

Love and Compassion Ministries

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

January 1, 2013 In The Year of Our Lord

NEWSLETTER

Making New Year's Resolutions

Dear Friends,

As I sit here in deep thought and awe of why God would forgive me for all my sins and all the past wrongs I have done to other people, along with loved ones, I can't help but to wonder why he would forgive me and what his purpose is for my life. I believe that everyone has experienced some tragedy or horrible life event, including myself, maybe just a different kind in their life and can sympathize or relate to how it can emotionally or physically affect someone's future or at least temporarily until they reach out for help and are healed.

We all know that the government has some existing programs or outreach organizations one could seek, but can anyone honestly tell me the success rate from someone going through it, that you might know? The reason why I say all this to you friends is to let you know there is an organization that not only truly cares about these matters but also gets involved and oversees the help of an individual all the way through the healing process and beyond. We all know that Jesus died on the cross for all of our sins no matter how big or small one may want to categorize the sin.

As a member of Love and Compassion Ministries, we support the people who have nowhere else to turn or may think that they are unwanted by everyone, which may include family. We want them to come to us for help from one of our ministries which are, Street Outreach Ministry that meets monthly to minister the word and feed the hungry, the Homeless ministry which we provide clothing, food, or a place to stay among other provisions, our Prison Ministry where we go out to the jails and prisons and minister to let them know that they are not forgotten and are a part of God's promise also. We have the Youth Ministry in which we reach troubled or misunderstood youth and we support them with encouragement and focusing to get their future back on track, and that they are still loved, and the Drug and Alcohol Ministry in which we help them get into a drug program, we give them counseling, and follow up on their progress, along with praying for them all.

Now that we have shared with you some of the things LCM does, we want to let you know that we plan on extending more support and help to these ministries. To reach in my opinion, a group of important loved

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ones, in mine and your lives. Too many times I believe that programs treat people just as a number or another statistic. We want to change this wrong perspective or attitude and bring positive life changing results to people in need through providing these ministries to reach them. I believe everyone needs to know they are loved and their souls are important to our father in heaven. We would like to provide you with monthly updates how these ministries are performing and the results from them, so you know your support is changing lives. We want to do this by personal testimonies, pictures, continuous communications and any other means possible. Please, let us have the privilege and honor of affecting a positive outcome for their lives and help bring them to know Jesus, our Savior.

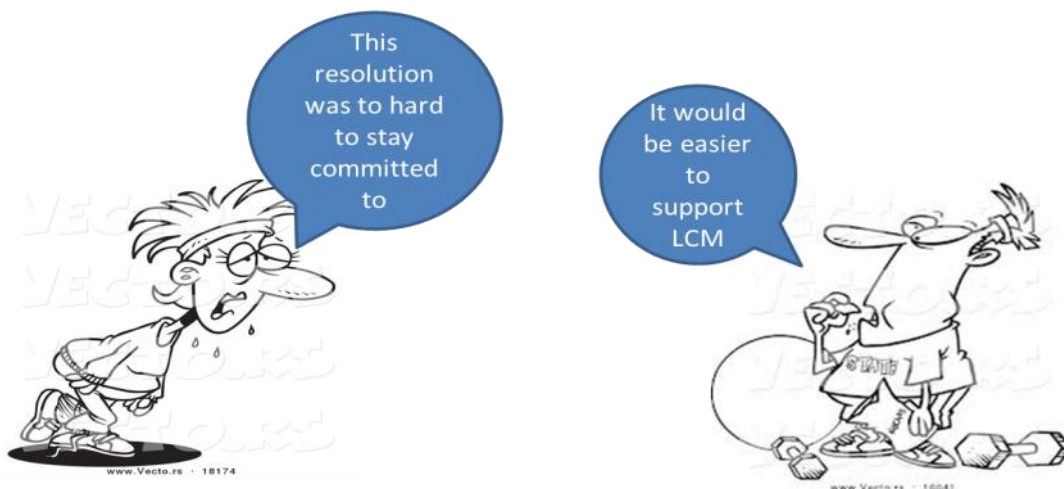
So I am asking you to partner with us in meeting and exceeding the needs of these precious people and watch how wonderful God is, as he alone provides the everlasting positive changes in these people's lives. Most of the time people think, "wow, would I like to help if I could, but I can't, I'm just trying to make it myself, or I don't have enough to support this ministry". Can I just say that this is not the case, we here at Love and Compassion Ministries believe no matter how little or how often, every bit helps, but most importantly brings one more soul closer to a positive life and to the cross.

