

# Love and Compassion Ministries

*In the Name of the Father, Son, and the Holy Spirit*

June 1, 2010 In The Year of Our Lord

NEWSLETTER

## Father's Day

### *A Celebration In Honor of All Fathers*

Father's Day is a day of commemoration and celebration of Dad. It is a day to not only honor your father, but all men who have acted as a father figure in your life - whether as stepfathers, uncles, grandfathers, or "Big Brothers."

**Sunday, June 20, 2010** may we honor all the men who our Lord has put in our lives and, of course, our Heavenly Father that loves us and wants the very best for us.

The first Father's Day was observed on June 19, 1910 in Spokane Washington.

You see, Mrs. John B. Dodd, of Washington, first proposed the idea of a "father's day" in 1909. Mrs. Dodd wanted a special day to honor her father, William Smart. William Smart, a Civil War veteran, was widowed when his wife (Mrs. Dodd's mother) died in childbirth with their sixth child. Mr. Smart was left to raise the newborn and his other five children by himself on a rural farm in eastern Washington state. It was after Mrs. Dodd became an adult that she realized the strength and selflessness her father had shown in raising his children as a single parent.

At about the same time in various towns and cities across American other people were beginning to celebrate a "father's day."

In 1924 President Calvin Coolidge supported the idea of a national Father's Day. Finally in 1966 President Lyndon Johnson signed a presidential proclamation declaring the 3rd Sunday of June as Father's Day.

Father's Day has become a day to not only honor your father, but all men who act as a father figure.

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## God's Place

If there has ever been a time when we have needed a place where people can receive help all in one place it is now. Even though God's Place would be one of the best things for hurting people, the State of Florida, our counties, cities, our hospitals, jails and prisons, people don't seem to care. Even though it would create hundreds of jobs, save millions of dollars, people don't seem to care. Many people have lost heart, even knowing that God has given the property to us.

I encourage you to not lose heart!

I Kings 17:1 says: And Elijah the Tishbite, who was of the inhabitants of Gilead, said unto Ahab, As the Lord God of Israel liveth, before whom I stand, there shall not be dew nor rain these years, but according to my word.

Because Israel had turned from Jehovah, their God, to the folk gods of Baalim the gods of the so called fertility. Israel needed to be reminded that Jehovah controls the elements and hence all fertility and life. Therefore rain was withheld from the land three years and six months. It was only after Elijah had the show down with the believers of Baal, sent fire from heaven and executed 450 of Baal's prophets that Elijah started praying for rain.

After praying over and over again, six times he sent his servant to look toward the sea for rain but each time the servant came back with nothing to report but clear skies. Only after praying the seventh time did the servant report a cloud, as small as a man's hand, rising out of the sea. Elijah knew then that God had heard his prayer and sent rain to the much needed land.

What about us? Have we lost heart? Have we forgotten that Jesus is our King? Have we turned from God and made other "things" our God? Are we going through a lack in order for God to draw us toward His saving grace? Satan will do all he can to stop God's Place from becoming a reality.

Are we praying for victory or are we allowing people to tell us that it is too big of a project, too costly, not realistic? Shame on us if we don't have enough faith to belief in God to see this through. Lord help the people who get in the way of God's desires.

Ron Willis

### **LOVE AND COMPASSION NEEDS:**

**INK CARTRIDGES - HP 96 & 97    DELL 7Y745 & 7Y743**

**HP 98A for a LASER JET 5                      BOX of COPY PAPER**

**POSTAGE STAMPS                      VOLUNTEER RECEPTIONIST**

**VOLUNTEER OFFICE HELP                      VOLUNTEER GRANT WRITER**

**Thanks!**

## What is our Christian Responsibility?

Should we hand out money to people with signs, offer breakfasts or soup kitchens, and take in the bedraggled leftovers of our society, (people with shopping carts who come to our Churches to get out of the rain or cold)? Or maybe we should just, as some Churches do, give them bus fare to the local rescue mission and believe we've done our duty?

The correct answer is in Matthew 25:34-46

34. Then shall the King say unto them on his right hand, Come, ye blessed of my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world: 35. For I was hungry, and ye gave me meat: I was thirsty, and ye gave me drink: I was a stranger, and ye took me in: 36. Naked, and ye clothed me: I was sick, and ye visited me: I was in prison, and ye came unto me. 37. Then shall the righteous answer him, saying, Lord, when saw we thee hungry, and fed thee? or thirsty, and gave thee drink? 38. When saw we thee a stranger, and took thee in? or naked, and clothed thee?

