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THE FATHER, THE  
SON, AND THE  
HOLY GHOST

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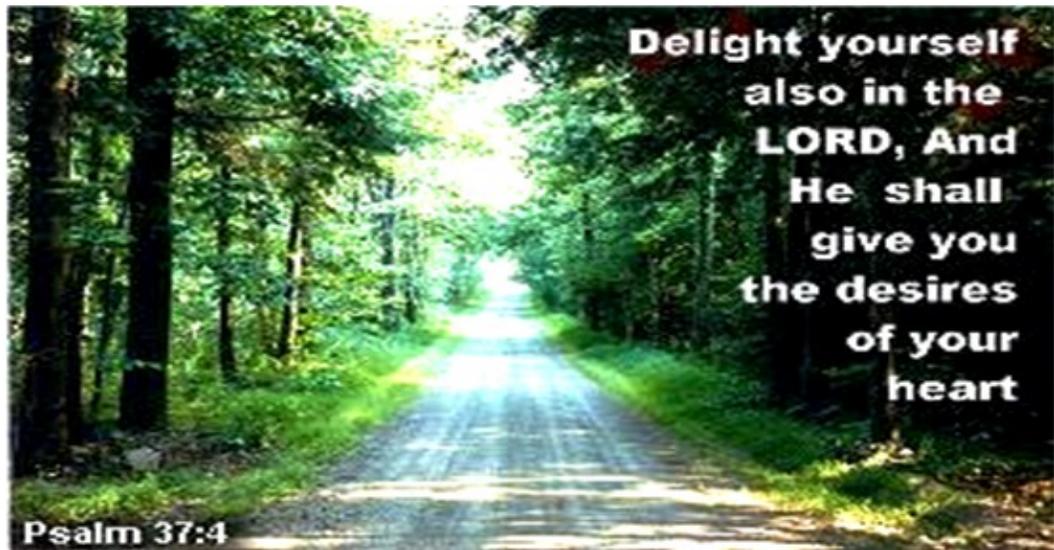
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# Love And Compassion Ministries News Letter

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## AUGUST



### A Practical Opportunity

We at LCM believe that many who are reading this newsletter see the financial hardships of their co-workers, neighbors and friends but just don't know how to help. For the residents of Lee County, the first day of the new school year is August 24, 2009.

Many of our local stores are offering school supplies for no more than a dollar. Most of them can be purchased for less than ten cents. Why not buy some pencils, pens, erasers, highlighters, notebook paper, etc. for a single mother, teacher, neighbor, or your Sunday School class? A small investment of less than five dollars will mean so much to someone who is struggling to put food on the table.

This is a practical way to show love and compassion and start the school year off right.

God Will Bless You as You Reach Out to Others!

## God's Place



The Lee County Homeless Coalition states that we have more than 3,000 homeless people in Lee County. Every year many of them lose their lives because of the lifestyle they live! People on the streets have nowhere to turn so when they have minor problems they go to the emergency room as if they were having a major problem. Our hospitals and doctors have become weary dealing with them.

We are being told that 45% of the children who are discharged from foster care at the age of eighteen will experience homelessness by the age of twenty.

Many of the homeless and imprisoned today have turned to drugs and alcohol and would be categorized as disabled, this includes mental illnesses. Many are veterans who are suffering from trauma and have inadequate support. As you know there has been a reduction in the number of jobs requiring low skilled labor. Public assistance to those with handicaps and the inability to work has not kept up with their growing needs. Foreclosures are so common that we see the hurt and pain on every street. This community is seriously under resourced.

All these factors have converged to create "homelessness" as a widespread issue. Each year as many as 3.5 million people nationally experience homelessness. For most of them, this is a temporary or short term phenomenon. However, for some, this becomes a way of life.

