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THE FATHER, THE
SON, AND THE
HOLY GHOST

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Welcome Van Wells – A Christian Who Loves Jesus! Van Shares His Experiences of Life in Another World

Dear Friends in Christ,

Have you ever had the desire to explore and interact with a different culture? If you did, was it for a vacation or to experience the labor of love?

One of our new directors, Van Wells, recently returned from a eight week mission trip which was a labor of love to give some hope to disadvantaged people in Santiago, Dominican Republic.

Van says, “The only true way to get to know people in a third world culture is to spend some quality time with them.”



Van Wells With Some Santiago Children

Van was invited to live with a family and in doing so he experienced a totally different way of life. A local Florida newspaper conducted an interview with Van in regards to his trip and his experiences. The following is the result of that interview:

Q. Why did you go to visit the poor people in Santiago? A. I went to find out the needs of the people there and to ask for the Lords’ guidance in helping them. I also went because of my beliefs. I believe that Jesus taught us to bear each others burdens. He also taught us to invite people to dinner who we can never repay.

Q. You spent many weeks over the Christmas Holidays with the people of Santiago. What was it about? It was about taking some needy children and mothers to hospitals and medical clinics. It was about working on a garden project so the people could feed themselves. It was about buying materials and making mosquito nets to help stop the spread of disease. It is about buying simple things like a baseball bat, gloves, etc., and then spending time playing the game with them. It is about reading stories to the children, praying together, and sharing the bible with children who are just beginning to develop morals.

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It was about buying a stroller for a child with neurological problems and helping that child's family to live a better life, while sharing some smiles and laughter. For me, it was just about sharing the love of Jesus!

Q. This was a mission trip so how were you funded or paid? I was paid with agape love, an unconditional kind of love that one can only experience through the love of Jesus. When a needy child smiles back at you, prays with you, and reaches out to hold your hand, you have earned your reward. When disadvantaged children really know how much you love them, then the love of Jesus has gone full circle. Jesus asked the question, "Do you love me? He also said "If you love me, feed my sheep." What will we say, how will we answer? Yes? No?

Q. What else do you have to say to your Christian friends and neighbors? May God be with you and bless you all, with much love. **Van Wells.**

Facts: In 2004 over 3340 people lost their lives from floods and mudslides in Haiti and Dominican Republic.

To any visitors of the island of Haiti or Hispaniola, it appears incongruous that two countries so different culturally can coexist in such a small area. Haiti on the western part has an Afro-French culture while the Dominican Republic on the eastern extension is Hispanic. Haitians speak Creole and French; Dominicans speak Spanish. The population of Haiti is mostly black. The Dominican Republic is mostly mulatto with a minority of black and white. In fact, the two countries merely coexist on this small island, with conflicts arising almost everyday between the two governments.





These are a few of the children that Van got to know!

The people of Santiago, Dominican Republic are very poor yet so respectable, kind, and grateful for all they have. They desire better and are willing to learn and do whatever they need to in order to better themselves.

UPDATE ON MINISTRY

Welcome to this new column. Its purpose is to let you know about our successes and our needs. Our current client load consists of people in jail, prison, and homeless people of all walks of life, men, women, and children. Many of our clients have relationship and/or financial problems.

We have several individuals coming in for counseling, and several street people whom we are also assisting. It is amazing to see how God is working in our midst, bringing us new people to care and pray for.

Many of our clients have incomes below the poverty level, and many cannot meet their monthly expenses. As much as we can, we try to keep them afloat as we counsel, and strive to help them become self sufficient.

Now here's the difficult part. Our budget for helping with basic needs is only \$187.50 per month which is set aside for the poor / indigent for auto repairs, food, clothing, medical, rent, transportation, and utilities. If we had two or three times that much, it would still not be enough to meet all our client's needs.

Now please don't misunderstand, we are not in the business of giving handouts. We simply try to supply basic needs while we are "teaching them to fish".

All of our money comes from donations and if you are reading this newsletter, chances are you have either donated in the past or you have been served by one of our programs. Either way, it's time to show your true colors! The needs of our clients are basic and highly needed. We cannot continue to serve an ever increasing client base on our small monthly budget amount.

