

# Love and Compassion Ministries

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

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There are many names for people on the streets, but the one I know more than all the rest is

**HURTING!**

Reality is... there are not enough shelters for the homeless.

We all see them on the streets, at red lights, grocery stores and at fast food places. They are looking for a hand out, a few dollars or just a few coins. You want to help in some way, so what can you do? In the back of your mind is the question, will they take the money and spent it on drugs? You know that if you get into a conversation with them they can rattle off such a story that you are ready to give them your car, house and wife.

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So what can we do?

I believe that we all have the responsibility to care for those most in need – provide food, clothing, water and shelter. We should stand for justice for the poor and oppressed people. Look, we can continue to feed people, cloth people (and that is important), but it does nothing to get at the root causes that make people homeless.

Many ministries are not willing to get to know the people and their real situations. Are they in need because they are doing drugs? How about people that can't pay their electric bill, because they left the AC on 55 day and night, they took a trip to Texas to visit family or they tried to steal electricity by messing with the meter. What about the people that just didn't want to get up and go to work? Are we to provide for them for ever?

The Bible says in II Thessalonians 3:10 -12 <sup>10</sup> *For even when we were with you, we commanded you this: If anyone will not work, neither shall he eat.* <sup>11</sup> *For we hear that there are some who walk among you in a disorderly manner, not working at all, but are busybodies.* <sup>12</sup> *Now those who are such we command and exhort through our Lord Jesus Christ that they work in quietness and eat their own bread.*

**Matthew Henry's Concise Commentary says: 3:6-15 Those who have received the gospel, are to live according to the gospel. Such as could work, and would not, were not to be maintained in idleness. Christianity is not to countenance slothfulness, which would consume what is meant to encourage the industrious, and to support the sick and afflicted.**

**But some expected to be maintained in idleness, and indulged a curious and conceited temper. They meddled with the concerns of others and did much harm. It is a great error and abuse of religion to make it a cloak for idleness or any other sin.**

**The servant who waits for the coming of his Lord aright, must be working as his Lord has commanded. If we are idle, the devil and a corrupt heart will soon find us. The mind of man is a busy thing; if it is not employed in doing good, it will be doing evil. It is an excellent, but rare union, to be active in our own business, yet quiet as to other people's. If any refused to labour with quietness, they were to note him with censure, and to separate from his company, yet they were to seek his good by loving admonitions. The Lord is with you while you are with him. Hold on your way and hold on to the end. We must never give over or tire in our work. It will be time enough to rest when we come to heaven.**

We have people calling and coming into our office frequently for help, yet they spend money like it was growing on trees for the items they want. They spend money on jewelry, sports, computer games, etc. Many come in for help yet they receive food stamps, free phone, insurance, medication, child support, SSI and section 8 that mounts to several thousand dollars a month. They know how to beat the system!

So do we throw out the baby with the bathwater? NO! That is why it is so important to look at the hole picture. To investigate takes time yet we are to be responsible for spending God's money wisely.

So what is the answer to our dilemma? We want to reach out to all in love and compassion as we help them to know Christ as their Savior and we also want to help those financially in need, if they are trying to help themselves. But is that enough to help them out of their situation forever?

### **WE HAVE A BETTER ANSWER TO THE PROBLEM**

Yes, we must be aware of the complexity of homelessness. Homelessness is a very complex phenomenon. It can have many causes that may require many solutions. Plus, every person has his/her own story as to why they are homeless. There is no one easy answer to fit all cases. So we must keep an open mind and listen to the homeless with compassion.

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We want to help people in need. God loves them, even if their cause for homelessness is seen as “unworthy” by some. God demands that we treat all people with respect and best wishes. We must listen carefully and get all the facts.

**Giving them a fish is not the answer but teaching them to fish is.**

**That is why it is so important to get a facility up and running as soon as possible called God's Place in order to teach them how to fish!**



As we all know, we are certainly living in troubled times. Open any newspaper and you will see page after page of disturbing trends. Drug abuse is at an all-time record; drunk drivers are killing or permanently impairing others; homeless are found living in the woods or causing havoc in neighborhoods. People that have never before been without a job are suddenly at a loss and resorting to living in their cars; more and more teens are out of control and the parents don't know what to do. Our prisons are overflowing and for many the sentence is shortened just to make room for someone else. Hopelessness abounds and the State of Florida pays millions every year in jail, prison, hospital and mental health costs to care for them.

