

# Love and Compassion Ministries

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

December 1, 2015 In The Year of Our Lord

NEWSLETTER



*All of us here at  
Love And Compassion Ministries  
wish to thank you for your friendship, love,  
prayers and support.*

Rejoice and celebrate the birth of our Savior, Jesus Christ!

*Merry Christmas  
and  
Happy New Year!*

**God Bless You All!**

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**The gift of Christ for humanity is Joy. Through forgiveness of sin and everlasting life, we experience Joy that is Eternal in Heaven, here on Earth. This Christmas remember Christ's blessings of Joy.**

**Stop in to Love and Compassion Ministries to get your "Joy in Christ" Bumper Sticker. Bless your Ride!**

**Joy in Christ**  
Love and Compassion Ministries

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### **For The Love Of God**

We need God's Place up and running now! God's Place will be a learning facility, recovery program, safe house and growth community that gives hope to the drug addicts who have lost everything, sometimes even their families, due to getting their next fix; hope for those alcoholics who just can't seem to get free of the bottle; hope for the homeless who feel like outcasts 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; hope for those just released from prison or jail with little or no skills and of course, hope for our veterans with their mental, physical and emotional problems.

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 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.

The program will be designed to assess each resident's needs. We will use guidelines designed to elevate a person's attitude, trust and desire for positive things in their life. 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 merchandising items for sale. LCM wishes to sustain the group with very little outside assistance and at the same time create an atmosphere that will be a healthy balance of mind, body and soul.

Please help us get this project started on the right foot. We need help purchasing the 700 acres now! If not you, WHO? If not now, WHEN?

## **HOW TO LET YOUR LIGHT SHINE AT CHRISTMAS AND ALWAYS**

Work with joy.

Pray with love.

Dream from your heart.

Share what you have.

Live simply.

Love deeply.

Thank God always.

**Merry Christmas**

**God Bless  
You!**

### **Being a Christian**

Being a Christian is like being a pumpkin. God lifts you up, takes you in and washes all the dirt off of you. He opens you up, touches you deep inside and scoops out all the yucky stuff including the seeds of doubt, hate, greed, etc. Then He carves you a new smiling face and puts His light inside you to shine for all the world to see.

*Here are some simple ways to keep Christ the central focus of your life this Christmas season and all year long:*

Keeping Christ in Christmas means revealing daily the character of love that dwells in you, by allowing these traits to shine through your actions.

**Give God one very special gift just from you to Him:**

Let this gift be something personal, that no one else needs to know about, and let it be a sacrifice. David said in II Samuel 24 that he would not offer a sacrifice to God that cost him nothing. Maybe your gift to God will be to forgive someone you've needed to forgive for a long time. By doing this, you may discover a gift that you give back to yourself. Forgiveness is to set a prisoner free, and to realize the prisoner was you. Perhaps your gift will be to commit to spending more time with God daily, or maybe there is something God has asked you to give up. Make this your most important gift of the season.

**Plan a project of "good will" this Christmas:**

Think about "adopting" a single mom. There are lots of people that are barely making ends meet and don't have money to buy gifts for their child. Do you have an elderly neighbor that is in need of home repairs or yard work? Find someone with a genuine need, involve your whole family and see how happy you can make someone this Christmas.

**Take a group Christmas caroling in a nursing home or a children's hospital:**

Incorporate Christmas caroling at a nursing home into your yearly staff Christmas party plans. Tour the facility while singing Christmas carols. Take pictures because you will want to reflect on the party for many years. Your hearts will be full of tenderness and it will be the best staff Christmas party you've ever had.

**Give a surprise gift of service to each member of your family:**

Jesus taught us to serve by washing the disciple's feet. He also taught us that it is "more blessed to give than to receive." Acts 20:35 The idea of giving an unexpected gift of service to members of your family is to demonstrate Christ-like love and service. You might consider giving a back rub to your spouse, running an errand for your brother or cleaning out a closet for your mother. Make it personal and meaningful and watch the blessings multiply!

