

Friends and Partners,

I am so tired of having to make do with items that are worn out or only working some of the time. **JUNK!** For 17 years I have been reluctant to ask others for help when it comes to equipment with which we have to run the office. It is like doing nothing about a toothache until the pain has gotten to be too much to bear. I need help!

Our server is more than nine years old and has broken down three times in the past thirteen months. Each time it has cost hundreds of dollars to get it up and running again. Whenever this happens we are shut down for about four days to complete the repairs. With more than 20,000 clients' files, all our book keeping and normal operations running on it, I do not need to tell you how important it is for the server to be up and running 24/7.

A new server with battery backup and a five year warranty will cost \$4,775.00, that we do not have.

We are always very concerned for security. We are in great need of a security system. ADT wants \$225.00 to install a system and \$51.99 a month for a three year monitoring contract.

Our old and cheap computers are always having problems. We have two that need to be replaced. To do so it will cost \$950.00. Again, money that we do not have.

I pray one of you or several of you can help us with these much needed items.

In the Presence of our LORD,

Ron Willis

Ron Willis, President
Love and Compassion Ministries, Inc.



WE ARE CELEBRATING OUR 17TH ANNIVERSARY!

STREET OUTREACH MINISTRIES

In August 2007, Love And Compassion Ministries teamed up with Pastor William Stewart and his family that were 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 serving some magnificent meals. They have taken the responsibility of this awesome ministry! This has allowed Love And Compassion Ministries to focus on other things that our Lord has opened the door for us to do. Many have come to the Lord through this ministry.



HOMELESS MINISTRIES

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



They need jobs!

BREAD MINISTRIES

Twice a week for several years now, Publix has provided Love And Compassion Ministries 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 serves so many through three churches every week. May God bless Publix, all that serve within this ministry and all the people that partake from the items.



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 who so desperately need it. Housing an inmate in jail or prison costs thousands of dollars!

To teach them about a wonderful Savior is priceless! When someone turns from their wicked ways and accepts Jesus Christ as their Savior, they become a taxpayer and not a burden on society.



This is a ministry that is so needed!

WE BELIEVE IN LOVING THE SINNER ... HATE THE SIN!

YOUTH MINISTRIES

We have a large team of Christian men and women who minister to the youth at Crossroads Wilderness Institution in Punta Gorda, Florida. They cook delicious meals and wonderful desserts to feed the young men while teaching them the Word of God.

Many are coming to know Christ because of what is being done in our Lord's name there.

These young men are our future! Please pray for them and all of Love And Compassion Ministries Youth Team Ministry members that care enough to reach out to them!

This is a ministry that is so needed!



PRAYER MINISTRIES

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.

Psalms 145:18 (NKJV)

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.



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 judges to allow an addict to complete a drug and alcohol program rather than going to prison. 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 have major problems getting any kind of help.

We owe each and every one of our veterans much more than we can ever pay them back. Great care will always be given to those who have served this country and are now finding themselves in need.



NEWSLETTER

**Love And Compassion Ministries
serves Charlotte, Lee and Collier
Counties through our:**

Homeless Ministry
Youth Ministry
Drug Program Ministry
Bread Ministry
Jail / Prison Ministry
Counseling Ministry

Need Prayer!

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 people's 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.

Call if you have a need for prayer or if you would like to join our prayer group. 239-574-5683

Happy Valentine's Day!

Don't be surprised
if you see a little naked guy
with a bow and arrow
running around your neighborhood.

My weird Uncle Henry
is loose again.

Happy Valentine's Day!

**God's Valentine gift of love to us
was not a bunch of flowers;
it wasn't candy, or a book
to wile away the hours.**

**His gift was to become a man,
so He could freely give
His sacrificial love for us,
so you and I could live.**

**He gave us sweet salvation, and
instruction, good and true--
to love our friends and enemies
and love our Savior, too.**

**So as we give our Valentines,
let's thank our Lord and King;
the reason we have love to give
is that He gave everything.**

By Joanna Fuchs.

LIFE!

I believe that life is more than the time when we take our first breath until we take our last breath. I believe you really don't start living until you learn what it really means to have someone love you without any strings attached. God so loved the world (you and me) that He gave His only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in Him should not perish, but have everlasting life. *John 3:16*

Many of us have had pain in our lives that would kill a mule, but God has gotten us through it. He was there in our time of need. Only God knows my life and how it has been a roller coaster ride. The highs and lows sometimes will take you where you never want to go again.

As we all know our life on this earth is short and for many it is extremely short. I thank God for allowing me to be born in a country where life is so much better than any place I could imagine.

Look, life is more than our accomplishments, wealth, status, knowledge or even our flair for life. Life is knowing people love you and care about you. It is working hard and taking time to enjoy life with others. It is caring for others in their time of need. It's taking the time to say a kind word or showing you care by spending time with them. It's having someone's back, supporting them and enjoying being able to do so.

This Valentine
Tell Someone You Love Them
Before It Is Too Late
And
Thank God For Them Being In Your Life!