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MAKING MOM HAPPY ON MOTHER'S DAY

10 Things to Make Your Mom Happy

1.) Make up with a family member or mutual friend. Sometimes we get into a tiff now and then and become unforgiving over trivial things. If it's a family member or friend that your mom cares about that can cause a bit of distress on her life. She may have needed you to smooth thing out, but you've been stubborn. Just swallow your pride and make amends and then let Mom know you did it for Mother's Day.



2.) Clean up around the house for her. Not just the regular vacuuming and so on, but do something special like those long unattended things that are done once a year. Sort of like an extra Spring Cleaning for her. That will save her time and headache.

3.) Hook up her computer with all the bells and whistles she likes. Since you'll know her favorite

movie or musical group you can find wallpaper and computer themes that she'll really enjoy. There will be wave sounds, links to neat stuff and more.

4.) Do something around the outside of the house. If there's a garden, go out and repair and tidy things up or get those hard to find gardening goodies that she'll enjoy. There may be even garden gnomes that are based on her favorite cartoon characters. Dress it up and make her gardening fun.

5.) Tweak up her smartphone. These devices can be a challenge and tougher to set up than playing a high end video game. If mom isn't tech savvy you'll be doing her a big favor.

6.) Do some run around chores for her. If she's got those run around chores coming up then offer to do them for the week. Shopping, paying bills, maybe even picking up stuff for the church social. That'll give her some breathing room time at home.

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7.) It's chef time for mom on Mother's Day. She doesn't have to cook on that day so either you do the cooking or manage your siblings. Take out would work well too. Get her favorites and watch the smiles begin.

8.) Groom the dog or cat! That's right! You can make her favorite furry friend look nifty by doing the grooming yourself or by dropping it off at the local pet grooming shop.

9.) Give her car the once over. From cleaning to a tune up, mom's car is how she gets around or if not her car her, bike or scooter. Getting them in top shape means safer trips.

10.) Do the beauty shop thing. Take mom to the beauty shop for a brand new do or whatever she wants. Mom looking good makes mom feel good.



Mark Johnson

We are delighted to inform the community that Love and Compassion Ministries now has a full time councilor within it's organization! We thank God for bringing Mark Johnson into our ministry framework. He will be doing marriage counseling, drug and alcohol addictions, financial and divorce counseling.

Mark Johnson is setting up shop right here in our Cape Coral office on Viscaya! It is so exciting to have Mark as part of the over all package of ways God is using Love and Compassion Ministries to help people see Jesus. He and his wife Claudia have been such a blessing to us in the past and now God is opening ever more doors to help us reach the lost and hurting of this world.

Please call 239-574-5683 if you wish to set up an appointment with Mark.

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Street Outreach Ministry

The Street Outreach Ministry has moved to Clemente Park off of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd. and Henderson Avenue. On April 13, 2013 the weather was supposed to be gloomy and rainy but the Lord provided great weather! The food was nutritious and filling and there were a lot of families that attended! The crowd was awesome and twelve volunteers showed up to help. The most amazing thing about this event was that thirteen people came to the Lord that day! What a blessing!

David Strever is the Director over our Street Outreach Ministry. He, his wife and a team of great volunteers from Street Watch, take the Word of God to the streets along with lots of good things to eat. They also give out clothing, hygiene items, toilet paper, Bibles, blankets, coats and toys while also giving the community the ability to hear a inspirational sermon and teaching for children and adults. This is a ministry that is so needed.

Outreach Ministry is having the Church come to the people.



Love And Compassion Ministries [Drug Program Ministry](#)

Faith Farms Visit

I want to thank you for helping me get the mother of my two granddaughters into the Faith Farm's program nine weeks ago. I went to see her last weekend for the first time since she left. She is so happy, so grateful and wanting to give back to those around her. This was a girl who thought only of herself, could not leave the drugs alone and admits she could not trust or did not want to have girlfriends. She has rededicated her life to the Lord, is starting a bible study with three other girls, has begun working on completing her GED and has requested to stay there for one full year instead of the nine months required.

I had a chance to talk to several of the other girls who were really proud of her success also. Those same girls described how happy they were there too. They described Faith Farms as feeling like a home not a treatment center. I have to admit I felt the same as I was keeping my granddaughter busy while they were visiting. Some girls were beading, others were getting ready for their everything leftover dinner night. The campus with the playgrounds and places to walk gave you a feeling of freedom to be with your family when you visit.