It may seem petty, but having hundreds of supporters give just \$5 a week, month or whenever is more rewarding than just a few giving hundreds of dollars just monthly or when they can save up a large amount of money to give. In the end, if you still think that maybe you can't support the ministry, "yes you can" through you're prays and with any feedback that may make us become a better ministry.

I would like to give some final thoughts for you my friends, in Mark 12, verses 41 through 44 where Jesus while sitting by the treasury, was beheld how people cast money into the treasury including many rich, but when the poor widow came and cast two mites, which if I was to guess in our modern times may be equivalent to a dollar or two, Jesus stated, "this widow gave more than all the rest, because she not only gave all she had, but even all her living". We say this to communicate this truth to you and that is, if you can support us, we are excited and willing to represent you all in loving on these people who need love, meeting their needs, and just showing them that they are not forgotten people in this world, but are truly loved by us and Jesus, who is the true provider and savior of these individuals who need our time.

May God bless you all in 2013, and fill you with the love and desire to assist these people who need our love and affection no matter what their circumstances are. I know most of us have experienced this in our lives or have loved ones experiencing it and need our help. As your friend in Christ, I am excited about God's plans for Love and Compassion Ministries and you! I guarantee God will not only bless your lives, but our Lord and Savior will one day say to us, well done good and faithful servant". Thank you!

Frank Blake, Director
Love And Compassion Ministries, Inc.



SAVE THE DATE

Again Love And Compassion Ministries will be joining many other service providers in helping the homeless and veterans.

Come join us!

For More Info Call: 239-574-5683

Saturday, January 26, 2013

8:45 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

**City of Palms Stadium
2201 Edison Avenue
Fort Myers, Florida 33901**

This event provides a variety of services including food, hygiene kits, hair cuts, medical care, VA benefits and referrals for substance abuse addictions and mental health counseling to people who are homeless.

Please join us in praying that Pepsi Cola Bottling Company will allow Love And Compassion Ministries to distribute their wonderful products as we have done for many years now.

Street Watch Ministries has been blessed by partnering with Love and Compassion Ministries to feed homeless and the less fortunate people of Lee County. Street Watch teams up with LCM and does this event the last Friday of each month on Martin Luther King Blvd., in Fort Myers. Street people are invited to come for a meal, a sermon and are given clothing and hygiene items, with the help of Love and Compassion Ministries. As the cold weather approaches we hope to be able to give out blankets as well.

Over the past year many people have stepped forward to accept Jesus as their Lord and Savior. If you would like to be part of this outreach or could support us in this endeavor, please contact Dave and Frani Strever with Street Watch or Ron Willis at Love and Compassion Ministries (239) 574-5683.

Dave and Frani Strever, Directors
Street Watch Ministry



HOMELESS MINISTRY

According to the Lee County Homeless Coalition there are 3,400 homeless people in Lee County today. These people are living out of their cars, under bridges, in the woods and various other places where law enforcement will allow them to sleep.



Just looking at this ordinary washer and dryer you see nothing more than appliances used to get clothing clean, but in 2012 these units washed and dried hundreds of soiled clothing for the homeless that got to feel the love of Christ through clean clothing.

Thanks to your donations this was possible!

Prison Ministry:

Pastor Jim Holbrook, Mark Decker and Mark Johnson are still teaching the Word of God to the people at the Stockade here in Fort Myers. Many have come to the saving grace of Jesus Christ through these teachings. Please keep them in your prayers.

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PLACE WHERE THEY
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Drug Program Ministry

2012 has been a great year for Love And Compassion Ministries, as we have been able to place many people into drug programs rather than the court system having to sentence them to prison time.

