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Ministries

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HE LIVES

The Easter season started on March 1 this year, on Ash Wednesday. Forty-six days from there the Lent season ends with Easter Sunday on April 16, 2017. The Lenten season itself is comprised of forty days, as the six Sundays in Lent are not actually a part of Lent. Sundays are considered a commemoration of Easter Sunday and have always been excluded from the Lenten fast. The Lenten season is a period of penitence in preparation for the highest festival of the church year, Easter.

The last week of Lent, called Holy Week, begins with the observance of Palm Sunday. Palm Sunday takes its name from Jesus' triumphal entry into Jerusalem where the crowds laid palms at his feet. Holy Thursday commemorates the Last Supper, which was held the evening before the Crucifixion. Good Friday in Holy Week is the anniversary of the Crucifixion, the day that Christ was crucified and died on the cross. Holy week and the Lenten season ends with Easter Sunday, the day of resurrection of Jesus Christ.

Because God loved you and me, He sent His Son "Christ" to die for our sins so that we may have eternal life. Death could not hold Him. He was raised from the grave on the third day (Easter). Because He lives, we are promised that we will live again also. Our faith will be rewarded. Read for yourself how you may receive salvation. John 3:16 - John 17:3 - Romans 3:23 - Romans 6:23 - Romans 5:8 - I Corinthians 15:3-6 - John 14:6 - John 1:12 - Ephesians 2:8-9 and John 3:1-8.

Easter makes life worth living because we have confidence and hope for the future. Put your faith in the living Christ, to be your personal Savior and your Leader from this day on, for Jesus still lives!

WITH CHRIST, WE CAN TEACH AND DEMONSTRATE THE POWER TO PERMENTELY CHANGE LIVES!

By supporting Love And Compassion Ministries

HELPS US REACH:

IN THESE MINISTRIES

TO BE:

- IMPRISONED
- HOMELESS
- HUNGRY
- ABANDONED
- ADDICTED

- PRISON MINISTRY
- HOMELESS MINISTRY
- BREAD MINISTRY
- YOUTH MINISTRY
- DRUG PROGRAM MINISTRY

- TRANSFORMED
- COMFORTED
- NURISHED
- MENTORED
- FREE FROM DRUGS

Thank You for your support!

Love Compassion Ministries

Dear Friends of LCM,

The past few months have been incredibly full of activity and I have seen the Lord work through this ministry and the people that he sends us. We have been blessed with the addition of two new board members, Adien Diaz and Elisha Baird. Both women have wonderful testimonies of walking with the Lord and have hearts for the homeless. With these additions to our board, and some new activities occurring in the ministry, we needed to change the layout in the office to accommodate larger groups of people for ministry work.

We spent the past few weeks cleaning, painting and updating the office for what God has before us. I was amazed how God sent volunteers to help us and we helped them in return. There was a group of three people, living in their car, waiting for April 1st to move into their new house. They were waiting on disability checks and had no food, water or gas. They showed up in the middle of our project and happily pitched in to help, in return we blessed them with food, water and gas. They really enjoyed having a place to come and work and I really appreciated the help moving some of the heavy furniture, which I would not have gotten done so quickly without them. It was perfect timing.

God also sent us a few ladies needing probation service hours. The three of us worked well together and we made a great team. Before we started one day, we talked about Jesus and what he did on the cross for all of us. I shared my testimony with them and they were interested to know more about my travels and how God protected me throughout my life. I really enjoy working with these young ladies and giving them hope and encouragement to be smart about the decisions they are making.

Please keep us, and all those who call and visit us in your prayers. The snares of the devil have so many people trapped in drug addiction and health problems. There are great things coming before us in the ministry and I will be sharing in due time. God Bless all of you and may His Grace remind us, that it is His power and Love alone that give us the privilege to walk the earth. If you feel led to serve in our ministry, please contact me. Let us unite in Christ and bring glory to His Name, Jesus Christ our Lord and Savior.

God Bless this Ministry,

Heidi Veres

Heidi Veres, President
Love and Compassion Ministries

To God Be The Glory!

If God has blessed you, I pray that you will help support us in our time of need.

We have so many that are homeless, on drugs, hurting people needing to know someone cares. Would you please give today, to help us stay fully engaged in proclaiming the Gospel, because we know that Christ is the answer to all the issues of this world.