**Set aside a time of family devotions on Christmas eve or Christmas morning:**

Before opening the gifts, take a few minutes to gather together as a family in prayer and devotions. Read the Christmas story in Luke 1:5-56 through 2:1-20. Read a few other Bible verses and discuss as a family the true meaning of Christmas.

**Attend a Christmas Church service together with your family:**

If you are alone this Christmas or don't have family living near you, invite a friend or a neighbor to join you.

**Send Christmas cards that convey a spiritual message:**

This is an easy way to share your faith at Christmas time. If you've already bought the reindeer cards -- no problem! Just write a Bible verse and include a personal message with each card.

**Write a Christmas letter to a missionary or someone in ministry work:**

This idea is dear to my heart! For many years now I have received a special letter from a special person each Christmas. Opening the letter is always like opening a priceless gift on Christmas morning. Many missionaries are unable to travel home for the holidays, so it can be a very lonely time for them. Write a special Christmas letter to a missionary or someone working in ministry work. Thanking them for giving their life in service to the Lord is one of the best things you can do. Trust me, it will mean more than you can imagine!

**Remember It's OK To Say  
"Merry Christmas."**

### WHY PEOPLE SUPPORT LOVE AND COMPASSION MINISTRIES

I have a grandson who just turned thirty. His father left him at a young age. He no longer can live with his mother, step father and younger brother in Virginia. He has been in trouble since he was eleven years old, so much so that they can not be around him any longer. He has been in jail and prison multiple times. The right people through prison ministry have been very helpful to him, however, when ever he's released, it doesn't take long for him to forget God and get back into trouble again. I met Ron Willis, President of Love and Compassion Ministries, because of my grandson and have been a supporter of LCM for the past seven years.

We need ministries like LCM that are willing to minister to people in the jails / prisons and when they're not behind bars. Inmates need God while in and out of detention.

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### Love And Compassion Ministries, Inc. has been so blessed by our Lord and Savior!

I believe that all of our past, present and future directors and volunteers have been picked by our Lord and Savior. It takes a very special person to serve within a Christ led ministry like Love And Compassion Ministries. I can say, with no reservations, that we have such a wonderful team of ladies and men of God. These people are more than a friend or a brother / sister. Many of our team members work behind the scene wanting no recognition. They serve our Lord in difficult times with courage to sacrifice their all, to make a difference in people's lives. Working together and respecting each other's abilities, we all serve together with love in our hearts.

The talents of our compassionate and generous volunteers make this ministry what it is. Volunteers are actively involved in all we do to lead people to the saving grace of our Lord through our Bread Ministry, Homeless Ministry, Youth Ministry, Prison Ministry and Drug Program Ministry.

The most important thing we can do is tell someone about Jesus Christ. Each one of these ministries that make up LCM is designed to reach people with the Good News of God's Love. Please pray with me that God will supply the financial resources needed to keep LCM going.

If you would like more information about LCM, go to [www.lovecompassion.com](http://www.lovecompassion.com).

Thanks!



### The Doll and the Rose

I was walking around in a store. I saw a cashier hand this little boy his money back saying "I'm sorry, but you don't have enough money to buy this doll." Then the little boy turned to the old woman next to him asking, "Granny, are you sure I don't have enough money?" The old lady replied, "You know that you don't have enough money to buy this doll, my dear."

Then she asked him to stay there for five minutes while she went to look around. She left quickly. The little boy was still holding the doll in his hand. Finally, I walked toward him and I asked him who he wished to give this doll to.

"It's the doll that my sister loved most and wanted so much for this Christmas. She was so sure that Santa Claus would bring it to her." I replied to him that maybe Santa Claus will bring it to her after all, and not to worry, but he replied to me sadly, "No, Santa Claus can't bring it to her where she is now. I have to give the doll to my mommy so that she can give it to my sister when she goes there."

His eyes were so sad while saying this. "My sister has gone to be with God. Daddy says that Mommy is going to see God very soon too, so I thought that she could take the doll with her to give it to my sister." My heart nearly stopped. The little boy looked up at me and said: "I told daddy to tell mommy not to go yet. I need her to wait until I come back from the mall." Then he showed me a very nice photo of him where he was laughing. He then told me "I want mommy to take my picture with her so she won't forget me."