### A GOD GIVEN OPPORTUNITY

All is not bleak. There is hope! There is a light at the end of the tunnel and it is Jesus! As long as we never put our hope in our government, nor in man, but in the true living God we will withstand. With the divine supernatural journey that our Lord has set before us, we pour ourselves into God as He directs us to open a complex that will show love to all the hurting people of this area. God has heard their cries and has directed this ministry to reach out to them.

The State of Florida possesses a 640 acre area of Lee County that is currently being occupied by an organization known as Gulf Coast Center (a residential mental disability facility) which is east of Fort Myers, off Buckingham Road. They are vacating the facility as of June 2010. Out of the love and desire to bring



glory to our Savior, Love And Compassion Ministries is preparing to present to the State of Florida a proposal to take possession of the facility shortly after Gulf Coast Center closes. We will be renaming the property 'God's Place'.

We have been told that there is within the base a gym, pool, chapel, café, two steam plants, a hospital, mess hall, laundry, housekeeping, warehouse, maintenance and carpenter shops, gas station, security, welcome center, administration building, water plant, and sewage plant. Plus, there are more than thirty other buildings available for our use.

### GOD'S GUIDANCE

We will be developing this community with and for the many persons who are experiencing homelessness, physical, emotional, and mental health conditions, many with drug and alcohol addictions, some who have suffered from domestic violence, young people who have been released from the juvenile correctional systems, and others having difficulty providing for oneself and/or their families.



We will feed and clothe them, help with an education, teach them life skills, and a trade. Residents will learn skills as they are given responsibilities for the function and upkeep of God's Place including growing our own vegetables, raising cattle, and producing our own electricity, as we work to make God's Place self-sufficient.

LCM wishes to do all we can to introduce all our clients to Jesus Christ without forcing religion upon them. 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 of mind, body, and soul. Every client will be treated as a family member.

We plan to hire more than fifty employees the first year on the base and an additional thirty people will be hired shortly after the second year in service.

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We pray that all who hear about this project will join us in this God given opportunity that we are pursuing. We need team members that will pray, support, and help us make this happen. With a willingness to start small, work hard, and dream big, God can use us to accomplish His Will. We need our government, Churches, businesses, individuals, and other organizations to help support and fund God's Place.

### DO YOU SEE YOUR CALLING?

*1 Corinthians 1:26-28* <sup>26</sup> For ye see your calling, brethren, how that not many wise men after the flesh, not many mighty, not many noble, are called: <sup>27</sup> 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; <sup>28</sup> 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:

### AND GOD SAID, "HAVE FAITH"

Many say that there is no place for God in a community such as this, but I say that without God given faith and spirituality that serves a vital role in helping us cope and heal, we would be helpless.

Physicians and other professional care providers now recognize the effects that spirituality has on the recovery of their patients. *"A patient is more than a sick body, he or she is a person. That's the spiritual element of it. Healing for the soul and healing for the body co-exist in the treatment process."*

Faith becomes the source of hope and helps us find meaning. It teaches us life is a gift. Many people exercise their faith everyday by praying for others as if they were their own loved ones.

*Romans 1:16* <sup>16</sup> For I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ: for it is the power of God unto salvation to every one that believeth; to the Jew first, and also to the Greek.

### Are we ashamed of God?

**Do we have the faith needed to acquire and run God's Place?**



Hebrews 11: 1-28 says:

<sup>1</sup> Now faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen. <sup>2</sup> For by it the elders obtained a good report. <sup>3</sup> Through faith we understand that the worlds were framed by the word of God, so that things which are seen were not made of things which do appear. <sup>4</sup> By faith Abel offered unto God a more excellent sacrifice than Cain, by which he obtained witness that he was righteous, God testifying of his gifts: and by it he being dead yet speaketh. <sup>5</sup> By faith Enoch was translated that he should not see death; and was not found, because God had translated him: for before his translation he had this testimony, that he pleased God. <sup>6</sup> But without faith it is impossible to please him: for he that cometh to God must believe that he is, and that he is a rewarder of them that diligently seek him.

