

IN THE NAME OF
THE FATHER, THE
SON, AND THE
HOLY GHOST

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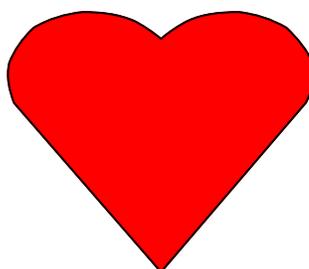
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YOUR LIFE



As we grow up, we learn that even the one person that isn't supposed to ever let you down, probably will. You will have your heart broken, probably more than once, and it gets harder every time.

You'll break hearts too, so remember how it felt when yours was broken. You'll fight with your best friend. You'll blame a new love for things an old one did. You'll cry because time is passing too fast, and you'll eventually lose someone you love.

So take too many pictures, laugh too much, and love like you've never been hurt; because, every sixty seconds you spend upset is a minute of happiness you'll never get back!

**Don't be afraid that your life will end,
be afraid that it will
never begin!**



Len Alvarez

As a native of Fort Myers, Len Alvarez has watched and been a part of Southwest Florida's growth. After completing his undergraduate degree in Business Management at Carson-Newman College (78), Len returned home to become a businessman, lifelong learner and leader in his local church. Approximately fifteen years ago he took his relationship with Christ to a new level, committing to truly learn and use his gifts for God's glory on a full time basis.

While pursuing Nouthetic counselor training with Royal Palm Ministries and a Masters in counseling with Liberty University, God immediately began using him to serve the expanded Church. Assisting Child Evangelism Fellowship and several churches with V.B.S. and evangelism programs expanded his work with children and youth. Teaching and counseling with Royal Palm Ministries and serving as their administrator applied his gifts to assisting adults (including church staff). And serving as the Shelter Coordinator with the Lee County American Red Cross connected him to the community and the unchurched.

Two years ago, God combined Len's background leading him to New Missions Systems International as a Missionary and Crisis Relief Coordinator; using his gifts in an international arena. All along the way God has continually connected Len to the down and out of this world. First as a side ministry finding and giving used furniture and appliances to those in need while opening the doors for building relationships and sharing the gospel. Then through leadership in structured 12 step recovery programs, where discipleship and significant life change occur one day at a time. Years later, the Theophostic prayer and additional training have helped Len grow his giftedness as a missions' planter, administrator and evangelist.

Re-acquainting with Ron Willis has re-ignited a vision and passion for a God sized dream to help large numbers of people in need through a faith based recovery and growth community. God is in control of each step and it appears Len's path is joining with that of Love And Compassion Ministries. He has already had several meetings with Love And Compassion Ministries staff, including an exploratory trip to Dunklin Camp, research and resource gathering, and referring Christians who share the vision of God's Place.

Upon returning from a crisis relief trip to Haiti (mid January-mid February), Len plans to work toward making God's place his highest ministry priority. Please pray that God will draw together and guide each of us as we strive to make God's Place a reality.

If God has also put it in your heart to be part of God's Place, please contact us at: 239-574-5683.



There is nothing to fear when it comes to man. If we have strong faith in The Lord according to the Bible, our fears will go away.

Fear is the Opposite of Faith.

King David once wrote...

“In God I have put my trust; I will not be afraid. What can man do to me?” (Psalm 56:11)

A few thousand years we turn the page.

Today we can say this timeless verse:

"The LORD is my helper; I will not fear. What can man do to me?

(Hebrews 13:5-6)

Therefore as a child of God we should not to fear another person, place or thing!

After all what is fear but the opposite of faith!

In Mathew to our Savior Jesus Christ who said;

"And lo, I am with you always, even to the end of the age."

(Matthew 28:20)

What more assurance do we need?

BY: Dr. John Domino

As a Christian, I want to make friends. I want people to view me as someone who cares about people and someone who freely gives, not because of what I might get in return but because that is WHO I am. I know I have a ways to go. It is my journey. But I give to Love And Compassion Ministries because I know they care about the people they minister to. They have the right attitude about Christ's Love and forgiveness.

I've been rewarded in so many ways by our Lord and I know it is from my desire to give back what is rightfully His. Having that right attitude gives you the ability to reach the lost through Love And Compassion Ministries. They take what I give and are able to do things that I can not do on my own.

Thanks to Ron Willis and all the staff of LCM!

Betty C.

God's Place

LCM is looking for that special person to help us pursue opening a large multipurpose Christ centered recovery project called '**Gods Place**'. If you are a Christian and wish to help us put together a Christian community, with a biblical government system, and home grown leadership that exemplify high standards of morals and ethics, as we work with those in need to achieve restoration and wellness call us at 239-574-5683.

