

# Love and Compassion Ministries

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

February 1, 2014 In The Year of Our Lord

NEWSLETTER

## *Celebrating 16 years of serving our Lord through Love And Compassion Ministries*

We are thrilled to be celebrating 16 years ministering through out Lee, Charlotte and Collier counties.

It has been an amazing journey being able to see God's hand working to reach the lost of this world while we reach out to the imprisoned, homeless, troubled youth and veterans along with the alcohol and drug addicts.



Paula Philips

Ron Willis

Janet Bristow

Love And Compassion Ministries was started on a shoe string with two Godly ladies that had seen the destruction in people's lives from drugs.

It was a team that prayed and got to see God work in people's lives.

Our Lord used and blessed each of us as we served Him.

We are now made up of more than 50 volunteers.

The love of God is still working within each of us that serve under Love And Compassion Ministries.

As we look back over these past sixteen years I can say it has been very challenging in many ways, yet God has provided what we needed through people just like you.

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Support And Prayers!

## VOLUNTEERS

I recognize that this ministry would never have been able to do what we've done if not for all the past and present volunteers. I thank all of them for their service. Many that make up the list of volunteers listed below (in no particular order) have served with us for years. I look forward to serving many more years with them as others come along beside us to make us stronger and more faithful to God's calling. Many of these listed below have worked in numerous aspects of this ministry doing jobs that is out of their comfort zone, yet with the grace of God they did what was needed to get the job done. These are my brothers and sisters.... my family!

Lyle Smith	John and Patti Rosko	Pat Esposito
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Frank and Mary Beth Blake	Edna Cannavale	Chris Leninski
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Jim and Joann Cossairt	Glenda Martinez	Jim Pierce
Gary and Francine Danno	Lucille Sacco	Pastor Edward Gonzalas
Mark and Kathy Decker	Pastor William and Sally Stewart	Aleda Marshall
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Ray Myers	Jack and Joann Richert	Kelly Bryant
Nick Trosterud	Charlie Sandberg	Mandi Harper and
Paula Phillips	Michael Smith	Many Others That Pray
Pastor Vince Rizzo	Lew Furnoff	and Support Us

Sixteen years ago I was working a full time job and doing prison ministry part time through McGregor Baptist Church. One day, while I was servicing a boat lift on Boca Grande, God spoke to me. He said, "I want you to quit your dock and lift business and serve me full time." I told God that I couldn't do that, because I had a family to support, house payments, car notes, a son in private school and several other obligations. God said, "have you ever missed a meal, missed a house or car payment, ever gone without a roof over your head? Who do you think provided these items that you have received?"

I went home and told my wife and son what had happened and ask them what they thought. We all agreed to step out in faith and work together doing prison ministry. After working within the jail and prison system for some time Paula Phillips, Janet Bristow and I started Love And Compassion Ministries, Inc. a nondenominational, nonprofit organization (501 C3) with five hundred dollars.

The first few years were hard, but God provided everything we needed when we needed it. We have seen so many miracles and so many people come to the Lord through this ministry. We have made such a difference in so many lives because we were there for them in their time of need. Our goal is to teach others of God's grace and love as we battle against suicide, pornography, profanity, devil worshipping, divorce, anger, hate, abuse, drugs, alcohol, laziness, hunger, loss of hope, homelessness, prison overcrowding and physical, mental, and emotional problems.

If you desire a closer walk with God and the yearning to lead people to our Lord, you don't have to go to a foreign country. We have hundreds of people in our neighborhood that need to know Christ's love. Join us in the battle to win people to the Lord! Call 239-574-LOVE.

Ron Willis

I support Love and Compassion Ministries because I have first hand knowledge of how they help the people that are in need. God has blessed me through LCM. LCM loves the people who most of society has given up on. When the rest of the nation would just lock them up and forget about them, LCM desires for them to be free, free of the bondage in which they are held prisoners. The people that make up LCM have this God given gift of love and compassion which has led many individuals to come to know Christ. They have encouraged me and loved me regardless of my mistakes.

Time is short and our Lord wishes not one to perish. I challenge everyone to make a commitment to our Lord to support Love And Compassion Ministries, Inc. every month in 2014.