<sup>7</sup> By faith Noah, being warned of God of things not seen as yet, moved with fear, prepared an ark to the saving of his house; by the which he condemned the world, and became heir of the righteousness which is by faith.

<sup>8</sup> By faith Abraham, when he was called to go out into a place which he should after receive for an inheritance, obeyed; and he went out, not knowing whither he went.

<sup>9</sup> By faith he sojourned in the land of promise, as in a strange country, dwelling in tabernacles with Isaac and Jacob, the heirs with him of the same promise: <sup>10</sup> For he looked for a city which hath foundations, whose builder and maker is God.

<sup>11</sup> Through faith also Sara herself received strength to conceive seed, and was delivered of a child when she was past age, because she judged him faithful who had promised. <sup>12</sup> Therefore sprang there even of one, and him as good as dead, so many as the stars of the sky in multitude, and as the sand which is by the sea shore innumerable. <sup>13</sup> These all died in faith, not having received the promises, but having seen them afar off, and were persuaded of them, and embraced them, and confessed that they were strangers and pilgrims on the earth. <sup>14</sup> For they that say such things declare plainly that they seek a country.

<sup>15</sup> And truly, if they had been mindful of that country from whence they came out, they might have had opportunity to have returned. <sup>16</sup> But now they desire a

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better country, that is, an heavenly: wherefore God is not ashamed to be called their God: for he hath prepared for them a city. <sup>17</sup> By faith Abraham, when he was tried, offered up Isaac: and he that had received the promises offered up his only begotten son, <sup>18</sup> Of whom it was said, That in Isaac shall thy seed be called: <sup>19</sup> Accounting that God was able to raise him up, even from the dead; from whence also he received him in a figure. <sup>20</sup> By faith Isaac blessed Jacob and Esau concerning things to come. <sup>21</sup> By faith Jacob, when he was a dying, blessed both the sons of Joseph; and worshipped, leaning upon the top of his staff.

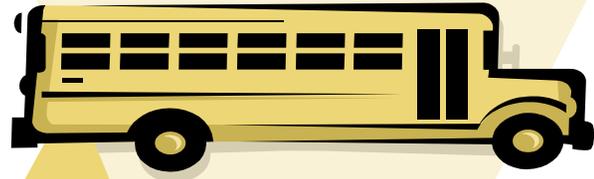
<sup>22</sup> By faith Joseph, when he died, made mention of the departing of the children of Israel; and gave commandment concerning his bones. <sup>23</sup> By faith Moses, when he was born, was hid three months of his parents, because they saw he was a proper child; and they were not afraid of the king's commandment. <sup>24</sup> By faith Moses, when he was come to years, refused to be called the son of Pharaoh's daughter; <sup>25</sup> Choosing rather to suffer affliction with the people of God, than to enjoy the pleasures of sin for a season; <sup>26</sup> Esteeming the reproach of Christ greater riches than the treasures in Egypt: for he had respect unto the recompence of the reward. <sup>27</sup> By faith he forsook Egypt, not fearing the wrath of the king: for he endured, as seeing him who is invisible. <sup>28</sup> Through faith he kept the pass over, and the sprinkling of blood, lest he that destroyed the firstborn should touch them.

**Without the prayers of the righteous, without the support of this community, and without faith, we will never get God's Place up and running.**

**With faith we can do all things!  
We need your help!**

**CALL TODAY AND SEE HOW YOU CAN HELP  
MAKE THIS PROGRAM A REALITY!**

Thank You!



