

# Love and Compassion Ministries

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

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Labor Day is September 3, 2012  
Go out and enjoy life!  
"Sorrow looks back. Worry looks around. Faith looks UP."

Labor Day in the USA falls on the first Monday of September every year. The holiday is often regarded as a day of rest. Forms of celebration include picnics, barbecues, fireworks displays, water sports, and public art events.

The first Labor Day in the United States was observed on August 26, 1878, in Boston, by the Central Labor Union of New York, the nation's first integrated major trade union. It became a federal holiday in 1894, when, following the deaths of a number of workers at the hands of the U.S. military and U.S. Marshals during the Pullman Strike, President Grover Cleveland put reconciliation with the labor movement as a top political priority. Fearing further conflict, legislation making Labor Day a national holiday was rushed through Congress unanimously and signed into law a mere six days after the end of the strike.

Who ever said that Congress never does anything?

Thank God for the old days!!!!



## As Christians are we going in the right direction?

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Love And Compassion Ministries, Inc. cannot publish or distribute any election information including e-mails to its employees, volunteers, clients, or donors. It is our hope that people will educate themselves about the elections and pray for our country and its leaders.

As we abide with the rules, I wonder as a new school year is starting, what kind of life are we going to leave them. Will they have the chance and ability to make strides as our generation has had or are we leaving out nation weak, hopeless and unwilling to make the right decisions before it is too late.

I believe that our next generation will be weaker and less knowledgeable. As they pass an invisible boundary; they will become more liberal. They will establish themselves around and within the old laws as they interpreted them in their favor in a more liberal sense. Their lives will become more simplified as the laws of the universe will appear less complex and good will become bad and bad become good.

I pray that we will not sacrifice this country to those who want to destroy it. In the name of the Lord and the values that keep us who we are, may we never let our vision of man be distorted by the ugly, cowardly, mindless people in power. May we never lose our knowledge that man's proper estate is an upright posture, an intransigent mind and a step that travels unlimited roads. I pray that we as a nation will not let the fire that Christ put in us go out. May we never let the energy that is within our soul perish, in lonely frustration for the life we and our future families deserved, but have never been able to reach. May our Lord keep us on the road He has placed us and provide us with the weapons that give victory to the weak in nature and yet strong in spirit. The world we desired can be won over. The battle is ours says the Lord!

So as we make the decisions that will effect this nation for many a year the question should not be who is going to let me change the world but who is going to stop me.

Given the many urgent scientific and technological challenges facing America and the rest of the world, we have an increasing need for accurate scientific information that we can depend upon. We need people from all walks of life to share their views on the issues of the environment, health and medicine, science, technology, the economy, climate change, education, energy, welfare, homelessness, drugs, food, good water, the internet, ocean health, space, natural resources and public health to name a few areas we need to focus on.

May we always remember. "Only as high as I reach can I grow, only as far as I seek can I go, only as deep as I look can I see, only as much as I dream can I be." "The truth is not for all men, but only for those who seek it."

May God Help US!



## A SONG AIN'T A SONG 'TIL YOU SING IT

I've discovered how to make myself invisible, but I'll come to that in a minute. Meanwhile let me tell you about my favorite contemporary Christian writer; Brennan Manning. By all accounts he's an odd character, perhaps in his mid-seventies. A Franciscan priest committed to serving the poor. Among his 'callings' he has transported water to rural villages via donkey and buckboard; he's been a mason's assistant under the blazing Spanish sun; a dishwasher in France and a voluntary prisoner in a Swiss jail. Many see him as a mystic, an intensely Godly man although not religious, and he struggles with alcoholism.

He claims to have heard the voice of God audibly on an occasion when he spent six months living in solitary contemplation in a remote cave in the Zaragoza desert. Late one night as he gazed into the inky blackness of the sky he says he heard these words; 'For love of you I left my Father's side. I came to you who ran from me, who did not want to hear my name. For love of you I was covered with spit, punched and beaten, and fixed to a wooden cross.'