I am really impressed with the structure and respect they show the girls. The healing work of the Lord is ever present in the midst of the broken hearted. His love and forgiveness is providing the girls with strength and belief in themselves. Amen! Amen! Amen!

I look forward to my next visit. My life will never be the same. Glory be to God!!

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Financial Support

**You Have No Good Reason Not To Financially Support
Love And Compassion Ministries, Inc.**

If you run out of money before you run out of month and yet you really want to support this ministry, call me (Ron Willis) at 239-574-5683. I will start praying that our Lord will increase the money you have coming in so that you can give.

Just be aware that many will receive the increase, but still not give. Make a commitment, not to Ron Willis or LCM, but to God and He will provide a way for you to support us and in return He will bless you!

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No amount is too small in God's hands.*

May 27, 2013 is Memorial Day

John Domino's book [Reflections From The Great Depression and WWII](#) should be read by all.

This is a short excerpt from his book. I pray that we never find ourselves in another war like WWII, but if it comes about, I pray that we will bind together as the people did during WWII to overcome evil.

This is a short excerpt from my new book, "Reflections from the Great Depression and WWII". I interviewed several people for this book, including my own mother. I hope you enjoy this story and know that although it's hard to believe it's all true.

It's 1941

I live in New York City, and it's been one hell of a month. For starters, just one day after Pearl Harbor was attacked the city officials decided to have a practice air raid drill. It scared the crap out of most people in my neighborhood because most folks thought it was the real thing!

Can you imagine hearing loud sirens blasting all over your city or town the day after the invasion of Pearl Harbor? It was nerve racking to say the least. Many Americans feel that Japan or Germany would love to strike right in the heart of our homeland. So today when I go to work at the factory I will be ever more mindful of the dangers that exist but I'll also be more determined to do the best I can to further help the war effort.

I was listening to the news today about the destruction of Pearl Harbor and the devastation that occurred to all the personnel on our battleship, the USS Arizona. This startling news really got my attention. Did you know that half of our boys that were killed during that brutal attack were on that battleship? The sad part is most of them were defenseless and had no idea what hit them! The newspaper calls it a surprise attack but the folks at the factory where I work feel differently. After all, what kind of fighter would beat up on his opponent before the bell rings? Many of my co-workers feel this was "an act of cowardice" and payback will be coming very soon. These Japanese folks definitely woke up a sleeping giant!

In the national news there also is an article about President Roosevelt procuring from our Treasury Department a second-hand bullet-proof automobile. Apparently the executive branch could not afford to buy him a new vehicle because of some United States government regulation that prohibits his branch from spending over 750 dollars for a single vehicle. The only bullet-proof vehicle available within that budget was Al Capone's old limousine. It was seized after Capone was put in prison for tax evasion. So our president will now be chauffeured in a car that was designed for gangsters! Is that a hoot or what? Furthermore, it was reported that our great president, Mr. Roosevelt, jokingly quipped, "I hope Mr. Capone won't mind!"

Meanwhile back to the reality of life in the big city, I am presently living with my family in a somewhat cozy but cramped apartment in Queens, New York. Not having the privacy of a private room is not unusual these days, as many families that I know live this way just to get by. It's really no big deal and by now it has become a routine thing for me. You see, I am almost 20 years old and I still live with my parents along with my two spoiled brothers. I am presently sleeping on the living room couch. In the evening that is my room and sleeping quarters. We have one bathroom with an old bath tub which is shared with our neighbor next door. Therefore, it's sometimes often hard to get ready for work when I have to compete with my brothers and others to wash up.

My clothes and other personal items are stored in the hallway closet. Once again, this is not unusual as it's just a way of life for many families in this city.

I feel so fortunate because I am a woman and I have a great job working for the Westinghouse Corporation. Most of my friends have jobs as well and many work in industries that support the war effort. At the factory I inspect radar sets and work 8-10 hours per day, seven days a week. No, we don't get off during the holidays and that includes Christmas and New Years! You may think that some folks are complaining but we know we are helping the war effort and we are glad to do it!

Read the rest of the story ...

