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Without the support of people that care about hurting people of this community we could not help these nor any of the 19,000 others we have touched, serving our Lord these 19 years.

A Prayer of Recognition for God's Grace and Mercies

Father God, I know that I have sinned against You and You only when I am in a state of disobedience. I now ask Your forgiveness for this attitude. I now realize that You are using everybody and everything to purge the deep rooted members of sin from in my spirit.

Help me, Father, to recognize that You are only showing me how much You truly love me when You expose the sin that's hidden in the inmost parts of my soul.

Thank You for using others to not only show me my faults, but to also show me just how much You love me.

I ask You right now in the name of my Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, to forgive me of this sin in my life.

In the mighty name of Jesus I pray. Amen.

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

River Adventure with Nick Trosterud's friends and boys of Crossroads Hope Academy

Nick teaches a Bible study every Wednesday at 2:00 PM. at the Crossroads Hope Academy. If the boys complete their activities as laid out by Nick, he takes them on an adventure. Sometimes it will be a dinner and free ticket to a Christian concert. This time, he took them to Butt Island on the Caloosahatchee River where they got to do some boating, water skiing, swimming and enjoyed a great lunch. Lots of good memories were made!



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Drug Program

When you look at an addicted person, you usually see a person who is not happy, who is struggling and ashamed of what they are doing to themselves, their family and friends. I have personally worked for more than 21 years now helping people see that Christ is the answer to their alcohol / drug problems. We see children at the age of 12 on drugs. Many people I have dealt with, have been in detox several times and yet they are still addicted.

Drug abuse and alcoholism affects the entire family and community, not just the addict. The cost is great! Quite often family members do not realize how deeply they have been affected by chemical dependency. I have heard the cries of mothers who are so grateful that they have found out that their son or daughter is now in jail. I have heard the cries of the addicted begging to be released from the demons of alcohol and drugs, but they want a quick fix. They try outpatient treatment and counseling that does not work. Neither does a short-term 28 day program work. Some programs cost as much as ten thousand dollars a month, but without any treatment most will end up in jail, prison and or dead.

Drug and alcohol-related traffic accidents are a major cause of death and disability. Drug and alcohol use also is linked with the deaths of young people by drowning, fire, suicide and homicide. Teens who use drugs and alcohol are more likely to become sexually active at earlier ages and are more likely than others to be victims of violent crimes, including rape, aggravated assault and robbery. The message is clear; drug and alcohol use is very risky business.

Breaking free from drug addiction is tough, but doable. They need a long-term (9 months to 1 year) drug program that will teach them Christ's way to stay off drugs. We never recommend any drug program that is not Christ based, in-house and long term. Love and Compassion Ministries works directly with many very wonderful Christian drug and alcohol programs. We believe that without Jesus Christ you cannot be delivered from your addictions, but beds are hard to find within good drug programs.

We need God's Place up and running now! God's Place will be free and a safe community where respect, yet discipline, is present. God's Place will combine biblical teaching (not religion), responsibility, education and hands-on experience to allow 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 a trade that can be used anywhere in the United States. For others, this may be their community of choice, allowing them housing stability and roles for contributing to the sustainability of this community.

It is time for Floridians to embrace the knowledge that we need God's Place up and running now! Please go to www.LoveCompassion.com / Resources / God's Place and read all about this wonderful program.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT

Most people do not have the ability to minister to the hungry, clothe the needy, visit the sick, minister to the addicts or visit the imprisoned, but when you give to

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YOU are part of everything we do.

Your Support Is Greatly Needed Today!

THANK YOU!

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Happy Independence Day

We celebrate American's Independence Day on the Fourth of July every year. We think of July 4, 1776, as a day that represents the Declaration of Independence and the birth of the United States of America as an independent nation.