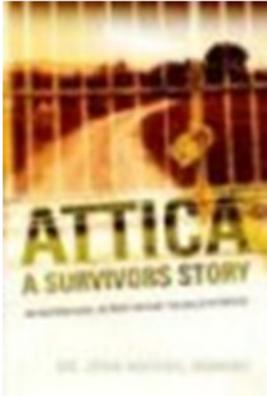
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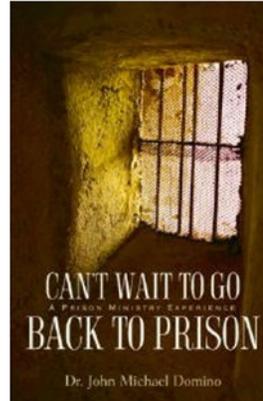
Help make it possible for someone to return to a useful life in society. Donate today.

(We are a 501(C) 3 organization, and all donations are fully tax deductible)

Author John Domino Has Donated All Profits from Prison Ministry Books To Love And Compassion Ministries



Attica A Survivors Story: Is a true account of the life of a unique man who lived part of his life in one of the toughest prisons in the country during a very difficult time in our nation's history.



Can't Wait To Go Back To Prison: Do you want to experience hope and joy? Do you want to feel inspiration in the middle of one of the darkest places? Then read this book!

We at Love and Compassion Ministries wishes to thank John Domino for his generosity and love he has shown this ministry!

Dr. John Michael Domino has served in the Kairos Prison Ministry for over five years. He was called by God to be a team member in this ministry. An educator by trade, John has written and published books for the Air Force Academy titled 'Strategies for Academic Success'. He served in the Air Force for twenty-four years, and he and his wife, Liz, are now both retired majors. Dr. Domino is currently employed at Florida Gulf Coast University as an academic retention specialist. His recent book about the blessings of prison ministry, 'Can't Wait to Go Back to Prison' and 'Attica A Survivors Story' was published by Xulon Press.

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Cleanliness is next to Godliness

One of the basic needs of all people is cleanness. We have many homeless people that wear their clothes for a week or so and then throw them away because they are dirty and it is easier to get people to give them more. What a waste!

Love And Compassion Ministries has been purchasing and giving out to the homeless a card from WASHABOUTS Laundry in North Fort Myers. The Card is a reloadable Cash Card.

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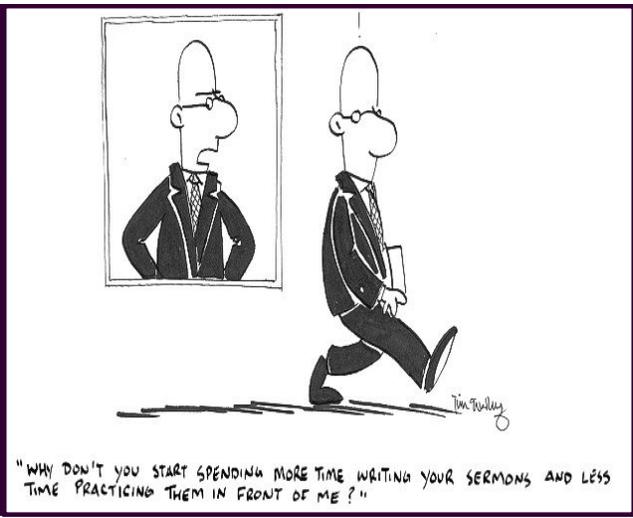
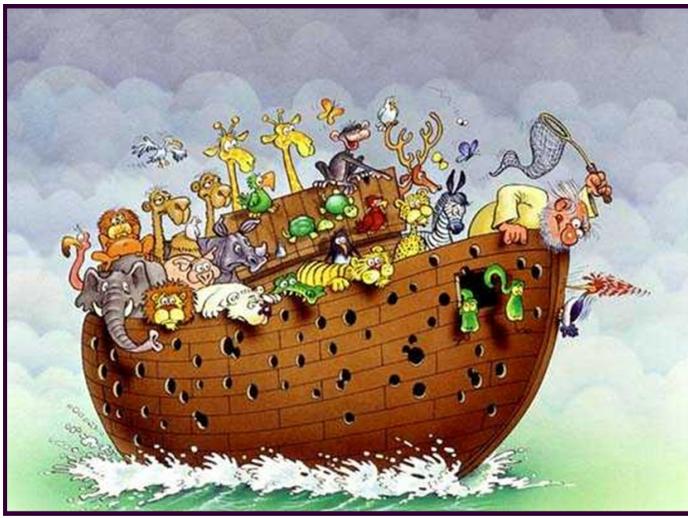
We load another \$12.00 on the card so that they can purchase laundry soap, and enough time for the washer and dryer to take care of two large loads of clothing. After they have washed and dried their items they can turn the card back in and receive \$3.00 cash back that will allow them to get something to eat. It works great for us and for them!

