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YES or NO

1. The word leisure is only used once in the Bible.
2. Easter is not mentioned in the Bible.
3. Herod was eaten of worms.
4. Judas Iscariot was eaten by worms too.
5. Gamaliel was a physician.
6. Satan is compared to a roaring lion.
7. John was known as Simon.
8. Peter was sometimes called Cephas.
9. Handkerchiefs were used by Paul to heal the sick.
10. Zenas was a lawyer.
11. Once during Paul's preaching Eutychus went to sleep and fell from a window.
12. The book of Mark states that Jesus sang a song with His disciples.
13. The word school is mentioned several times in the Bible.

Answers: 1.Y 2.N 3.Y 4.N 5.N 6.Y 7.N 8.Y 9.Y
10.Y 11.Y 12.Y 13.N

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

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We could be living anywhere on this earth and at any time since God spoke this earth into existence, but God saw fit to bless us to live here and now. We are so blessed! We live in a place where there is an abundance of resources and so many great opportunities to worship and serve our Lord whether we do so with our assets or in person.

IF I HAD BEEN BORN IN A POOR COUNTRY

Would I know Jesus Christ as my Savior if I had been born in a poor country? Would I have had the opportunity to hear the Word of God if I were born in a poor country? Would I have been too busy trying to scratch out a living to listen to the gospel if I had been born in a poor country?

A few years ago, my family and I had a chance to get away for a few days to see this beautiful country we live in. You know, I thought getting away from the ministry would do us good. I wanted us to get recharged and be able to get refreshed.

Shortly after we left on our journey, God showed us that it is not the place where you are, it is where your heart is. During our little trip we ministered to a young man who had just crashed his car into a concrete wall. We found out that he is a son of a pastor. We ministered to a homeless man with no legs who had just had a kidney removed. We ministered to a book dealer who was trying to find her lost brother and a homeless man hungry for a meal.

We got to go down into Juarez, Mexico, and see the unforgivable brokenness, grime, old, worn-out, outdated and poverty first hand. When I looked into the poor people's eyes there in Mexico, I saw the same look as I see almost every day here in Lee County. You could see the look of despair, no hope, being scared and hungry, but yet looking for something. I saw people who were willing to work, but there was very little work. I saw proud people who are willing to take their small children out into the streets to do anything to make a few pesos.

I saw the same look in these people's eyes, as I have seen so many times in the eyes of people right here in Lee County. Ever since I gave up everything to start Love And Compassion Ministries, some nineteen years ago, I have served my Lord every day as best I can. You see, you don't have to go around the world to find people hurting, in need, scared and hungry. They are right here and more than anything else they need the Lord.

The other day a gentleman asked, "What is the one thing that stresses you out?" The main thing that frustrates me is that lack of compassion for **our neighbors** and the treatment of mankind where the rich are treated one way and the poor are treated another way. Churches will send millions of dollars overseas to minister to the less fortunate, yet do nothing to help the people right here, our neighbors.

I thank all of you who have given to this ministry throughout the years. You have given us the ability to reach the lost, with the things in need of, and more than anything else, teaching them about our Lord and Savior.

I thank God that I was born in a country where there are so many opportunities to hear the Word, read the Word, study the Word and to be given the opportunity to accept Jesus Christ as my Savior. I pray that we will never take this gift for granted. We have truly been blessed by God! I pray we will never miss an opportunity to teach others about our Lord and Savior.

May God bless you with a heart and desire to reach the lost!

Ron Willis



YOUTH MINISTRY

Crossroads Hope Academy!



Jammin
with da boys!



Ernie, Mike, Rich,
John and Daryn



The action all begins in the back with our
volunteers and helpers in the kitchen .



Craig on guitar leading the volunteers and a couple
of the boys in making a joyful noise for Jesus Christ!

