

# Love and Compassion Ministries

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

January 1, 2010 In The Year of Our Lord

NEWSLETTER

## HAPPY NEW YEAR



**When the clock tolls twelve midnight on December 31, 2009, most of us will ring in the New Year with new resolutions of self-betterment, by leaving the bad habits behind in 2009 and agreeing that 2010 will be the year to succeed.**

**Many times our hope collapses around us and by the end of January we are lucky if we even remember what our New Year's Resolution was.**

**So this year, I am asking all of you to pray with us that we will make resolutions per God's direction, not ours.**

**For with God nothing shall be impossible.**

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## The Years

by Jerry Ousley ★

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Is it just me or are the years passing by faster and faster? I don't think that it's just me because I hear a lot of people talking about it, especially those who are my age or above. The clock never stops ticking and it seems seconds, minutes, hours, days, weeks, months and years are hurtling by at lightning speed. It sort of reminds a person of those colored blurs going by at a race track.

It wasn't like that when we were children; at least it wasn't for me. It seemed that the days were endless, especially school days. I, like many of you, couldn't wait until I was old enough to get a driver's license, and then until I was twenty-one and considered a man. But after that, life seemed to speed up. Before I knew what hit me I was fifty years old and considered over-the-hill. Now I'm beginning to get senior citizens discounts. Folks, sometimes it's nice getting those special favors but at other times I want to just grab the reins and tell those horses to slow down or maybe even stop for a while, you know what I mean?

But there's not much we can do about it except to make the most of our days. This year has been no different as far as the passing of time. There's been a lot of things take place, changes made, and at times we all wondered if we'd get through it or not, but here we are, ready to embark on yet another year.

What will this one be like? There's only one way to find out and that's to step right into it and get our hands dirty. It isn't like we've got much of a choice.



In 2 Kings 20 we read the story where King Hezekiah had 15 years added to his life. He had become sick and the prophet, Isaiah, had told him that he should get his house in order because he was going to die. Hezekiah didn't want to die, who does? Anyway, the king began to pray and God revealed to Hezekiah that He would add 15 years to his life. The king wanted a sign, I suppose much like a guarantee, that God would fulfill His promise. So Isaiah asked him in so many words, "Do you want the clock to go forward or backwards?" It wasn't really a clock but a sun dial, which was what they used for a clock in those days. Hezekiah responded that it was an easy thing for the clock (or sun dial) to go forward, but it was a sure miracle if it went backward. So God made it to go backward.

The point is that we don't control the time. In fact, time is an invention of man. God allowed it because we, in our finite minds, need to measure beginnings and endings. Our Lord is eternal so He doesn't have a beginning or ending. But in our fleshly, mortal lives, we do. So we measure it by time. God knows how much time we've got left. I've known of many cases where people have contracted fatal diseases and doctors have tried to give them a number of days, months or years be-

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fore their lives will be over. In some of these cases those folks had less time but in many more they had more time. We humans really don't know. But God does.

Thinking again about Hezekiah, I'm not sure I'd want to know the time I have left. It would be too tempting to worry and fret as each one of those days slipped by. The fact is, unless God has revealed to us that we have a certain number of days left, we shouldn't spend our time worrying about it. We should make certain that we have arrangements made so as not to burden our loved ones, and the most important thing is to make sure that we have accepted Jesus as our Lord and Savior no matter how young or old we are. Our lives are compared in the Bible to a vapor of smoke that floats in the air for a few moments and then simply dissipates and is no longer seen.

But one hard, true fact, according to the Bible, is that our spirits, our true lives, will go on forever. Many contest this belief but I choose to hold to it. To think that once our lives have vanished from this earth, we will reign with our Lord, at least that's the way I see it. But knowing that we can have hope of an even brighter future even after this mortal life has ended...well that makes me happy for one.

What about you? What do you believe? The future doesn't have to be bleak and hopeless, not if we give ourselves, our meager lives, and the time we have, to God. He has made the way to stretch time into an endless eternity.

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**GOD'S PLACE: *The Vision***

As of right now I have no news of what the State of Florida is going to do in regards to the land and buildings we are trying to rent from them in order to start God's Place.