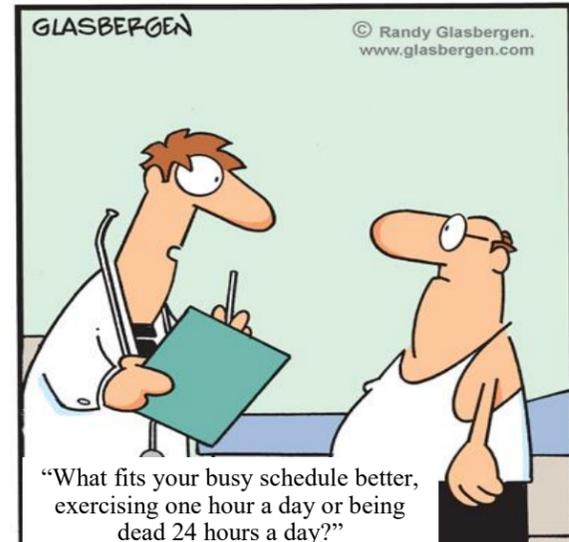
July 4, 1776 wasn't the day that the Continental Congress decided to declare independence, they did that on July 2, 1776. It wasn't the day we started the American Revolution either, that had happened back in April 1775, and it wasn't the day Thomas Jefferson wrote the first draft of the Declaration of Independence, that was in June 1776. The Continental Congress agreed on all of the changes and approved the final wording of the Declaration of Independence on July 4, 1776.

July 4, 1776, became the date that was included on the Declaration of Independence and the fancy handwritten copy that was signed in August. You know the copy now displayed at the National Archives in Washington, D.C. It's also the date that was printed on the Dunlap Broadside, the original printed copies of the Declaration that were circulated throughout the new nation. So when people think of the Declaration of Independence, July 4, 1776, is the date they remembered.

God Has Truly Blessed US As A Nation!



"Yes, the disciples followed Jesus... but not on Twitter."



"What fits your busy schedule better, exercising one hour a day or being dead 24 hours a day?"

Smith Wigglesworth

Smith Wigglesworth was born on June 8, 1859 in Yorkshire, England, to an impoverished family. As a small child, he worked in the fields pulling turnips alongside his mother. During his childhood he was illiterate. He became a born-again Christian at the age of eight. His grandmother was a devout Methodist and his parents, John and Martha, took young Smith to Methodist and Anglican Churches on regular occasions. He was confirmed by a Bishop in the Church of England, baptized by immersion in the Baptist Church and had the grounding in Bible teaching from a Plymouth brother.

Wigglesworth married Polly Featherstone on May 2, 1882. At the time of their marriage, she was a preacher with the Salvation Army. They had one daughter and four sons. Wigglesworth learned to read after he married Polly. She taught him to read the Bible. He often stated that it was the only book he ever read and did not permit newspapers in his home, preferring the Bible to be their only reading material.

Smith Wigglesworth worked as a plumber, but he abandoned this trade in 1907, because he was too busy preaching the Word of God. Wigglesworth believed that healing came through faith and he was flexible in his approach. When he was forbidden to lay hands on audience members by the authorities in Sweden, he preached for a "corporate healing," by which people laid hands on themselves. He also practiced anointing with oil and the distribution of "prayer handkerchiefs," one of which was sent to King George the fifth. Wigglesworth sometimes attributed ill-health to demons.

Ministering at many churches throughout Yorkshire, Wigglesworth claimed to have had many prophecies. He preached and ministered to people in Sweden, in the U.S., Australia, New Zealand, South Africa, the Pacific Islands, India, Ceylon and several countries in Europe. Some of his sermons were transcribed for Pentecostal magazines, and these were collected into two books: Ever Increasing Faith and Faith that Prevails.

Smith would pray and the blind would see, the deaf were healed, people came out of wheelchairs and cancers were destroyed. One remarkable story is when he prayed for a woman in a hospital. While he and a friend were praying she died. He took her out of the bed stood her against the wall and said "in the name of Jesus I rebuke this death." Her whole body began to tremble. He said "in the name of Jesus walk" and she walked. Everywhere he would go he would teach and then show the power of God. He began to receive requests from all over the world.

Smith's wife, Polly, unexpectedly died in 1913 and he was devastated. He prayed for her and commanded that death release her. She did arise, but said, "Smith, the Lord wants me." His heartbroken response was, "If the Lord wants you, I will not hold you." She had been his light and joy for all the years of their marriage and he grieved deeply over the loss. After his wife was buried he went to her grave feeling like he wanted to die. God told him to get up and go. Smith told God, "only if you give me a double portion of the Spirit, my wife's and my own, then will I go and preach the Gospel." God was gracious to him and answered his request. His daughter, Alice and son-in-law James Salter, began to travel with him to handle his affairs.