Jim

**Please consider giving to Love And Compassion Ministries this month.**

**Your donations are appreciated and help us to help others through our Homeless Ministry, Youth Ministry, Drug Program Ministry, Prison Ministry and Bread Ministry.**

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# Love and Compassion Ministries

Love And Compassion Ministries started out being a jail / prison ministry. Teaching the Word of God was just not enough! Seeing the same person coming back into the system over and over again was such a heart breaker. Our board of directors have always been dedicated to developing policies and approving programs that focus on the homeless, veterans, disadvantaged families, people on drugs, prisoners and troubled youth.

We have serviced more than 20,000 people in our sixteen years teaching the new and old testament, helping people with car repairs, gasoline, bus tickets, utilities, medical needs, helping people find jobs, working with courts to get people into drug rehab programs, transporting people to programs, doctor's appointments, job interviews and hospitals. All of this at no cost to the individuals.

## These are the building blocks that make up Love And Compassion Ministries

### STREET OUTREACH MINISTRIES

In August 2007 Love And Compassion Ministries teamed up with Pastor William Stewart and his family doing a Street outreach Ministry on Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd. Several years ago Dave and Frani Strever with Street Watch Ministry, along with their wonderful team members started providing many wonderful items of clothing, shoes, hygiene items and the labor to cook and serve some magnificent meals. They have now taken the responsibility of this awesome ministry. This has allowed Love And Compassion Ministries to focus on some things that our Lord has opened the door for us to do in the very near future.



Many have come to the Lord through this ministry. Pastor Stewart, Love And Compassion Ministries and Street Watch Ministries have had a great impact on this community by working together to reach the lost of this area. We look forward to working together in serving our Lord on the streets for many more years.



### HOMELES MINISTRIES

Common to all religious faiths is the responsibility to care for those most in need – providing food, clothing, water and shelter. It is also common to all religious faiths to stand for justice for the poor and oppressed people. We can keep feeding people, clothing people (both are important), but it does nothing to get at the root causes that make people homeless.

We need to be aware of the complexity of homelessness. It can have many causes that may require many solutions. Plus, every person has his / her own story as to why they are homeless. There is no one easy answer to fit all cases. We must keep an open mind and listen to the homeless with love and compassion.



Over the course of a year, between 2.3 and 3.5 million people experience homelessness nationwide and at least 2,500 people are homeless today in Lee County. The causes of homelessness are multiple and complex. There is often a lot of focus on personal problems or immorality, which can be contributing factors but do not alone cause homelessness. Families with children are the fastest growing groups of homelessness. One child in five in the United States lives below the poverty line.

### PRISON MINISTRIES

Pastor James Holbrook, Mark Decker, Pastor Mark Johnson and Nick Trosterud go into the jails and prisons teaching the Word of God to inmates that desperately need it. Housing an inmate in jail or prison costs thousands of dollars! To teach him about a wonderful Savior is priceless. When someone turns from their wicked ways and accepts Jesus Christ, they become a taxpayer and not a burden on society.



**LOVE THE SINNER ... HATE THE SIN**

YOUTH  
MINISTRIES

# NEW YEAR'S BLESSING CREW AT CROSSROADS

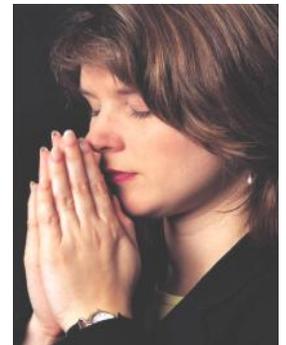
Ernie Vigil came down from Colorado just to give his powerful testimony to the youth. Margaret Rowlette followed with a special New Years message that was Holy Spirit filled. John Domino added Christian goals for the New Year. JoAnn and Jack Richert made a special turkey lunch with all the trimmings. Johnny and Patti Rosko helped serve and offered prayers. Charlie Sandberg is new to our group, but he was certainly an added blessing. If that wasn't enough, Elmer and Betty made the youth fried chicken for dinner. The whole day was Holy Spirit filled!