I wish to stop and reflect where we have been and where God has taken us as I thank you all for your hard work. I have had the pleasure to meet and work with some of the greatest people in these United States. We all have a reason to be proud of what has come from God's leading.

You have given so much. I wish to say thanks to you for your willingness to work together to bring glory and honor to our Lord. Even though you wish to remain anonymous, I say thank you to all who have worked to make this huge gigantic dream a reality that live in:

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| Dyersburg, Tennessee   | Miami, Florida       |
| Cape Coral, Florida    | Tallahassee, Florida |
| Panama City, Florida   | Lynn Haven, Florida  |
| Boynton Beach, Florida | Okeechobee, Florida  |
| Titusville, Florida    |                      |

God and I know who you are! Thank you for daring to do what others say is impossible. God bless you all!  
Ron Willis

**Our Lord and Savior has provided a great looking little Mazda Tribute ES Sport Utility that gets great gas millage.**

This vehicle was dedicated to our Lord on December 25, 2009 as much more than transportation. This SUV is where God's name will be proclaimed as we do God's work. We vow to do all we can to bring glory and honor to our Lord as we profess His name, practice His ways and use this instrument for His will.

Thank you for all your prayers!



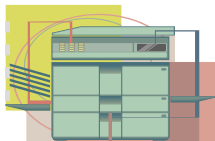
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### Love and Compassion Ministry News:

Our heart-felt thanks to Julie Shoff and her team of devoted Christ-like members of Christ Community Church, Fort Myers who sponsored the free Thanksgiving Dinner for those in need on Thanksgiving Day.

Please keep all the homeless people that we minister to in your prayers as we try to meet their needs. Please say a special prayer for Michael and Loria that need healing and to get back up north as soon as possible.

Many need our prayers in regards to employment housing and transportation at this time in their life. Especially Thomas, Dominique, Henry, Steve, Holly, Michelle, Edna, Heidi, Bejan, and Joanna, also we have had many, many requests for assistance in paying utility bills, rent, assistance in applying for food stamps and other government programs. We are also working with many who need community service hours. Please pray for Laura. She is doing battle against addiction to cigarettes and drugs all at the same time. LCM put her in a drug program on the east coast recently.

We need to pray for Sheri, a forty year old who is trying to live with family and seek a new vocation. We are working with an unmarried couple who are expecting a baby. He is in desperate need of a drug program and she is not sure how to proceed in this situation.

Pray for Kyle and Gina, they are in desperate need of a job and transportation. They have five children and are trying to make ends meet. Please pray for all the individuals who are working hand and hand with us in making God's Place become a reality.

Please pray for Garrett who needs a work van with proper equipment to expand his business. He is a single dad raising a young daughter. Also, William needs a work van as his cannot be driven any longer.

Many of our inmates are looking for pen pals especially Randy and Richard. Please keep their families in your prayers.

Lester needs prayer for healing and reconciliation with his family. Pray for the many families in need of reconciliation.

Special thanks to Nina, Lloyd and Josephine, and Rosalie for providing Christmas gifts for young children whose dad is in prison at this time.

### FUNNY STORY

My four sons are always doing something hysterical. One day after church, my oldest son went to the kitchen to get some bread. He came to me, and with a concerned look on his face, he asked, "Mom, will I die if I eat bread and nobody's here?" I didn't understand what he meant so I asked him what he was talking about. He repeated the question and added, "The preacher said we couldn't live if we ate bread alone." I realized then what he meant. The sermon topic of the day was "Man can not live by bread alone"

### DYNAMITE

A Joyful 'toon by Mike Waters



So Jesus answered and said to them, "Have faith in God. For assuredly, I say to you, whoever says to this mountain, 'Be removed and be cast into the sea,' and does not doubt in his heart, but believes that those things he says will be done, he will have whatever he says."

- MARK 11:22-23 NKJV

## It Starts Today

by [Todd Tribble](#)

12/18/2006 / Holidays

Enjoy today.....it's the only one you have.

I woke up this morning and realized that yesterday was gone. It had been here when I went to sleep but when I woke up...gone. I can't get it back and there is no way to change anything that happened. I categorized it as "normal" and part of me wishes that I had made it more exciting. I bid that day goodbye when I closed my eyes and it was gone before my

dreams could overtake my tired mind.

