

Friends and Partners,

I believe that our Lord desires to direct every step we take in life. Many times I find myself, without knowing it, in the right place at the right time to minister to people that need a touch from our loving God.

A few weeks ago I found myself in a different situation and yet I know it was the Lord that triggered all that transpired. I was in a restaurant with family members. As we finished our lunch, everyone gave me cash for their part of the meal. While I was paying the total check, my family waited for me in the car. As I was going out the door I held the door for an elderly lady that was going out with a walker.

Unexpectedly, this lady started telling me of her health issues and the health problems of her daughter. As I was listening to her speak about her desire to be healed, I could also sense my family's emotional response, for I was taking too much time getting back to them.

As I stood before this hurting lady I could not leave her with out talking to her about our Lord and His desire for her to be in good health. I prayed for her and her daughter's healing and left. I apologized to my family and we drove off.

About half way home we came to a place in the road where two vehicles collided head on. A pastor and his wife were riding in the back seat of a SUV and were killed instantly. As we waited on the first responders to show up, all I could think of was God spared us from death and destruction because I took the time to speak to that hurting lady.

May God be with us all!

*Ron Willis*

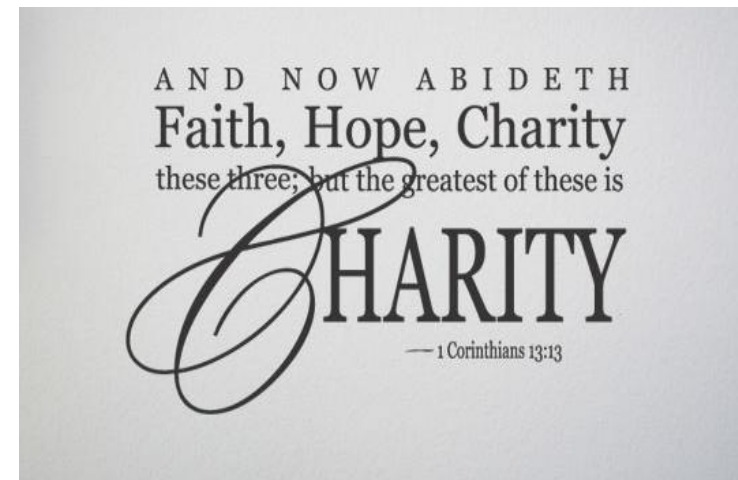
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### **The True Meaning of Christmas!**

**Jesus Christ was born this day  
so many years before.  
We celebrate this joyous time  
reflecting on His birth.  
Not born in a mansion, but a stable  
He came so He could identify  
with the human heart of man  
and gave His life as a sacrifice  
offering a better plan.  
A plan that reconciles us back  
to our loving Father God  
bringing hope and redemption from  
sins ruling iron rod.  
For this is the only reason that we  
should celebrate this day.  
To become focused on anything else  
would take the meaning away.  
So let's arise with joy in our hearts  
and share it with everyone.**

**The meaning of Christmas will always be  
the birth of Jesus - God's son.**



While it is true that many people believe that drug addicts will never change, that inmates need to be locked up and the key thrown away, that homeless people want to be homeless and that troubled youth needs a swift kick in the pants, but we need to remember that God stills loves them. The Lord says love the sinner and hate the sin!