[Reflections From the Great Depression and WWII can be purchased through Amazon.com](#)

Love And Compassion Ministries [Youth Ministry](#)

Crossroads Story

Crossroads Foster Boys Camp Visits:
February 23, 2013 Polly, Betty, Elmer Mark
March 23, 2013- Elmer & Betty

Polly: It was a blessing to cook and serve food to the foster boys and their leaders at Crossroads. I found the boys to be obedient and well behaved. It was a joy to serve the Lord and I hope to be able to continue serving our Lord in this manner. My prayer is that we will have opportunity to share the gospel so that the boys may accept Jesus as Lord and Savior.

Betty: I would like to thank the Lord for giving me the opportunity to serve Him at Crossroads. We were asked to go cook for the boys and staff there. I was excited to go. I started praying earnestly for the Lord to open doors to all of us to build relationships and to provide opportunities to minister to the boys we would meet there with the hopes that in time we would be able to share God's Word with them as they see Jesus in each of us.

On our first visit God opened a door and I mean that literally, because the first boy I opened the door to the cafeteria for, said he knew Elmer, another youth worker, that was there with me. This young man met Elmer when he attended our church's youth group at South West Baptist Church. Two of our church members brought this foster boy to a few Wednesday night services. He instantly began to share the fun he had there with the other boys and broke the ice for the rest for us. Our God is so awesome.

We didn't get a lot of time that first weekend to speak to the boys other than in the food serving line. We got to feed their bodies, learn some names and laugh a little with them in the process as we served food and drinks joyfully to them. They were all very respectful and appreciative to us for the taco dinner, all the soda, cookies and cupcakes we brought. The staff was also very happy not to have to cook meals on that day. It gave them some rest from the task they usually have to perform. They invited us to come to cook any weekend we could. We were all happy to have served the Lord but felt that due to the large amount of clean up afterwards there was no time or opportunity to visit with and talk to the boys. We were a little sad about that, but figured it was only our first visit and that overall it had gone great.

I continued to pray for God to show us how to reach these boys and to open doors for us to minister to them and share God's word and gospel. Elmer and I both felt God telling us to bring food already cooked so we'd have time to spend with the boys. So Elmer discussed it with John Domino, Director of the Youth Ministry for Love and Compassion Ministries, and he felt it also was a great idea. So the day/night before we cooked steak and cheese calzones and baked Easter cupcakes. All we had to do when we got there was reheat calzones and frost and decorate cupcakes. Clean up was really easy with no dirty dishes.

Again, that day, the first boy that entered the cafeteria door had a problem that he shared with us that he was really upset over. I noticed when he was asked to lead prayer he said he didn't know how to pray. It bothered me that he had such a problem and felt he didn't know how to pray. Twice he was asked and responded in the same manner. He was scheduled to leave the facility on Monday and was really worried and concerned. I'd brought a cross and hung it in the kitchen that said God is always with you. I pointed to it and said not to worry God would be with him where ever he would be going to.

The boys enjoyed the food and Easter cupcakes and we left Easter bags with candy and the Daily Bread to be distributed later by the staff at Crossroads since they thought they had already had enough sugar for the day with soda and dessert. We were informed by the staff that after clean up we could go visit with the boys.

We toured their dormitories first and then went outside. I spotted the boy with the anger in him over the problem that had occurred and told Elmer I wanted to go talk to him for a minute. God was telling me that I may never see this boy again and that he needed to know how to pray. So immediately when I approached him, he began to reiterate his distress over the situation that he was very bitter over. I could see no good was going to come from him

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discussing it so I mentioned to him the statement he made about him not knowing how to pray. I asked if he'd been brought up in any type of religion. He said yes, Catholic. I too was brought up Catholic so I felt God had put me there to share with him how I didn't know how to pray to God either as a Catholic and how I had come to be saved and know and trust Jesus as my Lord and Savior. Being Catholic he related well to all I said and fully understood all we discussed and how to now pray. He then agreed he was ready to make Jesus his Lord and Savior and did.

I then said that he needed to tell someone what he'd done as the bible says to show he believed and was not ashamed of Jesus. He asked who and I said to go tell Elmer who was sitting down with a friend on the sidewalk and he did. All that boys bitterness and fear from earlier had left him. He was joyous.