We have a solution and it's called **God's Place!** It's a place filled with hope. Hope for the **drug addicts** that have lost everything, sometimes even their families, due to “getting the next fix”; hope for those **alcoholics** that just can't seem to get free of the bottle; hope for the **homeless** who feel like an outcast of society; hope for those who are **temporarily homeless** due to a job situation or illness that has drained them of finances; hope for the **youth** who feel they have only a prison or gang that will accept them; and hope for **those just released from prison** with little or no skills and no family support. And **God's Place** won't cost Florida a dime.

Love And Compassion Ministries, Inc. is a 501 c3 that desires to get **God's Place** up and running as soon as possible. God's Place will be a community where respect, yet discipline, is present. We will offer love and acceptance to the unlovely as we will strive to make a positive difference in each resident's life. God's Place will combine biblical teaching (not religion), responsibility, education and hands-on experience to give each person a chance to better his or her life. God's Place for many will be a place where they will be given the opportunity to develop self-sufficiency, including educational opportunities and job skills. For others, this may be their community of choice, allowing them housing stability and roles for contributing to the sustainability of this community.

This program is designed to assess each resident's needs. We will use guide lines designed to elevate a person's attitude, trust, and yearning toward positive things of life. They can pick from many programs which will provide them the education they need, trade and growth they wish for.

In plain English, Love And Compassion Ministries wishes to purchase 700 acres where we will build a Church, restaurant, thrift store, barracks, a medical facility including a dental office, corporate offices along with machine and carpenter shops, etc, etc.

As residents learn skills and are given responsibilities for the function and upkeep of God's Place, we intend to be self supporting by raising our own crops, cattle, manufacturing and merchandizing items for sale and being able to remove ourselves off the power grid system as soon as possible. LCM wishes to sustain the group with very little outside assistance and at the same time creating an atmosphere that will be a healthy balance of mind, body, and soul.



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**God's Place ... The Promised Land**

What can you do to help us:

#1 Pray for us.

#2 Help us get the word out.

#3 Ask others to sign up for our monthly newsletter. ([newsletter@lovecompassion.com](mailto:newsletter@lovecompassion.com))

#4 Support us and ask others to do so.

#5 Go to [www.lovecompassion.com](http://www.lovecompassion.com) Resources - God's Place Read the details about God's Place.

Volunteers will always be an integral part of this ministry. We welcome GED Instructors, aspiring educators, retired teachers, contractors, farmers, cattle men and various others in the community who are willing to work alongside of us. It is time for Floridians to embrace the knowledge that people respond in a positive way when biblical teachings are combined with actions that are known to work such as St. Jude, Mercy Memorial Hospital, our Military Base Hospitals and thousands of others. We all know that the relationship with faith and healing leads to success.

We all welcome input from our local farmers. Under their guidance and the Agricultural Administrator's, many of our residents will learn basic farming that will be beneficial in their futures. There is much satisfaction gained from eating something that you planted and nurtured yourself.

I know it is hard to imagine how all this is going to come about, but Matthew 19:26 says: Jesus looked at them and said, "With man this is impossible, but with God all things are possible." I need you to have faith in God that He will make a way for this to come about. Join me as I see it, smell it, feel it and hear it come out of the ground as a stock of corn would be planted, watered and fertilized.

Together we can see this through and ...

**Teach People How To Fish!**



**Please consider giving to Love And Compassion Ministries this month.**

**Your donations are appreciated and help us to help others through our Homeless Ministry, Youth Ministry, Drug Program Ministry, Prison Ministry and Bread Ministry.**

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Thank You!