### **Vacation is Almost Over**

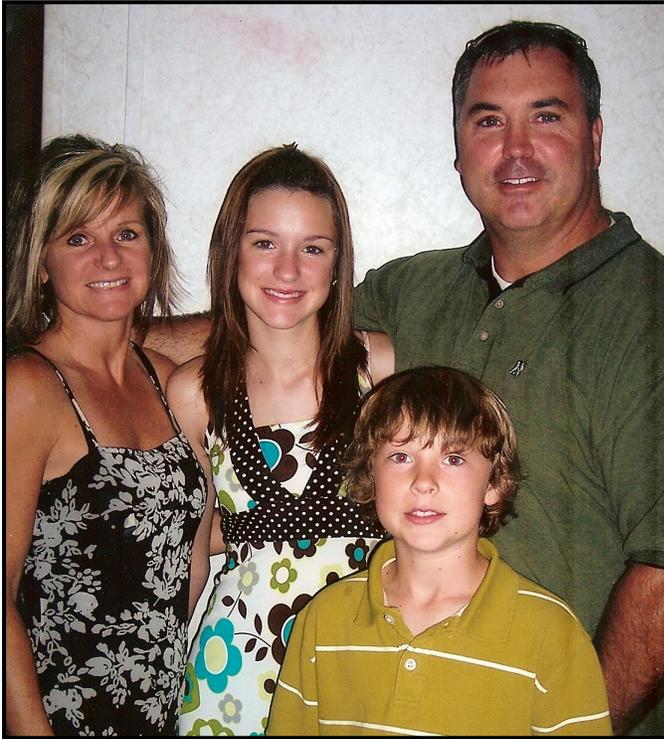
There aren't many days left until your children go back to school. Take the most of the opportunity to spend time with them.

Here are some suggestions:

- Go on a picnic and have a watermelon seed spitting contest.
- Splash in the waves at the local beach.
- Spend a night or weekend camping.
- Pop some popcorn and settle down to see a family-friendly movie on those rainy afternoons.
- Bicycle around a local park.
- Find a way to help a family less fortunate by culling your old school clothes and toys and passing them on.

**Enjoy life for it is very short!**





Melissa Endsley

For years Ron Willis never gave up on my husband and me. When a Christian counselor told us to get a divorce, Ron said no. He said that he could see the love we had for our Lord and for each other.

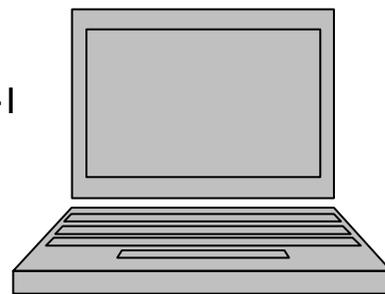
We still have our ups and downs, but because of Ron's commitment and dedication we are still married and enjoying each other more so now than ever before. Ron has always been there for us. When I needed to talk, he was there even in the middle of the night.

He loves the Lord and it shows through him as he loves to help people gain a better understanding of God's grace and love.

God Bless Ron Willis and  
Love and Compassion Ministries

## LOVE AND COMPASSION MINISTRY NEEDS:

- NEW OR LATE MODEL MINIVAN
- 2 FLAT PANEL COMPUTER MONITORS
- LAPTOP COMPUTER - REASONABLY FAST AND GOOD SPEED
- FILE FOLDER HANGERS (PENDAFLEX)
- THREE TAB FILE FOLDERS
- INK CARTRIDGES - HP 95, 96, 97, & 98
- INK CARTRIDGES - Canon PG - 40 & 41
- INK FOR A TOSHIBA 3220 COPIER
- POSTAGE STAMPS
- SOMEONE TO WRITE GRANTS
- AN AT&T 964 PHONE TO WORK WITH WHAT WE HAVE NOW



## “UNANSWERED PRAYER”?

It is truly a spiritually mature person who never considers a prayer unanswered. How do they do that? There is a lot of stuff in life that just seems to happen, regardless of how much you pray. Our daughter, a 23 year old, special needs young woman, dreams of so many things in her life. She wants what we all want....happiness in life. But the challenges she faces are larger than anyone can imagine.