Elmer began to also witness to him. We both began sharing testimonies back and forth and scriptures from my bible to both boys who were all ears and excited. The other boy had been saved and baptized previously and knew who Jesus was, but said he'd gotten confused over so many different religions and he had been exposed to some pagan WICCA religion and didn't know who to believe anymore. He knew he needed to pick the right one so he didn't end up in hell. He listened to us very respectfully and attentively and shared with me both personal issues and spiritual concerns. He then he asked if he could get his guitar to play and give me some pointers.

I felt God telling me I best leave my Bible for the boy that was leaving Monday. I told him it was fine to write in it all he wanted, like I had. It was his to use and keep. He was so thankful and eager to read it. I had also bought that morning at a thrift store for a dollar, a cross on a chain displaying a cocoon and butterfly. I used it to explain to both boys how once they were saved, God's Holy Spirit resides inside them and would help them to do the right things they can't do on their own. He takes away their old ways and turns them like the cocoon into a beautiful new creation, they can't imagine, just like the butterfly. There was also a phrase on the back for them to now tell others about Jesus too, like we did. The boy leaving was excited to do so. Since I had given the bible to one, I gave the cross to the other boy staying and promised to bring him a study bible next time.

It was now 8:30pm and getting very late. I asked the boy playing the guitar if he was ready to rededicate his life to Christ before we left. He said he was not ready to yet. We all said our goodbyes and the boy leaving said, "when things got tough on him he would remember us and the things said to him." We left both boys smiling and happy! We were too!

We rode home thinking, praising and giving God all the glory for a wonderfully awesome amazing day for all of us!!! We can't wait to go back again and see what God will do next and how he will use us to minister to these boys in ways we can't even begin to imagine. We were both truly blessed by serving the Lord at Crossroads!!





Friends and Partners,

Any ministry serving the Lord today has challenges to overcome. Many can be resolved with money and others could never be resolved even if you had all the money in the world. For some fifteen years now Satan has done all he could do to destroy me and Love And Compassion Ministries. Over and over again he has failed because of the faithful people that have stood in the wings praying for me, our volunteers and all the ministry leaders while supporting us financially. Many doing so by sacrificing other things in their lives.

Without these wonderful people nothing could come about. From day one we have been blessed with people that care and want to see this ministry grow. If you have ever given to this ministry, I wish to say thank you, for that gift is the life blood of this ministry. If you are receiving this newsletter and have not taken the time to pray for us in the last few days, please stop right now and ask our Lord to continue to guide, protect and provide the much needed support to keep this ministry reaching out to the lost and hurting people of this area.

Ministry work is not for the faint of heart, but it is for the ones that are willing to give up everything to serve Him, Christ the Risen Savior.

Ministry work is very costly. There are always bills to be paid. Bills for car insurance, liability insurance, gas, gas and more gas to run the SUV, repairs to be made, upkeep and tires to replace. There are always supplies to be purchased such as paper, ink, pads and parts to keep old equipment running. There is a cost to pay Miss Fox a pay check every week to keep the office running, payroll taxes to pay, Bibles to purchase, electric and internet to pay plus office telephone and cell phone bills to pay. We have to purchase water, toilet paper, paper towels, vacuum cleaner bags and cleaning supplies. Food for the Street Outreach Ministry is not cheap. Because there was not enough money to pay all the bills and for me to receive a paycheck I have been doing without.

If you have not been giving to Love And Compassion Ministries, please give God a reason to bless you and your family by obeying His urging to support Love And Compassion Ministries.

Who knows whether God has placed you here for such a time as this? Every gift is an encouragement to me while also being a stress reliever. When we go for many days without receiving anything in support, I start thinking what have I done or not done to cause this? Is there sin in my life? Is this the way God is going to tell me that He wants to shut the ministry down?

This week end, just as I was getting ready to ask our board of directors to join me in a three day fast, God spoke to me. He said, "I love you, I see your sacrifice, your desires and your willingness to serve me. I will bring up another to take your place, but not before you have completed the task that I am going to place before you soon. Love And Compassion Ministries will stand out forever from all other ministries as being my servants doing my will and in doing so, many will receive my grace and love forever."

I need your help. Please join me in serving our Lord with honor and glory as we work together reaching the loss of this world for Christ.

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.

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!