## Prayer has always been a big part of Love And Compassion Ministries!

*The LORD is near to all who call upon HIM, to all who call upon  
HIM in truth.  
Psalm 145:18 NKJ*

What a great privilege we have as sons and daughters of the KING. We can come into HIS throne room 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  
MINISTRIES

DRUG  
PROGRAM  
MINISTRIES

Love and Compassion Ministries works directly with numerous, very wonderful, Christian drug and alcohol programs. We believe that without Jesus Christ it is almost impossible to be delivered from your addictions. Many times we go to court and ask the judge to allow a person to complete a drug program rather than going to prison.

We do our own evaluations of people who desire to stop living under the bondage of alcohol and drugs and help the ones that want a change in their lives! We do all we can to make sure that when we recommend a person to a program that it is the right place, at the right time and that the person will be able to complete the program. LCM makes all the arrangements for the entry, including transporting the person to the program (most programs are many miles from here).



VETERANS  
MINISTRIES

Love and Compassion Ministries is dedicated to getting veterans the help that they deserve. Many of them are having major problems getting any kind of help. We owe each and every one of our veterans much more than we could ever pay them back. Great care will always be given to those who have served this country and now find themselves in need.

May God bless all that have served with honor these United States of America.





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February 1, 2014

Friends and Partners,

Sixteen years and counting. With a humble heart I thank God for every day we have been able to serve Him on the front lines of this great battle. As Christians, our faith is seriously challenged by the events taking place around us everyday. Like it or not, these challenges show us just how seriously (or not) we are living our commitment to Christ. Majority of us, most of the time, would prefer to keep our heads in the sand rather than to face truths about ourselves.

Because of our lack of attempt to correct our moral crisis, I must now speak to you as President of LCM. Please be aware that I am not speaking to you as a theologian or as a Christian voicing his opinion, nor by any means am I speaking to you as a political terminator. I am speaking to you from the deepest chambers of my conscience as the Christian leader of this ministry, appointed by Jesus Christ. My love for you makes it a morally imperative that I not allow you, by my silence, to fall into grave evil and its incalculable temporal and eternal consequences.

Paul said in Romans 1:26-32 <sup>26</sup> *For this reason God gave them up to vile passions. For even their women exchanged the natural use for what is against nature.* <sup>27</sup> *Likewise also the men, leaving the natural use of the woman, burned in their lust for one another, men with men committing what is shameful, and receiving in themselves the penalty of their error which was due.* <sup>28</sup> *And even as they did not like to retain God in their knowledge, God gave them over to a debased mind, to do those things which are not fitting;* <sup>29</sup> *being filled with all unrighteousness, sexual immorality, wickedness, covetousness, maliciousness; full of envy, murder, strife, deceit, evil-mindedness; they are whisperers,* <sup>30</sup> *backbiters, haters of God, violent, proud, boasters, inventors of evil things, disobedient to parents,* <sup>31</sup> *undiscerning, untrustworthy, unloving, unforgiving, unmerciful;* <sup>32</sup> *who, knowing the righteous judgment of God, that those who practice such things are deserving of death, not only do the same but also approve of those who practice them.*

We have people right here in Cape Coral / Fort Myers that are flying out to other states to get married to their same sex partners, for our federal government will now recognize their same sex marriage. I have heard that over a million unspeakable horrors of abortion were performed last year and that an article published in the Journal of Medical Ethics, says newborn babies are not “actual persons” and do not have a “moral right to life”. They also argue that parents should be able to have their babies killed if it turns out to be disabled when it is born.

Human trafficking, nudity in our movies and TV shows, legalizing street drugs, passing unjust laws and setting up mandates against religious organizations while our government attempts to take away religious liberties should have all Christians at their breaking point. Will we have any battle scars when we get to heaven or will we lack any mark of being in a fight with Satan?

Love And Compassion Ministries has grown in so many ways these last sixteen years, yet we have allowed Satan to destroy so many people right under our noses. It is time to turn the tide! If you know of someone that is allowing Satan to take a foothold in their life, per Romans 1:26-32, please send us their first name only along with the problem to [prayerrequest@lovecompassion.com](mailto:prayerrequest@lovecompassion.com). (If you prefer, you may use the enclosed envelope.) We will start praying a covering over that person while asking God to remove that desire from that person. Love the sinner and hate the sin!

Together we can win this battle. Thanks!

In the Presence of our Lord,

*Ron Willis*

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