Praise The Lord for when they come out they are a new creation.



Reflections for the New Year

by John Michael Domino
Director, Youth Ministry

Let us reflect on 2012 - just for fun!
So what did we learn about God and his son?
Did we help others in need? Did we help anyone?
Did we grow spiritually as a person?
So what do we need to do different next year?
What should we change to bring in good cheer?
What should we do to make life better in every way?
What can we do to help out one person every day?
We can make a positive difference in 2013 and beyond.
We just need to follow Jesus - He's the one!
What God-given talents will we use?
We all have special God-given gifts!
So if we share them - we all win and winners can't loose!
Amen!

Youth Ministry

December 1, 2012 many of Love And Compassion Ministries volunteers participated in the new opening of the AMIKids Crossroads Foster Care Facility. John Davidson, Executive Director wishes to not only thank us for the work in the past several years but for the work we will be doing as soon as youth are enrolled.

Please pray for this wonderful facility!



Love Compassion Ministries

Friends and Partners,

There are people all around us every day that are not what they claim to be. The Bible tells us to be aware of this.

Matthew 7:15-23 says: ¹⁵ *“Watch out for false prophets. They come to you in sheep’s clothing, but inwardly they are ferocious wolves. ¹⁶By their fruit you will recognize them. Do people pick grapes from thornbushes, or figs from thistles? ¹⁷Likewise, every good tree bears good fruit, but a bad tree bears bad fruit. ¹⁸A good tree cannot bear bad fruit, and a bad tree cannot bear good fruit. ¹⁹Every tree that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire. ²⁰Thus, by their fruit you will recognize them. ²¹“Not everyone who says to me, ‘Lord, Lord,’ will enter the kingdom of heaven, but only the one who does the will of my Father who is in heaven. ²²Many will say to me on that day, ‘Lord, Lord, did we not prophesy in your name and in your name drive out demons and in your name perform many miracles?’ ²³Then I will tell them plainly, ‘I never knew you. Away from me, you evildoers!’ NIV*

Many times it is very hard to distinguish whether someone is of God or of the devil, but if we will allow the Holy Spirit to discern evil from good, then God can show us the true person and give us a way to separate us from that evil. I have ministered many times to a man that was in jail and every Sunday he stood in the front of the Church praising the Lord while molesting his own children during the week.

I believe that evilness is stronger today than ever before. The TV, games, movies, magazines, are full of evilness. There are many examples of evilness from the past, but what about the people that are around us every day? Do we understand or even care about what is going on around us? Are we willing to allow this presence of evil to grow to the point that all of us will need to carry fire arms where ever we go?

Personally, I feel that Christians are willing to set on their hands and allow evilness to become stronger and stronger. Laws are being passed that do not line up with Christian principles. Government is doing all it can to not only take God out of everything, but doing all it can to destroy our nation as it was designed to be. The true evilness comes from the supernatural being opposed to God. Satan is turning the ways of this nation, including God’s people, to sin and corruption through sex, drugs, greed, hate, bitterness and so much more. Isaiah 5:20 says: *Woe unto them that call evil good, and good evil; that put darkness for light, and light for darkness; that put bitter for sweet, and sweet for bitter!* KJB

As we mourn the deaths of so many little children and their teachers that were killed this last month at Newtown, Connecticut school shooting, it's hard not to remember that we have been here before. The Sandy Hook elementary school shooting is far from the first. Several mass school shootings have dotted our recent history and I am afraid it will not be the last. The aftermath is that people are now afraid to allow their children to go to school, a mall, movie theater or even a Church for the fear of their children being killed or molested. So how do we correct this? We must get God back into our country. We must elect Godly people to represent us within our government, or Churches must start being the place for safety, hope, compassion and love, reaching out to the lost, hurting and needy not our government. And as Christians we must be praying for our leaders, pastors and fellow Christians while putting on the whole armor of God as is written in Ephesians 6:10-20.

In the Presence of our Lord,

Ron Willis

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to personally pray for others' needs.

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**Behind every
thoughtful deed
is a
*generous
spirit*
inspired by the
heart of
*God.***