I Corinthians 26-28 ^{26.} *For ye see your calling, brethren, how that not many wise men after the flesh, not many mighty, not many noble, are called:*

^{27.} *But God hath chosen the foolish things of the world to confound the wise; and God hath chosen the weak things of the world to confound the things which are mighty;*

^{28.} *And base things of the world, and things which are despised, hath God chosen, yea, and things which are not, to bring to nought things that are:*

We wish to open the doors of God's Place to house the homeless and individuals who have physical, mental, social and spiritual needs, including released juvenile offenders, the down trodden, the drug and alcohol addicted, and hungry people of this area. LCM wishes to introduce all the clients to Jesus Christ without forcing religion down their throats. We believe that when Christ's love and compassion is offered, hope grows and the fallen are encouraged to learn and follow His ways. In a community such as this, every individual can grow toward a fullness of health, given the proper environment and guidance at God's Place. They will find a healthy balance in mind, body, and soul.

Our Lord continues to bring people from all walks of life to help set up and work out the details of one of the largest projects in Florida's history. These people are loving and compassionate while having the ability to see this God size dream come true. They are giving of their time and resources in order to help these people that are in such need. They are smart enough to know that they can not run ahead of God nor lag behind Him, but stay close to our Lord as He guides and directs.

Please keep these wonderful people in your prayers along with Love And Compassion Ministries.

Thank You!

Ron Willis

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Jesus Christ is in everything we do!**

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Thank You!

The History of Valentine's Day

Every February, across the country, candy, flowers, and gifts are exchanged between loved ones, all in the name of St. Valentine. But who is this mysterious saint and why do we celebrate this holiday? The history of Valentine's Day -- and its patron saint -- is shrouded in mystery. But we do know that February has long been a month of romance. St. Valentine's Day, as we know it today, contains vestiges of both Christian and ancient Roman tradition. So, who was Saint Valentine and how did he become associated with this ancient rite? Today, the Catholic Church recognizes at least three different saints named Valentine or Valentinus, all of whom were martyred.

One legend contends that Valentine was a priest who served during the third century in Rome. When Emperor Claudius II decided that single men made better soldiers than those with wives and families, he outlawed marriage for young men -- his crop of potential soldiers. Valentine, realizing the injustice of the decree, defied Claudius and continued to perform marriages for young lovers in secret. When Valentine's actions were discovered, Claudius ordered that he be put to death.

Other stories suggest that Valentine may have been killed for attempting to help Christians escape harsh Roman prisons where they were often beaten and tortured. According to one legend, Valentine actually sent the first 'valentine' greeting himself. While in prison, it is believed that Valentine fell in love with a young girl (She may have been his jailor's daughter) who visited him during his confinement. Before his death, it is alleged that he wrote her a letter, which he signed 'From your Valentine,' an expression that is still in use today.

Although the truth behind the Valentine legends is murky, the stories certainly emphasize his appeal as a sympathetic, heroic, and, most importantly, romantic figure. It's no surprise that by the Middle Ages, Valentine was one of the most popular saints in England and France.

Special thanks to American Greetings.



Happy Valentine's Day

February 14, 2009

Show someone that you love them!

Why not show them that you love them everyday!

A New Year

Last night we prayed in the new year
I could feel the presence of GOD was near
Brother Conrad was asked to pray
I listened to hear what the man of GOD would say
This could be the year of revival
We need to spread GOD'S word for our survival
It was such a beautiful sight to see
A new year's celebration that was drug free
Soon we will inaugurate Barrack Obama
I pray this happens without a lot of drama
This will be our first president who is not white
Lord please help him lead us with Godly insight
This year I'm sure many changes will take place
One thing that will not change is GOD'S grace
Lets keep our minds on things above
Lets treat each other with love
Jesus is coming again, this fact is clear
We know not when, could be this year
So let us live each day
Knowing Jesus is the only way
If we remember this we will find
GOD is going to shine in 2009

BY: David Hazellief
January 1, 2009



Love And Compassion Ministries

Dear Friends,

Do you remember the little prayer that most of us learned at a young age when we got ready for bed? It went something like this... *Now I lay me down to sleep, I pray the Lord my soul to keep, If I should die before I wake, I pray the Lord my soul to take. Amen!*

I am going to turn sixty very soon and death is creeping up on me faster than I could ever imagine. For the past few years I have had small but costly health issues to cause me to start thinking of my last years on this earth, what I have done with the time God has allowed me to have, and the lives I have touched in some way.

If I should die today I would not want my friends to cry over my passing, but rejoice. I would hope they wouldn't spend lots of money on a box to bury me in, or flowers that look good, but to continue to help Love and Compassion Ministries complete it's mission.

As you know, it has not been my blood and tears that has kept this ministry going for almost eleven years but God's hand on it. Even the long hours and crying for souls within stiff-necked, hard-headed people did nothing to help make this ministry successful.

God has always used people like you to help LCM be successful in assisting people of all walks of life in so many different circumstances. Within the people of God there is a desire to see that others do not lose hope. They are the life blood of this ministry.

I thank God for each of you! I thank all of you, for you are the ones that have given each month in order for me to have the greatest job on earth. God bless you all for giving when there seemed to be no way, for your sacrifices, and for your love for me and what we are doing.

Please ... Continue to pray for Love and Compassion Ministries and for me! Once again, thanks for all you do!

In the Presence of our LORD,

Ron Willis

Ron Willis, President
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*Psalms 19:14 Let the words of my mouth, and the meditation of my heart,
be acceptable in thy sight, O Lord, my strength, and my redeemer.*

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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.