I remember when she was born. At 1 lb, 7 oz, she was born 3 months early. The doctors said she wouldn't see, hear, and probably would have cerebral palsy. But after she was home for about a month we knew the doctors were wrong. Today she hears, (although I know she has selective hearing based on the number of chores she's supposed to be doing), she sees out of one eye, and doesn't have cerebral palsy. But developmentally she is delayed and life is hard for her.

I've prayed for our daughter more than any other person in my life. I've prayed that she would be healed completely. I've prayed that she would receive wisdom and strength and the ability to discern life situations. It seems like many of those prayers have gone unanswered. But are they really unanswered or is God using our daughter's life to stretch my faith?

Everyone has people in their life that God uses to make changes in them. I can honestly say our daughter is that person for me. In fact, some days I feel like He's inventoried me, found every imaginable defective part, and then sends in my daughter to help "bring them out of me". It's that "bringing out" part that causes the trouble.

I heard Joyce Meyer, one of my favorite teachers, say that we always pray for God to change our circumstances when God actually uses our circumstances to change us. I must say that yes, I've been changed. God has used our daughter's situation to develop patience, (at least most days) trust, and faith that He's got a plan no matter how things look.

OK, so I've asked God if I can give Him input about how the plan should turn out. And yes, I've asked Him to send a timetable just so we're all on the same page..... I'm pretty sure I saw God rolling His eyes about that last one. There is a currently a song by Mercy Me called, "Bring the Rain". When I first heard that song, I couldn't even imagine how much spiritual maturity it takes for someone to sing,

*"Bring me joy, bring me peace, Bring the chance to be free, Bring me anything that brings You glory And I know there'll be days, When this life brings me pain, But if that's what it takes to praise You Jesus, bring the rain."*

I don't know many people who are at that place in their journey. As I see my faith stretched daily, I hope I can eventually come to the place where I can say, "God, I want what You want. If what I want isn't what You want, then change my mind."

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**Thank You!**



## Love And Compassion Ministries

Dear Friends,

Many years ago I heard a story about two sportsmen who one day went out on a freezing lake, hunting Canadian geese in the dead of winter. Many hours went by and they had no luck. They were chilled to the bone in their little aluminum boat, but with only a few minutes of light remaining they were still holding out, hoping for a last chance at a goose. Their patience was soon rewarded, when they heard a flight of geese overhead. Both of them fired their guns straight up and two of the biggest birds came tumbling down out of the sky.

For an instant the hunters were overjoyed. Then horror gripped them. One of the birds was headed straight for the boat. A 35 lb goose traveling 90 miles an hour can cause some damage. When the goose hit the boat it nearly sunk it and the hunters along with it.

Sometimes we get what we want, but it comes at us from a different angle than we might expect. Back some fourteen years ago I was growing in my faith and my personal relationship with Christ, but I wanted more. I wanted to grow closer to the Lord and to live as a faithful Christian, but I sure didn't have any intention or interest in entering the ministry.

I never anticipated such a calling on my life. And believe me, it was a lot like that big goose coming down on those hunters at ninety miles an hour. Before I knew it, I was going into the jails and prisons teaching the Word of God. Shortly after that I closed my business and started Love And Compassion Ministries.

I have said many times, that God has put such a enormous burden on me for the homeless, imprisoned, veterans, and all that are in need of our Savior, because He had others that were more intelligent, better speakers, and much more learned than I am say no! I really can't understand how people can say no to God. Yet they said no to His Will and yes to their will. He is the one that has given His all to us. How can we say no to Him?

Is God calling you? Is He speaking to you and you are doing all you can to not hear Him? I know change is frightening, but I assure you that you will never turn back once you have given your all to Jesus Christ. You will accomplish things that you never thought you could. You will do things that are impossible. You will cry over people that you have never seen and you will love as you have never loved before. With the Holy Spirit guiding, you will be astonished at how much better you will see and hear things of God while being able to do things that you have never done before.

If God is calling you, will you please answer Him? **“Here I am Lord, speak to your servant for I wait on your instructions.”** See what God has in store for you!

In the Presence of our LORD,

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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.