39. Or when saw we thee sick, or in prison, and came unto thee? 40. And the King shall answer and say unto them, Verily I say unto you, Inasmuch as ye have done it unto one of the least of these my brethren, ye have done it unto me. 41. Then shall he say also unto them on the left hand, Depart from me, ye cursed, into everlasting fire, prepared for the devil and his angels: 42. For I was an hungry, and ye gave me no meat: I was thirsty, and ye gave me no drink: 43. I was a stranger, and ye took me not in: naked, and ye clothed me not: sick, and in prison, and ye visited me not. 44. Then shall they also answer him, saying, Lord, when saw we thee an hungry, or athirst, or a stranger, or naked, or sick, or in prison, and did not minister unto thee?

45. Then shall he answer them, saying, Verily I say unto you, Inasmuch as ye did it not to one of the least of these, ye did it not to me. 46. And these shall go away into everlasting punishment: but the righteous into life eternal.

No matter how spiritual the message is, how anointed the preaching or how generous people are to give to the building fund, if we have not charity or mercy toward the poor, what are we?

I Corinthians 13:1 says: Though I speak with the tongues of men and of angels, and have not charity, I am become as sounding brass, or a tinkling cymbal.

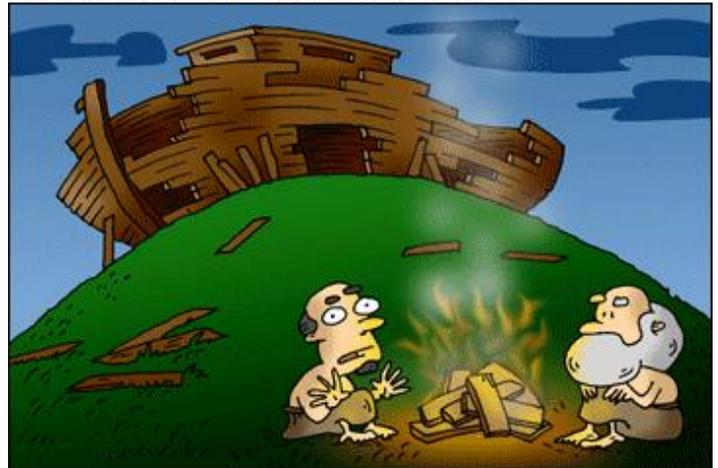
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GEE DAD ... I HOPE THAT PEOPLE IN THE FUTURE WON'T BE LOOKING FOR THIS ARK

By: Tina Myers  
May 3, 2006

## Valley of the Shadow of Death

All of us wish our lives were simpler, more enjoyable, and less terrifying at times. Usually, these moments of terror only last for us for a short period of time, but certainly not on a day to day basis. For Elie Wiesel, the 1986 Nobel Peace Prize Winner for his book, *Night*, endured this terrifying reality for many years.

For all of these years, Wiesel along with his father, endured sheer terror and agony. Together they experienced this terror of the Holocaust, from being separated from their family to ultimately suffering severe hardship after hardship living in the Nazi concentration camps under the Nazi reign.

Hitler's reign over the Nazi army lasted for many years. *Night* puts my life and many other lives into perspective. Reading about the sheer terror that Wiesel and his family endured is enough to make anyone realize how fortunate they are. Surviving the Holocaust would be something which most of us would not be able to do.

The Jewish people were stripped of their families, belongings, and dignity. All that they were left with was the love which they had for their God and a valuable sense of hope and faith. There was hope of surviving this horrible ordeal and one day being reunited with their families. This hope was what kept many of the Jews going during the years of the Holocaust.

There were also over five million people of other nationalities which the Nazis murdered. Quite frankly, Hitler utilized various warfare tactics such as, marching these individuals to crematories and burning them alive. Also, he utilized firing squads and organized concentration camps which were Nazi prison camps where Jews and many others were forced to live. The slums were also places that they were forced to live. The conditions which the people were meant to live in were unbearable at times.

One might ask himself the question of why this atrocity was allowed to continue year after year? There were several reasons that these conditions continued to prevail. At the time during which Hitler reigned, the United States of America was in a state of isolationism. The recession, known as the Great Depression had hit America hard.

While the Holocaust was taking place in Germany, America was having a rough time of its own. Americans were being threatened by starvation, poverty; and there were not many jobs for the American people. Many families in America felt threatened themselves. To say the least, the Great Depression had taken its toll on many Americans.