Thank You!



Please help us stop our next generation from becoming homeless or a drug addict.

Jail and Prison Ministry



Florida DOC Work Camp



Lee County CPU's



Charlotte Correctional Institutional



Lee County Stockade

Seeing the same people returning to the prison system time and time again will break your heart. Our servant teams minister to men at the Lee County Stockade, Lee County CPU's, Charlotte Correctional Institutional and Florida DOC Work Camp for years. Please keep them in your prayers as they minister to the ones that need to see God's love as they teach the truth. Today it is so hard for inmates to be able to discern and recognize the truth.

Youth Ministry



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Punta Gorda, Florida
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Weekly Bible Study
Every Wednesday
Bible study while interacting with the youth.

Monthly Lunch and Dinner
Fourth Saturday of each month
Join a group of wonderful Godly people.
Serve lunch and dinner while interacting with the youth.

Bread Ministry



Twice a week for several years now, Publix Grocery Store has provided LCM hundreds of wonderful bakery items from homemade bread to wedding cakes. We are so thankful for their willingness to provide such items to the needy. This ministry delivers bread to three churches every week.

Our team of volunteers makes this ministry what it is. Do you know of a place that may need bread? Let us know. May God bless Publix.

This is a ministry that is so needed.

Homeless Ministry



In His Service

Come enjoy an afternoon meal and volunteer at the Suncoast Community Center. This area of North Fort Myers is in much need of the Lord and your prayers.

We deliver a Biblical message, give out Bibles, provide homeless supplies and help meet people's needs. Our goal is to lead as many homeless and veterans to our Lord's saving grace as possible. If you would like to volunteer serving with this ministry or would like to sponsor the lunch, please call us!

Thank you!
Nick and Jackie Trosterud



COME SERVE THE LORD WITH US!
EVERY THURSDAY
at 12:00 (NOON)
SUNCOAST COMMUNITY CENTER
2441 Case Lane North Ft. Myers

CALL US TO SERVE!
239-574-LOVE (5683)



Good Food - Good Fellowship - Good Biblical Teaching

GOD HAS BLESSED US IN SO MANY WAYS THROUGH THE HOMELESS MINISTRY.

We recently received **27 Bikes** from the **Lee County Bike Safety Program** through **Suncoast Community Center**.

These bikes will be given to individuals in need that are willing to give back to the community by serving through a church or non-profit organization.

Bikes will be equipped with all required safety features included.

A big thank you goes out to **Wayne Hart** and **Hart Road Means Storage** for helping with the storage of the bikes and equipment and of course **Suncoast Community Center** and the **Lee County Bike Safety Program**.

We cannot forget all that are a part of the Sunday School Class at **McGregor Baptist Church** called **Heavenly Lights!**



Death at our doorstep...

I awoke one morning at 3:00am and felt led to get up and head to the office. There was still plenty of painting and cleaning to do. I arrived at the office at 4:00am to find a man, lying face down, no shirt, his travel bag 20+ feet away from him in the parking lot and no one else around. I was alone and needed to proceed with caution. The man appeared to be dead, but if not, I was not going to approach him alone at this hour.

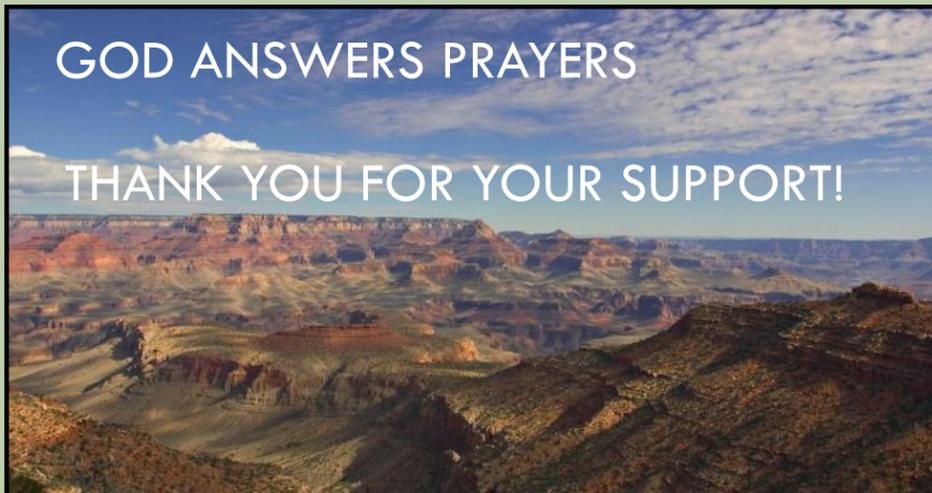
I called someone perfect for this and he wanted to handle the situation alone, so I parked close to observe them for his safety. We found out that the man had recently overdosed and came from the hospital, located a few blocks behind our office. LCM was able to contact the man's mother and had a brief conversation about the situation. Our LCM representative gave him a ride and has been in contact with the mother with hopes to get him into a drug and alcohol program.