Had I made a difference or had I settled for mediocrity?

Was the world better off or had I just been a blip on the vast radar of life? Had I touched some one's heart? When people called on me did I help or had they survived in spite of me? What kind of day had it been? Had I made the air that I breathe worth the effort?

Had I lived the day in God's eyes or mine?

What about you? Have you done your best? When people needed your assistance did you jump into the fray or turn your back? The co-worker who needed a smile, the waiter who needed that extra dollar, the child who needed a hug...were you there? When that moment of opportunity presented itself did you seize it or let it float by?

Would God be proud of your efforts?

At Love and Compassion we strive for this everyday thru the support of our faithful donors.

## A New Year Prayer

God of our yesterdays, our today, and our tomorrows.

We praise You for Your unequalled greatness.

Thank You for the year behind us and for the year ahead.

Help us in Your new year, Father, to fret less and laugh more.

To teach our children to laugh by laughing with them.

To teach others to love by loving them.

Knowing, when Love came to the stable in Bethlehem, He came for us.

So that Love could be with us, and we could know You.

That we could share Love with others.

Help us, Father, to hear Your love song in every sunrise,

in the chirping of sparrows in our backyards,

in the stories of our old folks, and the fantasies of our children.

Help us to stop and listen to Your love songs,

so that we may know You better and better.

We rejoice in the world You loved into being.

Thank You for another new year and for new chances every day.

We pray for peace, for light, and for hope, that we might spread them to others.

Forgive us for falling short this past year.

We leave the irreparable past in your hands and step out into the unknown

new year knowing You will go with us.

We accept Your gift of a new year and we rejoice in what's ahead,

depending on You to help us do exactly what You want..

I say it again, we rejoice!

In Jesus name, Amen.



## Love And Compassion Ministries

Dear Friends,

It is important, as a follower of Jesus Christ that our hearts be totally submitted to God. We must surrender all areas of our life to Him. Every year we have great expectations and great hopes for the coming year, however as the year proceeds, we find ourselves in tests, trials and storms that we never expected. I Corinthians 9:24 says, Do you not know that those who run in a race all run, but one receives the prize? Run in such a way that you may obtain it. As a follower of Christ, we must commit ourselves so that we can finish our race.

We all need God's grace to be able to run and finish our race. Grace is the power through the Holy Spirit to complete a difficult task in the natural. We need grace to run our race and we definitely need grace to fulfill the destiny that Jesus has called us to. (*Acts 20:24*)

We all need God's favor. Favor will bring you into places and positions that money can't buy. Favor will open doors of opportunity and cause people to bless you. (*Ezekiel 36:26*)

We all need God's ability to love. We need to learn to love and appreciate all people. It's easy to love the lovable, but what about the not so lovable? We need to pray for our enemies and God will change their hearts. He says, "I will take out the stony heart and give you a heart of flesh." (*John 13:34*)

We all need God's ability to have more faith to believe and receive God's blessings. God wants us to believe by faith that we have what we ask for. It's not easy to believe in something you can't see, and expectantly hope for, but if we believe we have it by faith, then we can receive it by asking His will be done and at the same time stand on His promise to deliver. (*Heb 11:1*)

We all need to learn to worship God when we are on top of the mountain or in the deepest valley. Our worship can lift the spirit of heaviness and bring us into the presence of the Lord. (*John 4:23*)

We all need to learn to praise our Lord. It's easy to praise the Lord when everything is going right. However, when problems arise, we need to remember that praise is our mighty weapon of warfare. (*Psalms 150:1-2*)

We all need to learn to trust our Lord with everything! There is so much fear in the world today and yet there are so many who are seeking peace all at the same time. God promises us that those that are steadfast in Him will have perfect peace. (*Isa 26:3*) We need to have a heart totally submitted to our Lord. When our heart is right, everything else will fall into place. When our heart is submitted to Him, He will direct our path. (*James 4:7-10*)

I pray that our hearts will burn with God's desires, that we will reach out to the lost, and introduce them to our Lord's saving grace this new year! **Happy New Year!**

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.

## **P R A Y E R**

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!