It was a very long time before Americans were able to get back on their feet again, so to speak. The depression of the 1930's had left behind many tragic memories of its own for the American people to contend with. The hardships dealt with by the Americans were painstaking and long-suffering.

Great Britain and France could have overwhelmed Germany at any time, but resolved to keep the peace. Both countries took no plan of action to stop Hitler and his powerful army from trying to take over the world. Great Britain and France took no action because they wanted the United States to get involved in World War II.

These two countries wanted desperately for the United States to get involved in the war because they knew that the United States had the capabilities to help them end the war. Great Britain and France were afraid that Germany had become too powerful. They knew that the United States and Russia were the most powerful nations at the time. The three large forces realized they had to combine their forces to knock Hitler and his allies out of power once and for all before it would be too late.

Elie Wiesel won the 1986 Nobel Peace Prize for his book, *Night*. Part of the reason for this could be that his stories contained in his book were so interesting. The stories were appalling at times. For certain, these stories were

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riveting and inspiring to many of us. Wiesel's various accounts of what he and his family suffered during the Holocaust might very well be what is needed to ensure that this tragedy never happens again in our history.

Wiesel, a young boy at the time, did not want to leave his father, as much as he wanted to remain alive. He felt guilty about the way he felt at times. He knew just how much his father loved him and he knew that he was a very sick old man. He had only hoped there was something he could do for his father.

This agonizing task of looking after his father everyday had become such an encumbrance on this young man. The burden was almost more than he could bear at times. Still the young man realized he and his father were all which remained of their once happy family. His family was the one thing, that out of all he had lost, he desperately wished he could regain.

He and his father had been blessed with a loving family. This was before they were forced to endure the pain and the hardships of the Holocaust placed on them by Hitler and his wretched army. This was before the Nazi army had followed their orders given to them by Hitler and gathered all the Jews up together. Then the bullies separated many of the Jewish families and their friends, sending some one way and yet others another way.

Of course, Wiesel was unaware at the time that he and his father would be separated from his mother and his three sisters forever. His mother and sisters were murdered. This was tragic enough in itself. Toward the end of his ordeal, he had to bear the burden of being the sole survivor in his once happy family. Even his father had been stricken with dysentery and had died. This burden of being alone was almost too much for Wiesel to carry all by himself.

Unfortunately, the terrifying experience of being separated from his family forever and ultimately having to go through the Nazi's reign of terror had turned this one young boy into a man, but a man overwhelmed with pain and anguish. His accounts of the horrific Holocaust which he and millions of others were forced to endure, should be a lesson to the rest of us. We should see to it that these kinds of living arrangements will never be reckoned with again in our history.

By: Tina Myers Volunteer for LCM

**FAITH ———V——— UNBELIEF (Doubt)**

**Which is stronger? Which one do we feed more?**

**Matthew 21:21 - Jesus answered and said unto them, Verily I say unto you, If ye have faith, and doubt not, ye shall not only do this which is done to the fig tree, but also if ye shall say unto this mountain, Be thou removed, and be thou cast into the sea; it shall be done.**

**Mark 11:23 - For verily I say unto you, That whosoever shall say unto this mountain, Be thou removed, and be thou cast into the sea; and shall not doubt in his heart, but shall believe that those things which he saith shall come to pass; he shall have whatsoever he saith.**

**Romans 14:23 - And he that doubteth is damned if he eat, because he eateth not of faith: for whatsoever is not of faith is sin.**

**James 1:6 - But let him ask in faith, nothing wavering. For he that wavereth is like a wave of the sea driven with the wind and tossed**

## In Honor of Lester Herbert Lemke

Our dear brother in Christ, Lester Herbert Lemke 88, went to be with The Lord and his beloved wife Elaine on May 19<sup>th</sup>, 2010.

He was survived by his three sons, Mark (Elizabeth), Dennis, and Terry (fiancée Gloria) Lemke. He was a Christian centered, ordained minister and loving grandpa of Joshua and Jared and dear brother to Elmer (Carol) Lemke and his late brother Norman Lemke and sister Doris Engle; and other relatives and friends.