Here is a list of some of the folks that have come out to entertain, equip and encourage the youth with their talents and abilities to show them simply that, "The Love of Jesus Christ" is alive and living here and now! The list follows: Craig Belcher, Delia Belchler, Gary Danno, Jack Richert, June Rodriguez, Nick Trosterud, Mike Romero, Johnny Hendricks, Sparkle Simmons, Ernie Virgil, Marina Virgil, Johnny and Patti Rosko, Pat Esposito, Greg Jackson, Margaret Rowlett and many others.

The mission of Crossroads has recently changed to include recruiting some of the toughest foster teens in Florida. This will only challenge us as Christians to be more diligent in giving our love and time to where it's needed the most. It's like providing "fresh rain" in an arid climate. We may not be there all the time but if our visits are consistent the river will keep on flowing and will NEVER go dry.

GOD BLESS YOU ALL!

John Michael Domino

ACCOUNTABLE

is an adjective per the Webster Dictionary that means:

1. subject to the obligation to report, explain or justify something; responsible; answerable.
2. capable of being explained; explicable; explainable.

Almost every day Love And Compassion Ministries has to deal with situations where God's money is used to help ones in need. As stewards, not owners of the money that we have been entrusted with, we look into every situation to see if what the person says the problem is, really is true. Many times their answer to the problem doesn't line up with what is best for them. Upon investigating the situation we have the person file a request form for assistance. Typically the facts we are given and the facts we discover are not the same.

Then many times they are not wanting help. They want cold cash. Only within very extreme situations will we give out money and that is usually only a few dollars out of my own pocket. God will hold us accountable for everything He has put in our hands. What matters is that we use it in a proper way. It's all God's money and we must determine how He wants us to use it. I pray that every penny is used to bring honor and glory to our Lord.

There are also situations where all the money in the world cannot help the situation. That does not mean we give up, it means we reach down into our soul and cry out to God for answers.

On the other side of the equation some come to us all bent out of shape trying to keep and defend what they think is theirs. People ruin their lives over financial rights, inheritance squabbles and suing people they think cheated them. God has called us to think differently, to be stewards and to just faithfully manage what God gives us.

Psalm 24:4-5 The one who has clean hands and a pure heart, who does not trust in an idol or swear by a false god. ⁵They will receive blessing from the LORD and vindication from God their Savior.

Hi, my name is Mike. I first came into contact with Love and Compassion Ministries when I was an inmate in the Florida prison system. Ron Willis, the president of Love and Compassion Ministries, led a Bible study at the Ft. Myers work release center where I was housed. He would also take several of us to church with him each Sunday morning.

I got to know who Jesus Christ is by watching Ron's life. The Bible studies and the preaching at church were good, but what most drew me to Christ was the example of Ron and his volunteers giving of themselves and putting the needs of myself and others before their own. I truly saw Jesus in them and I wanted what they had.

Today, because of what Jesus did on the cross at Calvary, I am a free man. Not only from the prison bars that once held me, but more importantly, from the bondage of sin and the addictive self-serving lifestyle I once led. I face trials and temptations every day and still have problems in my life that I have to deal with, but the difference is that I now have Jesus to carry me through them all. "I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me." (Phillipians 4:13)

I am presently a volunteer with Love and Compassion Ministries. It fills my heart with joy to give back to this ministry and lead others to the Lord. Without the Lord and this prison ministry, I don't know where I would be today. Probably either back in prison again or dead in a grave and on my way to hell. I am so thankful to them for the new life that I now have.

Mike B.



**Volunteers Are The Key To Our Success!
If you know any of these people listed below, please
pick up the phone and thank them for their service.**

Janet Bristow
Edna Cannavale
Kerrie Wilson
Gary and Francine Danno
Pastor John and Pam Antonucci
Mark and Kathy Decker
Dr. John and Liz Domino
Leoma Dutcher
Miriam Magart
Albert Griffith
Richard and Barbara Hartz
Rev. James Holbrook
Rev. Mark and Claudia Johnson
Dr. Evan Mahoney
John and Patti Rosko
Lucille Sacco
Rae Smith
Rev. William and Sally Stewart
David and Fran Strever
Richard Tatro