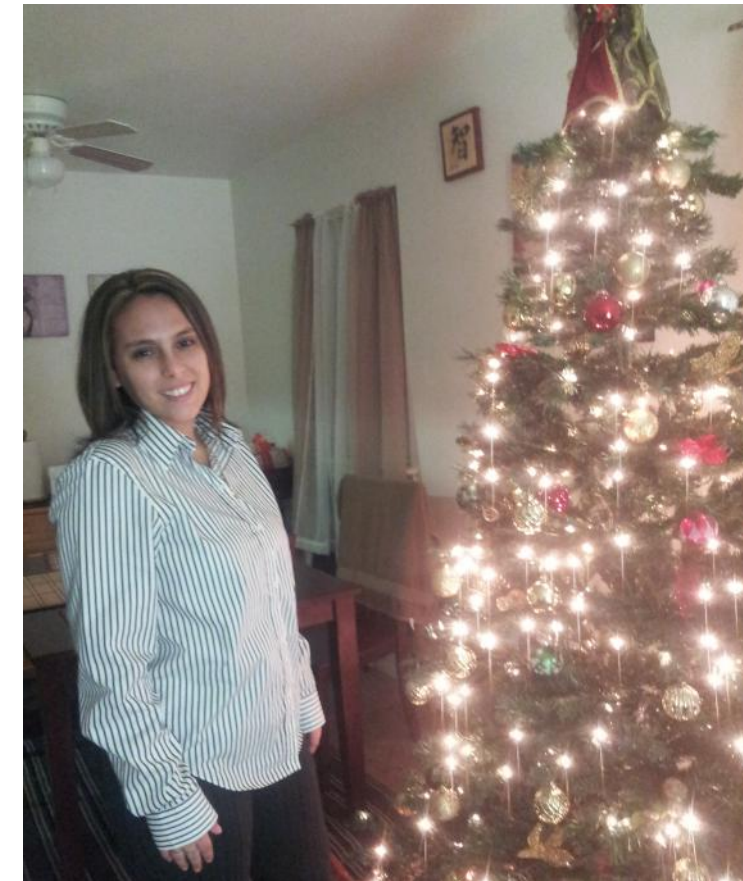
We all matter to God. He wishes none to parish, but all to come to His saving grace.

Jesus said in Matthew 25:31-46, that we are to minister to the hungry, give drink to the thirsty, visit the sick, cloth the naked, take in strangers and visit the imprisoned.

Some say that the general public and even Christians will not support a ministry when you work with such people. I believe that we need to continue to focus on what our Lord has set our hands to do. If we please our Lord we will make enemies with the world, but if God is for us then who can be against us! When you give to LCM you are as much a part of what we do as any one else that serves through LCM.

I will not be ashamed of what God has us doing. This is not the time to turn our backs from the work that our Lord has set before us. Please join us in serving our Lord through your prayers and financial support.

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It has been a true blessing to be able to work for Love and Compassion Ministries for these last four months. I am closer to the Lord now than ever before, even though I am being attacked day and night by satan himself. Even though the pay is not the greatest, I know that I am in God's will and he provides all my needs. Working here at Love and Compassion Ministries has taught me how important prayer really is.

Please keep me and LCM in your prayers.

As office manager I get to see the best and the worst of this world. Even though ministry work is never easy, it is very rewarding. May this Christmas bring blessings to you from our Lord.

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## 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



All of us here at  
**Love And Compassion Ministries, Inc.** wish to  
thank everyone of you that have partnered with  
us this past year.

**We are so blessed to have people that have a  
heart for this ministry.**

**May we all have a grateful and thankful heart  
for what God has done in our lives in 2014 as  
we look forward to what God has in store for  
us in 2015.**

**We pray blessings over each and every one of  
you as you spend time with family and friends  
during this holiday season.**



**Have a Blessed and Merry Christmas!**



From top left, Keith Knell, Jr., Robert Kondor,  
Daniel Bouchard, lower row Austin Nerf.

For over a year now Nick Trosterud has been a valuable part of Love and Compassion Ministries, Inc. Every Wednesday afternoon Nick goes out to Crossroads Foster Boys Camp in Punta Gorda, to teach a Bible study. At the end of the ten weeks of the Bible studies, Nick took the five youth that were faithful to complete the study, to a Chinese restaurant for a wonderful dinner.

Many have signed up for the next ten week study. Nick is hopeful to be able to take the ones that complete the next ten week study to the Chris Tomlin concert in February 2015 and hopefully be able to go backstage to meet Chris Tomlin.

This ministry is one of many that are reaching people for the Lord through LCM. With over forty volunteers we serve our Lord with the power of love and compassion to introduce people to our Savior and make disciples.

Please keep Nick Trosterud and these young men in your prayers as they study God's Word.