Lester was buried next to his wife at the Wisconsin Memorial Park Cemetery in Milwaukee, Wisconsin on May 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2010. A graveside service was held in his honor that afternoon where the US Navy provided him with a full military burial. Lester, a WWII Veteran, wanted his Navy uniform to be in his casket with him, along with a box of parts he had made for the Apollo space program. His

wishes were granted. A local Memorial service was conducted in Ft. Myers on May 24<sup>th</sup> 2010 at Zion Lutheran Church. A Memorial Dinner in Lester's honor is scheduled to be held at Faith Fellowship World Outreach Ministries at 6111 South Pointe Boulevard, Fort Myers, Florida at 5:00 PM Tuesday, June 1, 2010.

Here is a poem in honor of our dear brother in Christ, Lester Herbert Lemke.

### Lester Lemke Left Earth Today - Heaven Bound!

by [John Michael Domino](#)

Wednesday, May 19, 2010

Lester Lemke has gone to be with the Lord. He took off for Heaven at approximately 4:30 AM.

#### Lester Lemke Left Earth Today - Heaven Bound!

Lester Lemke, the "Godfather of Prison Ministry," went to be with the Lord today.

He helped many to have faith in Jesus and to trust Christ in every way.

Lester is in heaven now and all the Angels rejoice!

He's in a better place but we will miss the sound of his sweet voice.

I can hear Lester say, "You know I love you and Jesus loves you too."

He talked about Christ in the prisons, on the streets and in the restaurants too.

Lester was ready for the launch to heaven, for he led a Christ-filled-life.

He has gone to be with the other Saints and to be forever with his wife.

Lester, we on earth all love you and we know you are now with Christ the Lord.

But we must be prepared for the launch to heaven and join you when God finally calls.

So let's go forth and prepare for a heavenly voyage, without hesitation or a sound.

Let us do this in memory of Lester, who once asked the question, "Are sure that **you** are **Heaven bound?**"

Amen

References:

[Isaiah 25:9](#)

In that day they will say, "Surely this is our God; we trusted in him, and he saved us. This is the LORD; we trusted in him; let us **rejoice** and be glad in his salvation."

[Luke 6:23](#)

"**Rejoice** in that day and leap for joy, because great is your reward in **heaven**. For that is how their fathers treated the prophets.



## Love And Compassion Ministries

Dear Friends,

I love to drive long distances with no radio on and no telephone ringing. Just God and me relating to each other. I love it when I can hear Him talk as if He is setting beside me. The distance matters not and time is only measured as day and night. Nothing is out of bounds. I feel love, power, understanding, and so much more. Many times I am able to even smell God as I pour out my heart to Him.

I know there have been many times I have failed my Lord; many times I have judged people when I should be praying for them; many times I have tried to do things in my own strength and many times I have given up on people. There have even been times when I have gotten to the point where I wanted to give up and quit the ministry.

The other day I was on a journey that took several hours to drive when I started praying to our Lord for help in running the many aspects of Love And Compassion Ministries. Producing this newsletter, doing the accounting / book-keeping / finances, doing fund raising, letter writing, visits to hospitals / rest homes / hospices, doing the youth ministry, Biblical counseling, court ministry, prevent suicide ministry, God's Place, job placement / employment, the homeless ministry, provide assistance to the needy and so much more is more than a one man job.

I started emphasizing how many Christians were letting me down. Many have said one thing and did the opposite. Some committed to doing something yet they would not see it through, or worse, they would make a mess of it. Many were committed to supporting the ministry, and yet they stopped. That is when my Lord said, "When I needed my friends and disciples the most they let me down." "When I was sweating drops of blood praying to My Father, they were sleeping, and even after I woke them up two times they could not stay awake to pray" "How many times have you been sleeping when I needed you?" "How many times have you been disappointed?" "These people did not only commit to you, they committed to Me!" "As you have committed to me and answer to me, so will they."

My Lord says ASK / SEEK / KNOCK. So I am asking you to join me in helping to support this ministry. Help me run this ministry and pray for this ministry. I am actively seeking Godly men and women to help me run LCM as God wishes. I will be knocking on doors of people our Lord has put on my heart to recruit to give their time and money to our Lord through this ministry. Businesses need to give money, services, and products to help us.

As a whole, many have become luke warm. They have forgotten who or what we do for the hurting people we minister to. Many need to evaluate how they can help us. I pray that we will focus on God's desires and not our own, tell others of LCM and ask others to join us in introducing people to our Savior.

For people who have been giving, I say thank you so very much. I pray our Lord will bless you so that you can do more. I know that satan wishes for us to lose heart and give up. Please keep LCM in your prayers. Please pray that we will serve our Lord in a way that will bring honor and glory to Him.

God bless each of 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.

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 under-

stand 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!