Over Smith's ministry it was confirmed that fourteen people were raised from the dead. Thousands were saved, healed and he impacted whole continents for Christ. Smith died on March 12, 1947, at the funeral of his dear friend Wilf Richardson. His ministry was based on four principles. First, read the Word of God. Second, consume the Word of God until it consumes you. Third, believe the Word of God. Fourth, act on the Word.

Where are the Smith Wigglesworths today?

Serving God With God's Heart

Love and Compassion Ministries, Inc. has always been about God's work with the incarcerated, homeless, troubled youth, hungry and hurting people of this community. I have always been amazed how many people have turned a blind eye to the hurting people of this area. Instead of helping people in need, many depersonalize them and in doing so their own hearts become hardened. Many even start slandering hurting people at will and it doesn't even affect their conscience.

I don't think that saying all of this will change a thing, but sometimes we need to speak up and call some things ungodly. There's a bigger issue in the Body of Christ than immorality. It's hatefulness! If the greatest priority Christ assigned to us was love, the gravest offender is hate. The devil delights in turning us from God with his lies. Many of the hurting, homeless and addicts we encounter have deep pain and depression, because of a death of a loved one. Losing a son or daughter to drugs can destroy the family forever. Nothing tests our faith like the suffering of love ones. Our faith is what the devil is after. Without it, it's impossible to please God. This is why Paul could say within his final letter, with relief, *"I have fought the good fight. I have finished the race. I have kept the faith."* II Timothy 4-7.

This is a vicious world we live in, but if we have accepted Jesus Christ as our Savior then we know that the Holy Spirit lives within us to give us power to overcome evil. We are called to carry one another's burdens, not pile relentlessly on top of them. We can still hold one another accountable. We can still ask questions and we should!

A life in ministry work can be filled with tears, sleepless nights, disappointment and uncertainty. When the brokenhearted hurts, I hurt! But we must remember God doesn't make mistakes. If He ordained you to serve within His army, then you need to focus on His agenda. The reason pastors often lose the right perspective on ministerial work is that they focus on themselves and the body of believers they are shepherding. It is hard to imagine that one could be called into ministry work and yet serve only people that are saved while brushing off the non-saved, because of their looks, smell or dress.

I can testify that it is hard for me to understand Christians' crazy and selfish spending while never supporting the work of God. Yet we have Godly people that have supported this ministry for years, who have set aside an amount every month to aid us in helping people of all ages and problems. My question is why is it that some care and others don't?

Ministry work is so wonderful, yet there are those times when it can drive you nearly over the edge. Many times after weeks of work to get a young man or woman into a drug program they leave or are asked to leave the program for not abiding with the rules. It tears my heart out to know that they cared nothing of all the work we put into getting them there. Yet I know that one day they will realize that God loved them enough to send His Son on this earth to die for all our sins.

Ministry work is 24/7, 365 days a year. II Timothy 4:1-5 says: ¹*I charge thee therefore before God, and the Lord Jesus Christ, who shall judge the quick and the dead at his appearing and his kingdom;* ²*Preach the word; be instant in season, out of season; reprove, rebuke, exhort with all longsuffering and doctrine.* ³*For the time will come when they will not endure sound doctrine; but after their own lusts shall they heap to themselves teachers, having itching ears;* ⁴*And they shall turn away their ears from the truth, and shall be turned unto fables.* ⁵*But watch thou in all things, endure afflictions, do the work of an evangelist, make full proof of thy ministry.*

Through our suffering, the power of God in our lives intensifies. Through our suffering the glory of God is manifested! We are more than conquerors through Christ who loves us.

There is a point to this madness in ministry work. God uses our suffering to transform us into the image of His Son so that when we stand before the hurting of this world they will begin to see less of us and more of Him. So that in all things and at all times Jesus is glorified through us. Remember that it was when Jesus was at his weakest, his most vulnerable, as he hung and died on the cross of Calvary that the greatest good for humanity was accomplished. It was through His death that we now have life.

God works through people of Love And Compassion Ministries within these programs!

Jail and Prison Ministry



Florida DOC Work Camp



Charlotte Correctional Institutional



Lee County Stockade



Lee County CPU's



Bread Ministry



Youth Ministry



Crossroads Hope Academy



In His Service

Homeless Ministry



Prayer Ministry



Drug Program



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All of these ministries make up Love And Compassion Ministries, Inc.

It is so wonderful, to see our volunteers getting to know the hurting people one on one! God has given us this magnificent opportunity to know Him and see His work through us!