the eight democratic candidates have raised more than 244 million dollars. Eight republican candidates have raised more than 167 million dollars. All this money is spent in order for one person to be elected as president receiving a salary of 400 thousand dollars a year. There is something very wrong with this picture when someone will spend more than 100 million dollars to get a job that only pays 400 thousand dollars.

If we could raised only a very small part of the money that will be spent on the 2008 election, on homelessness, we could eliminate homelessness forever. With a few million, we could house hundreds of people while teaching them a trade, get them a job, getting them the education they need, and help them with their spiritual walk with God. If we would only get as involved in doing something for the homeless, the imprisoned, and the mentally challenged people of this state, as we do getting someone elected, we would not have near as many problems.

Please pray with me that this will be the year where people will see what Love And Compassion Ministries is doing to better this county, state, and nation. Won't you join us in our fight against suicide, hate, pornography, profanity, devil worshipping, divorce, anger, abuse, drugs, alcohol, laziness, hunger, loss of hope, homelessness, and prison overcrowding?

I thank God for each of you. I pray blessings on each one of you as you give us hope to keep on going when times are hard. It is my hope and prayer that you will continue to help us in our mission to spread GOD'S Word. Will you please make a commitment to pray for us and help us with our financial needs as we enter 2008?

In the Presence of our LORD,

Ron Willis

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If you would like to be a part of our exciting prayer team, please send us your e-mail address and we will send you updates of people who need our prayers. *The LORD is near to all who call upon HIM, to all who call upon HIM in truth.* Psalm 145:18 NKJ

It is a great privilege that we have, as sons and daughters of the KING, to be able to come into HIS presence with our needs, our hurts, and our cares. We know that we can leave them at HIS feet because HE cares for us and will always answer us in our time of need.

Prayer requests are very important to us! We always need people who are caring and willing to personally pray for others needs. As we pray for their physical, moral, and spiritual needs, we must understand that because of JESUS CHRIST'S love for all of us, we are able to do this. CHRIST is the answer to every human's needs.

As members of the Body of CHRIST, we have the privilege and responsibility to pray for our Churches, our missionaries, public officials, other ministries, and each other.

It is so exciting to see prayers being answered. May we always give CHRIST the Glory!