Nicholas and Jackie Trosterud
Geneva Wicks
Portia Wright
Craig and Delia Belcher
Jack Richert
June Rodriquez
Mike Romero
Johnny Hendricks
Sparkle Simmons
Ernie Virgil
Marina Virgil
Pat Esposito
Greg Jackson
Quentin an Jutta Walker
Earl and Gail Fynan
Steve Bromley
Alex Morris
Larry And Peggy Cunningham
Jim And Peggy Propp
Bob and Anita Schweinsburg

Jesus said that “many are called, but few are chosen” (Matthew 20:16). I believe that means that the call has gone out for volunteers, but too few have responded.

Through the years, God's work has been carried out by “the faithful few.” God is looking to develop a vast and viable army, to stand against the forces of hell. I truly believe that the future of God's work lies in the hands of a vast army of “volunteers.” Love And Compassion Ministries has a big impact on our society through our team of volunteers reaching out in love to the people in need. This team is spreading God's Word.

You may think you are not educated enough or that you have had too bad of a past life to help a ministry. Please understand God can use anyone to do His will as long as you are a willing soul, but to do so you must know Jesus Christ as your Savior. You must believe through Jesus Christ all things are possible.

Today, we are in a battle against evil as never before. Jesus has promised that “the very gates of Hell will not prevail against us.” God is raising up a great army of volunteers, wont you join us as we serve a mighty God through one of our ministries. In His Service (Suncoast), Prison Ministry, Homeless Ministry, Prayer Ministry, Correspondence Ministry, Drug Program Ministry, Bread Ministry, Newsletter Ministry, Youth Ministry or Office Manager.

If you wish to commit to being a volunteer within Love And Compassion Ministries please call

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Love And Compassion Ministries, Inc.

Has grown and is still growing
thanks to people like you!



Back in 1998, Love And Compassion was nothing more than a small sapling among all the big strong ministries, but our heart was right and even though we were only a Jail / Prison Ministry, God blessed us and we grew in stature and knowledge of the people in need and the best way to help them. Ron Willis visited five prison / jail facilities each week and then became assistant Chaplain for Lee County where he was ordained.



Shortly after becoming a 501-C3 Ministry we grew aware of God's desire to have us branch out into other areas of ministry. That is when we started the Drug Program Ministry and I am so proud of how that ministry has grown and the number of people we have helped. Then we started the Street Ministry where homeless received dinner / Bibles / food / clothing and so much more. With godly people behind us we were able to branch out and start the Youth Ministry where we minister to the youth in Punta Gorda at the Crossroads Hope Academy!



Then we started the Bread Ministry where Publix Grocery Store has teamed up with us for years now helping feed the needy.

Our latest ministry is tied to our Homeless Ministry for the people that are being ministered to, are the homeless and veterans. It is called In His Service. We serve a hot meal, give out Bibles, flashlights, batteries, tents, clothing, food, bikes and the list goes on and on.

Love And Compassion Ministries, Inc. as you can see is made up of many ministries. We have served more than 20,000 people in the past nineteen years. We help people no matter what their ages, race, gender, physical or mental abilities, nationality, origin, religion or their sexual orientation.

We believe we need to do as Jesus did when He walked on this earth helping everyone in need.

With more than 30 volunteers we serve this community through these ministries. We are reaching out to the old and young alike with Christ's love and compassion as we meet their needs.

God is using us in a mighty way to draw people to Christ through our Homeless, Prison, Drug, Youth and In His Service programs.

We may not be an enormous ministry when you look at our balance sheet, but if you take into account all the people that we have touched in some way, we are surprisingly one of the top ministry in Florida to reach out to the lost day or night, with the desire to lead them to our Lord and Savior while meeting their needs.

Many have come to know Christ because of the desire we have in our hearts for all to accept Him as their Savior.

Yes, we have grown, not only in man and women power as volunteers, but in supporters, for they see what we are all about, Christians being the hands and feet of Christ.

And whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him. Colossian's 3:17