Brennan later reflected, 'Those words are burned into my life. Once you come to know the love of Jesus Christ, nothing else in the world seems beautiful or desirable by comparison.'

But it wasn't until his collapse into alcoholism in the mid 1970's that his writing began in earnest. He has since written fourteen books, among them my favorite, *The Ragamuffin Gospel*. Brennan has a gripping style; you either love him or you wish he wasn't there. I was listening to him the other day as he was telling one of his stories about an old friend who was dying. At one point he grabbed Brennan by the arm and said, 'I can't relive my life, but you're still a young man. Brennan, don't waste your time doing things that don't count.' He opened a drawer, 'I want to give you something,' he said, and from the drawer he pulled out a picture with some text on it. 'Read it for me,' he said, and Brennan read; 'A bell ain't a bell 'til you ring it. A song ain't a song 'til you sing it. And love ain't love 'til you give it away.'

The two men talked easily for a while until his friend died and Brennan tells how we make ourselves invisible? You sit on a wooden box at the bottom of main street with a handful of 'big issue' magazines on your knee. Few people will see you, those who do will sidestep you, studiously avoid eye contact, and yet how we love to put on our pious Sunday best, we congratulate the pastor on another 'life-changing' sermon and we make our way home, oblivious to the screaming pain of hurting humanity to the safety of our respectable little bubbles.

We sanitize the words of Paul to the young church at Ephesus, '...live a life of love,' but they can't be sanitized, because love ain't love 'til you give it away,' and you can't do that at arms length.

By Adam Harbinson

## Yard Sale

**September 29, 2012 (7:00 AM till 1:00 PM)**

As you may know, for almost two years now, Love And Compassion Ministries has been conducting a Street Outreach Ministry on Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Boulevard, but with the afternoon rains and wind it has become difficult to serve the homeless / street people.

We are in desperate need of a self-contained unit where we will be able to cook and serve. A team of volunteers along with Rev. William Stewart takes the Word of God to the streets while serving all kinds of good things to eat to the people on the streets. Many street people who would never enter a Church building listen to the Word of God being taught at these outreach meetings.



**This is a ministry that is so needed!**

**Outreach Ministry is having the Church come to the people.**

**Come and join us on September 29, 2012 for an old fashion yard sale at Love And Compassion Ministries corporate headquarters at 1401 Viscaya Parkway, suite 3 in Cape Coral, Florida to raise enough money to purchase a step van and equip it with a refrigerator, grill, sink, side window and storage units.**

**If you have any items that you wish to donate, please call us at 239-574-LOVE (5683).**

**If you wish to provide a check to help us with this vision please send them to  
Love And Compassion Ministries, Inc.  
P.O. Box 152636  
Cape Coral, Florida 33915**

**All donations can be dropped off Monday through Friday 1:00 PM to 6:00 PM.  
All donations are tax deductible. LCM will not be able to place a value on the items.  
Please no broken, torn or unusable items.**

**Event: Grand Yard Sale September 29, 2012 (7:00 AM till 1:00 PM)**

**Items for sale: Collector Items, Games, Power Tools, Grandfather Clock, House Wares, Hotdogs, Cupcakes, etc.**

**Where: 1401 Viscaya Parkway, suite 3 in Cape Coral, Florida**

We are in desperate need of a self-contained unit where we will be able to cook and serve the homeless / street people. This ministry is having the Church come to the people and it is so needed!



Come and join us on September 29, 2012 for an old fashion yard sale at Love And Compassion Ministries corporate headquarters at 1401 Viscaya Parkway, Suite 3 in Cape Coral, Florida.

We hope and pray that the event will raise enough money for us to purchase a step van and equip it with a refrigerator, grill, sink, side window and storage units. All proceeds will benefit Love And Compassion Ministries, Inc. and be used to help serve this community.

All the directors, staff and volunteers of LCM appreciate this community coming together and supporting our efforts to reach out to the hurting, homeless, imprisoned, troubled youth and addicted individuals in Lee County, and making this event a success. I thank you in advance for your help, support and contributions!