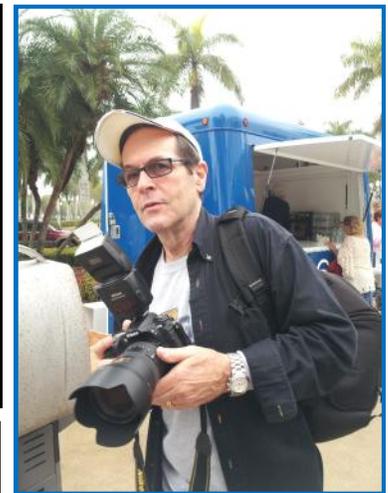
# 14<sup>th</sup> Annual Homeless Service Day and Veterans Stand Down 2014 was held on Saturday February 1, 2014

These are a few of the pictures of people that participated!  
City of Palms Park

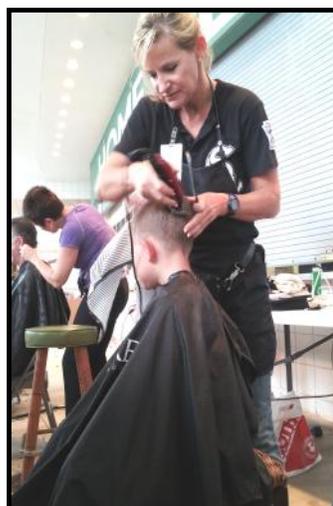


The event was such a success because of Janet Bartos, Executive Director of Lee County Homeless Coalition, her staff, her husband Brian, and all the volunteer's hard work. I love to see the community coming together to help ones in need. Many organizations gave of their resources and time to help the homeless and veterans. I am so glad that LCM was able to be a part of this event.

Love And Compassion Ministries provided the Pepsi Wagon with wonderful drinks provided by Pepsi Cola Bottling Company. Twelve of our volunteers helped give out Bibles, water, Pepsi, clothing and toys. Everyone had a great time!



Robert Sager, Custom Photography was kind enough to do a video that you can go see at:  
YouTube <noreply@youtube.com>



# JOIN THE TEAM

Amazing things can come about when we bring together all the resources of faith as small as a mustard seed. But what good is faith if there are no works! James 2:18 says: *Yea, a man may say, Thou hast faith, and I have works: show me thy faith without thy works, and I will show thee my faith by my works. 19. Thou believest that there is one God; thou doest well: the devils also believe, and tremble. 20. But wilt thou know, O vain man, that faith without works is dead?*

Look, many times in our life time we face giants. We are so small compared to our dilemma, but as Christians our Lord and Savior has given us all we need to achieve the job that is set before us and over-come all obstacles, but what good is this gift if we do not use it. We must be obedient servants and use what God has given us to do the job. We must bind together to utilize the resources of us all. We all have different abilities and spiritual gifts that need to be utilized in serving our Lord. United we stand or divided we fall. Our Lord never meant us to be an island. We are stronger together. That is why the wicked one will do all he can to cause distress, grief, hardship and pain between us. He knows that we are so much stronger together.

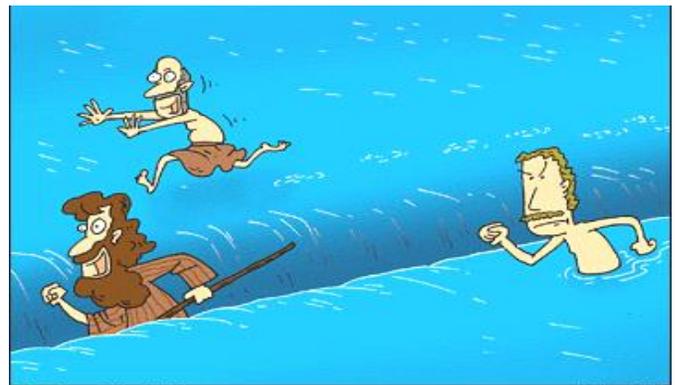
Satan uses people around us all the time. They can be your boss, friend, neighbor or even your family. They will tell you “It can’t be done, it costs too much, your not smart enough, there are not enough resources, who do you think you are, etc, etc, etc” only to keep you off the task that our Lord has set before us. We can believe a lie or believe God.

The truth is we can do all things! Matthew 19:26 says: *But Jesus beheld them, and said unto them, With men this is impossible; but with God all things are possible.* Matthew 21:22 says: *And all things, whatsoever ye shall ask in prayer, believing, ye shall receive.* Mark 9:23 says: *Jesus said unto him, If thou canst believe, all things are possible to him that believeth.*

Together we encourage, strengthen, comfort and restore each other. Alone we become shark bait.