If you wish to be part of this important element of this ministry or give a tax exempt donation of \$15.00 for one card / \$30.00 for two cards or any multiple there of. Send your checks to the address below marked Wash.

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Thanks for your support!

"Things don't go wrong and break your heart, so you can become bitter and give up. They happen to break you down and build you up, so you can be all that you were intended to be."



Mayonnaise Jar and 2 cups of Coffee.

When things in your life seem almost too much to handle, when 24 hours in a day are not enough, remember the mayonnaise jar and the 2 cups of coffee.

A professor stood before his philosophy class and had some items in front of him. When the class began, he wordlessly picked up a very large empty mayonnaise jar and proceeded to fill it with golf balls. He then asked the students if the jar was full. They agreed that it was.

The professor then picked up a box of pebbles and poured them into the jar. He shook the jar lightly. The pebbles rolled into the open areas between the golf balls. He then asked the students again if the jar was full. They agreed it was.

The professor next picked up a box of sand and poured it into the jar. Of course, the sand filled up everything else. He asked once more if the jar was full. The students responded with an unanimous "yes."

The professor then produced two cups of coffee from under the table and poured the entire contents into the jar effectively filling the empty space between the sand. The students laughed.

"Now," said the professor as the laughter subsided, "I want you to recognize that this jar represents your life. The golf balls are the important things---God, your family, your children, your health, your friends and your favorite passions---and if everything else was lost and only they remained, your life would still be full.

The pebbles are the other things that matter like your job, your house and your car. The sand is everything else---the small stuff."

"If you put the sand into the jar first," he continued, "there is no room for the pebbles or the golf balls. The same goes for life.

If you spend all your time and energy on the small stuff you will never have room for the things that are important to you.

Pay attention to the things that are critical to your happiness.

Play with your children. Spend time with your parents. Visit with grandparents. Take time to get medical checkups. Take your spouse out to dinner. Play another 18. There will always be time to clean the house and fix the disposal. Take care of the golf balls first---the things that really matter. Set your priorities. The rest is just sand."

One of the students raised her hand and inquired what the coffee represented.

The professor smiled. "I'm glad you asked! --- It just goes to show you that no matter how full your life may seem, there's always room for a couple of cups of coffee with a friend."

This is for Jim Cossairt (a lover of God, golf and coffee)
He tries to stay out of the sand!



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Dear Friends,

A movie came out several years ago called 'Independence Day'. It was about an ugly mess of invaders from another world who were destroyed by an old alcoholic pilot who loved his country and was willing to give up his life for our independence.

In real life the original colonists were ready to give their lives, and many did, for our freedom. Of course there are many that are giving their all for us today. Through out time many men and women have fought for the right to worship our GOD and govern ourselves. If we do not turn from our evil ways and worship the LORD, then all the lives and blood that our forefathers and the people of today have given up was for nothing.

There are people in other countries that cannot worship JESUS CHRIST without the threat of death.

Our country has become sick. We kill our unborn babies and tell other countries that it is OK. Even Christians believe that it is OK to have civil unions (marriages) for homosexual couples. Our values, principles, and national priorities have gone out the window. We have become global policeman, and yet our immigration laws are worthless if we do not enforce them.

There is so much drug-use, youth violence, and poverty not to mention the breakdown of the American family values that it makes me sick. Our government is trying to solve social and economic problems by just throwing money at them, while at the same time, doing all they can to remove everything that reminds people that our country was founded on GOD. We are in a mess!

II Chronicles 7:14 says: *If my people, which are called by my name, shall humble themselves, and pray, and seek my face, and turn from their wicked ways; then will I hear from heaven, and will forgive their sin, and will heal their land.*

I pray that our country will turn from our evil ways and turn back to GOD. I believe there will be a time, very soon, where we will not be able to worship GOD without the threat of being thrown in jail. Satan is working very hard and has many people working for him.

There have been so many that have given so much, so we can enjoy the freedom we have today. Let us give thanks to them and to GOD as we humble ourselves, pray, and seek His' face, turning from our wicked ways, and stand tall, ready to defend good and conquer evil. The silence is deafening! We can either fight back or surrender.

How much are we willing to surrender? If we do nothing, what will our LORD say to us when we look into HIS eyes on bended knees?

In the presence of GOD,

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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!