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## Change Your Thinking

*It will take just 37 seconds to read this and change your thinking.*

*Two men, both seriously ill, occupied the same hospital room.*

*One man was allowed to sit up in his bed for an hour each afternoon to help drain the fluid from his lungs. His bed was next to the room's only window. The other man had to spend all his time flat on his back.*

*The men talked for hours on end. They spoke of their wives and families, their homes, their jobs, their involvement in the military service, where they had been on vacation.. Every afternoon, when the man in the bed by the window could sit up, he would pass the time by describing to his roommate all the things he could see outside the window.*

*The man in the other bed began to live for those one hour periods where his world would be broadened and enlivened by all the activity and color of the world outside. The window overlooked a park with a lovely lake.*

*Ducks and swans played on the water while children sailed their model boats. Young lovers walked arm in arm amidst flowers of every color and a fine view of the city skyline could be seen in the distance.*

*As the man by the window described all this in exquisite details, the man on the other side of the room would close his eyes and imagine this picturesque scene. One warm afternoon, the man by the window described a parade passing by. Although the other man could not hear the band - he could see it in his mind's eye as the gentleman by the window portrayed it with descriptive words.*

*Days, weeks and months passed. One morning, the day nurse arrived to bring water for their baths only to find the lifeless body of the man by the window, who had died peacefully in his sleep. She was saddened and called the hospital attendants to take the body away. As soon as it seemed appropriate, the other man asked if he could be moved next to the window. The nurse was happy to make the switch, and after making sure he was comfortable, she left him alone.*

*Slowly, painfully, he propped himself up on one elbow to take his first look at the real world outside. He strained to slowly turn to look out the window besides the bed. It faced a blank wall. The man asked the nurse what could have compelled his deceased roommate who had described such wonderful things outside this window.*

*The nurse responded that the man was blind and could not even see the wall. She said, 'Perhaps he just wanted to encourage you.'*

*Epilogue:*

*There is tremendous happiness in making others happy, despite our own situations.*

*Shared grief is half the sorrow, but happiness when shared, is doubled.*



Thanks to Ian (See Mark 4:35-41)

06-23-2006

**JUST GIVE ME FIVE MORE MINUTES**



(See Matthew 7:24-27)

04-25-2007

**WISE MAN LEADS FOOLISH MAN BY OVER 100,000 AS WE HEAD INTO FINAL JEOPARDY, WHERE THE TOPIC WILL BE ... "SOLID FOUNDATIONS"**

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Dear Friends,

I don't know whether you would call them critics or not, but many people have the mistaken idea that people in prison ministry want inmates to be fed gourmet food, have all the comforts of home including a new TV in every cell with DVD and 200 channels running 24/7 all year long, plus private showers and wonderful beds to get their much needed sleep.

I assure you, that is not the case. Yes, we do want people to be treated with respect if the inmate shows respect. Yes, the inmate needs their medication if they have been taking medication before they was arrested. No one should be given antacid tablets and be told that it is their cancer tablets when the jail knows that they have stomach cancer. No one should be sleeping on hard metal until bed sores are bleeding, Inmates should be treated as good as the animal hospitals treat our pets. Everyone should be given clean water and food that is not left over from WWII.

Our jails and prisons are now cleaner and better run than ever before. Many an inmate has it so much better in jail than out. Now that we have got that out of the way here's what I tell people all the time... "You don't like jail, don't come back."

The most important part of jail / prison ministry is telling people about Christ. Jails and prisons should not be hotels. They should be places where no one would ever want to go again. They should be places where the Word of God is taught. Many people are there because they are running from God! I believe that God will use circumstances to get us to quit kicking against the pricks of life, even in a jail cell, if need be. It's like God is saying, "You have done it your way, now sit down, shut up and listen. I love you and care deeply for you. Stop everything and listen to me."

Jesus said in Matthew 25:34-36...

*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 an hungered, 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 an hungered, 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.*

How will they (prisoners) know Christ if they do not see and hear Him. We must go to them with love and compassion and be ready to introduce them to a wonderful Savior and be ready to help them when they are released.

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 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!