I pray our Lord will bring us all together as one unit; not as different faiths or religions, but as Christians on fire for our Lord reaching the lost with the resources that our Lord has given us... love, joy, peace, longsuffering, gentleness, goodness, faith, meekness and temperance against such there is no law.

With desire and determination, we can bring honor and glory to our Lord while reaching the lost, hurting people of this world. Do not be afraid or intimidated for our Lord is with us! We are the victors. With wholehearted obedience and super natural strength we can do the impossible. Don’t just be a Christian, be a doer.



Thanks to Colin Nelson 12-14-2009  
**HOZEKIAH FOUND THIS RACE WITH MOSES AND PETER TO BE GROSSLY UNFAIR**



Friends and Partners,

The Bible says through Isaiah the prophet: “Woe to those who call evil good, and good evil; who put darkness for light, and light for darkness; who put bitter for sweet, and sweet for bitter!” (Isaiah 5:20). Christians and even pastors are now having problems confusing evil with good.

I read the other day that a wrong deed is right if the majority of people declare it not to be wrong. I can see our standards shifting from year to year according to the popular vote! Divorce was once frowned upon by society, and laws against fornication and adultery were strictly enforced. But now divorce is accepted by society and fornication is glorified in our literature and films. God has not changed. His standards have not been lowered. God still calls immorality a sin and the Bible says God is going to judge it.

Honesty was once the trademark of a man’s character. But it has been set aside with an “It’s all right if you don’t get caught” philosophy. Only when we are in court are we required to tell the truth, the whole truth and nothing but the truth. Evil “worms” its way into our lives by presenting a harmless appearance within a high rated TV show, movie or even well known magazines. In our desire to achieve success quickly, it is easy to get our values mixed up and call evil good and good evil. We have changed our moral code to fit our behavior instead of changing our behavior! Nothing is firm today. We are not on solid ground. We are shifting from one side to the other.

Even Christians accept the false promises of politicians, the misrepresentations in advertising, the everyday dishonesties of companies, the cheating on exams, the usual exaggerations in conversation and the common immoralities of our times. We no longer blush or are shocked by the immorality that’s going on around us. The modern conscience has been twisted and distorted so badly that it is difficult to tell what is genuine and what is false.

Self-centeredness is another reason we are so inclined to call evil good. When something brings profit or pleasure to us we are inclined to call evil good, even though we know it is dead wrong. Why can’t we see that we are like the tax collector, whom the Pharisee looked upon as the most sinful of men, who saw himself as he was, and said: “*God, be merciful to me a sinner*” (Luke 18:13-14). *Jesus said: “I tell you, this man went down to his house justified rather than the other; for everyone who exalts himself will be humbled, and he who humbles himself will be exalted”*. So how can we stop calling evil good?

The Bible says that we possess a nature that wars against us, that seeks to destroy us. Evil is present in us disguising itself as good, controlling us and deceiving us. Sin is why the atonement was necessary. Christ died on the cross to make us one with Him, dead to sin and alive to righteousness.

Man without God sees evil as good and good as evil. That is why some people love evil and hate that which is good. They are still in their sins. Paul found the cure for his violent, destructive disposition, on the road to Damascus where he met Jesus Christ. Before his conversion, he saw Christ as the greatest evil. He was tracking the disciples down to kill them, but after he encountered Christ, he loved what he had so fervently hated. At last he could see evil as evil and good as good and Christ desires the same for all of us.

In the Presence of our Lord,

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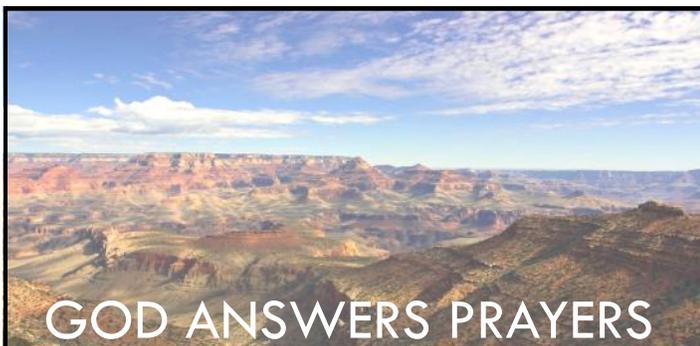
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