

Friends and Partners,

Do we have self-control and a sacrificing love for others?

Are we willing to give Christ our gifts and abilities? Are we willing to complete what God has put our hands to do? Luke 9:62 says: *And Jesus said unto him, No man, having put his hand to the plough, and looking back, is fit for the kingdom of God.* Are we allowing satan to distract us from the work Jesus has set before us? One day we will stand before God and give an account as to why we left the task He put before us.

What activities are distracting us? Night out with the boys, softball practice, T.V., etc. What things are we juggling that we do not need on our plate? We need to ask ourselves, do we want more of God? If so, then we must give up something else. How are we handling our foundational relationship with God? If He can't trust us with what He has already given us, why should He give us more power and responsibilities? Remember the guy that put his talent in the ground? Are we burying our talents? Do we have a sacrificing love? How much are we willing to give up? It will determine how much we will receive.

We need to turn back to our first love, risk everything for God, turn back to the task that Christ has given us, put our faith and hope in Him and let all the other things of this world pass us by! No matter how good things look, how godly they seem or how great they are, we must not allow substances to override our commitment to God! May God bless you all.

In the Presence of our Lord,

*Ron Willis*

Ron Willis, President  
Love and Compassion Ministries, Inc.



## GOD'S PLACE!

For several years now we have put God's Place on the back burner. We have listened to the comments of people that say it is too big, it will cost too much and you do not have the capital or people to do something so great.

Matthew 19:26 says: **But Jesus beheld them, and said unto them, With men this is impossible; but with God all things are possible. (KJB)**

In the past three years we have not made a dent in the problems of people being unemployed, homeless, drug addicts, alcoholics, mentally ill or in prison/jail.

Love And Compassion Ministries  
has a solution and it's called God's Place!  
It's a place filled with hope.

LCM wishes to purchase a 700-acre parcel of land in Charlotte County in order to start God's Place. We are asking our community, local Churches, other ministries and businesses to assist us in doing what is right for these people.

**Please go to [www.lovecompassion.com](http://www.lovecompassion.com) RESOURCES GOD'S PLACE and examine the enclosed information to see how you can help us make this possible.**

## YOUTH MINISTRY!

For several years, our youth ministry has been ministering to young men between the ages of 14 to 18 years old at AMI Crossroads. It is a facility that houses troubled teens who have had troubles with home environment or foster care. They are not only housed here but have continued with their high school studies. Every Wednesday afternoon we have a bible study class.

The Lord has been truly working in this place and in the hearts and minds of these young men. I have seen their attention grow. Their discussion and questions are more about seeking the truth of God's word. We break things down into six to ten week studies. At the end of each one we take them to dinner and have a movie to reward their attendance. They are also given a certificate, to show they have completed the series with good attendance.

Two sessions ago we watched an episode each week of a video called "The Bible", and then discussed it. When we completed the study we had a Chinese dinner and watched the movie God's Not Dead. We have just completed a study on making wise decisions based on Ephesians 5: 15-18. It was six weeks long and for half an hour we watched a video by Andy Stanley and then spent half an hour discussing what we saw and bringing it into things we can use in our lives. We are now scheduling a trip to a pizzeria followed by the movie The Passion of the Christ.

This is a very important and rewarding ministry. God is using us to make Himself known to these young men in a time of turmoil and development in their lives. When they reach the age of 18 they are aged out of the program. God has given us the privilege of showing these young men the love and power of Jesus Christ. Showing them His word and how studying and grounding yourself in the word will allow you to live a fulfilling and abundant life and one that is pleasing to our Lord and savior.

In God's Grace,

*Nick Crosterud*

Biblical Teacher  
Love and Compassion Ministries, Inc.



## Memorial Day - A Brief History

Three years after the Civil War a day called Decoration Day was set aside as an occasion to decorate the graves of both Union and Confederate Civil War soldiers. Twenty years later, this name was changed to Memorial Day. On May 11, 1950, Congress passed a resolution requesting a proclamation calling on Americans to observe each Memorial Day as a day of prayer for permanent peace when the people of the United States might unite in prayer.

In 1971 the president declared Memorial Day a federal holiday observed on the last Monday of May. Then in December 2000, the U.S. Congress initiated "The National Moment of Remembrance Act." This act encourages all Americans to pause at 3:00 p.m. local time on Memorial Day for a minute of silence. As Christians, this is a good time for all to give thanks, pray and give reverence to those who have died in service to our nation. Amen! John 15:13, *Greater love hath no man than this that a man lay down his life for his friends.*

## GOD BLESS OUR VETERANS AND THE USA!

I salute you my fellow warriors.  
You did what you were supposed to do  
I praise you for your service  
I know those times were tough for you.  
But you did it for God and country!  
You did what you felt was right.  
You did it for the flag of the USA.  
Even though you didn't want to kill and fight  
So now you are veteran  
You served your country well  
You put yourself at risk,  
though it was a living hell.  
I salute my fellow veterans.  
I am not ashamed to say.  
I would go with you in battle again  
because GOD has truly blessed the U.S.A.!  
Amen!

**John Michael Domino, Major, (ret) USAF**

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**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



**Dr. Evan Mahoney**

**The Gift of Joy.**

In my faith walk I have come to understand that one of the gifts of salvation, offered by Jesus, is Eternal Joy. Being a human need, we have the right to seek and achieve loving relationships with one another and with God.

The life of Jesus is the example of Love, Compassion and a life unblemished by sin. Jesus provides for us the path to navigate around the obstacles and destruction associated with sin. It is sin and the work of Satan that serves to suppress joy. In order to defeat this we must be the example of Eternal Joy and manifest it in our hearts. This may be the very thing Psalms 91 expresses. "A thousand may fall at your side, ten thousand at your right hand, but it will not come near you." Eternal Joy stands in victory over sin.

I appreciate the support that Pastor Ron Willis has provided in helping build my acupuncture practice. I am always uplifted by his encouragement of me. He is one who has Eternal Joy in his heart. A recent example of this was when we were rearranging furniture in his office. There was one particular heavy piece of cabinetry that we had to lift onto a table. Johanna, Pastor Ron, and I, tried to lift it up, but it slid back off. I became concerned, thinking it might fall on us and injure ourselves. After consultation we gave it another go. This time we successfully placed it up there.

"Whew" I said, "We were lucky." "No" Pastor Ron answered, "We are blessed." That is an example of Eternal Joy.

**Dr. Evan Mahoney.**



**HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY!  
May 10, 2015.**

**M - O - T - H - E - R**

- "M" is for the million things she gave me,
- "O" means only that she's growing old,
- "T" is for the tears she shed to save me,
- "H" is for her heart of purest gold;
- "E" is for her eyes, with love-light shining,
- "R" means right, and right she'll always be,

**Put them all together, they spell**

**"MOTHER,"**

**A word that means the world to us.**