Here is God's timing and love once again. This young man had no idea about the Love and Compassion Ministries. He just so happened to stumble and fall at our doorstep. We also are fortunate to have representatives willing to get out of bed at 4:00am to help others. Let us pray that this young man makes the decision to get into a Christ Centered long term addiction program, to be alive in Christ forever.

~Heidi Veres

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



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HOW DO YOU KNOW YOU ARE HEARING GOD'S VOICE



Have you ever been told by someone that God told them to tell you this or that? Sometimes people say such things as, "If you only had more faith, you would be healed or you would have the money needed in your crisis if you weren't living in sin."

Some people will tell you that God does not intend for you to be unhappy, so divorce your mate and marry someone that will make you happy. How about this one. Your friend tells you that you must be living in sin because you are not as rich as they are.

Many times words spoken by sincere people even Christian friends, can put us into a tailspin of emotional devastation and spiritual doubt and it gets worse if such words come from someone in the position of religious leadership.

How can we know what voice to listen to? How can we know which voice speaks the truth? Learning to recognize the voice of God is critical for developing a personal relationship with our Lord and Savior and for living a life pleasing to Him.

So how can we be sure the voice we hear is God's? Jesus answered that question using the illustration of the relationship between the shepherd and his sheep.

John 10 (KJV)

¹Verily, verily, I say unto you, He that entereth not by the door into the sheepfold, but climbeth up some other way, the same is a thief and a robber. ²But he that entereth in by the door is the shepherd of the sheep. ³To him the porter

calleth his own sheep by name, and leadeth them out. ⁴And when he putteth forth his own sheep, he goeth before them, and the sheep follow him: for they know his voice. ⁵And a stranger will they not follow, but will flee from him: for they know not the voice of strangers. ⁶This parable spake Jesus unto them: but they understood not what things they were which he spake unto them.

⁷Then said Jesus unto them again, Verily, verily, I say unto you, I am the door of the sheep. ⁸All that ever came before me are thieves and robbers: but the sheep did not hear them. ⁹I am the door: by me if any man enter in, he shall be saved, and shall go in and out, and find pasture. ¹⁰The thief cometh not, but for to steal, and to kill, and to destroy: I am come that they might have life, and that they might have it more abundantly. ¹¹I am the good shepherd: the good shepherd giveth his life for the sheep.

¹²But he that is an hireling, and not the shepherd, whose own the sheep are not, seeth the wolf coming, and leaveth the sheep, and fleeth: and the wolf catcheth them, and scattereth the sheep. ¹³The hireling fleeth, because he is an hireling, and careth not for the sheep. ¹⁴I am the good shepherd, and know my sheep, and am known of mine.

¹⁵As the Father knoweth me, even so know I the Father: and I lay down my life for the sheep. ¹⁶And other sheep I have, which are not of this fold: them also I must bring, and they shall hear my voice; and there shall be one fold, and one shepherd.

Love And Compassion Ministries has not and will not add to or delete from the Word of God. The Bible is the Living Word of God.

For the word of God is quick, and powerful, and sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing even to the dividing asunder of soul and spirit, and of the joints and marrow, and is a discerner of the thoughts and intents of the heart. Hebrews 4:12 (KJV).

Spend time each day reading your Bible and listen to what God has to say to you! Get into a Bible believing Church where you can join a small group or join a Bible study where you will learn so much about our Savior and how much He loves you.