"I love my mommy and I wish she didn't have to leave me, but Daddy says that she has to go to be with my little sister." Then he looked again at the doll with sad eyes, very quietly.

I quickly reached for my wallet and said to the boy. "Can we checked again, just in case you do have enough money?" "OK" he said "I hope that I have enough." I added some of my money to his without him seeing and we started to count it. There was enough for the doll and even some spare money.

The little boy said: "Thank you God for giving me enough money!" Then he looked at me and added, "I asked yesterday before I slept for God to make sure I have enough money to buy this doll so that mommy can give it to my sister. God heard me! I also wanted to have enough money to buy a white rose for my mommy, but I didn't dare to ask God for too much. But, He gave me enough to buy the doll and a white rose. My mommy loves white roses."

A few minutes later, the old lady came back and I left with my basket. I finished my shopping in a totally different state from when I started. I couldn't get the little boy out of my mind.

Then I remembered a local newspaper article two days before, which mentioned a drunk driver in a truck, who hit a car traveling the same way, where a little girl died at the scene and the mother was left in critical condition. The family had to decide whether to pull the plug on the life-assisting machine, because the young lady would not be able to recover from the coma. Was this the family of the little boy?

Two days after this encounter with the little boy, I read in the newspaper that the young mother had passed away. I couldn't stop myself as I bought a bunch of white roses and I went to the funeral home where people paid their last respects to the family.

She was there, in her coffin, holding a beautiful white rose in her hand with the photo of the little boy and the doll placed over her chest. I left the place, teary-eyed, feeling that my life had been changed forever. The love that this little boy had for his mother and his sister is still, to this day, hard to imagine. And in a fraction of a second, a drunk driver had taken all this away from him.

*Please be an angel this year... Don't drink and drive!*

# Love And Compassion Ministries, Inc.

needs of your support.

We have made such a difference in so many lives this year, because we were there for them in their time of need. Our goal is to teach them of God's grace and love as we battle against suicide, pornography, profanity, devil worshipping, divorce, anger, hate, abuse, drugs, alcohol, laziness, hunger, loss of hope, homelessness, prison overcrowding, along with physical, mental and emotional problems.

**Together we have the power to change lives!**

**I ask you to do something great for the Lord, support us**

**and**

**please don't forget to pray for us!**

**When you support this ministry it gives us the power to reach the lost, imprisoned, homeless, troubled youth, veterans and hurting people of this area!**

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**Thank You!**

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ARE YOU SERIOUSLY GIVING US ALL WOOLIES FOR CHRISTMAS???

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Dear Friends,

This is the season! As you go out shopping for your loved ones, friends, and relatives I pray that you will let Jesus Christ radiate from your heart. There are so many Christians that will be going here and there, busy with Christmas shopping, that will be going through this wonderful season full of guilt, bitterness and unforgiveness. They will feel bad because their loved ones have disappointed them. They feel guilty since they are not able to give as they wish or they will feel guilty if they do not buy that special person that very expensive gift. Most have taken it upon themselves to give to others that do not need, wish for, nor want the gift they have for them.

Please know that guilt, bitterness, and un-forgiveness crowds out love with-in our hearts. Who are we that refuse to forgive others when our Lord has forgiven us for so much. We must be able to see that satan wishes to destroy the family unity by having families fight instead of coming together. The Lord wishes to bind us together. Ask God to forgive you for allowing sin in your heart. Then offer up a prayer for that loved one you know that is being used by satan. Call them and ask them over. Don't clean the house, repaint the room or buy that new couch. Just be yourself! Talk and enjoy the people that God has put within your life. See how God can work through you!

Don't let satan steal the true meaning of Christmas from you. View this Christmas in a new light. Have the right attitude. Don't let satan cover the love you have in your heart, but let the Holy Spirit build within you and bubble over into others. Enjoy the season, give from your heart, Worship the Lord, not what you get and show God's love to many. Live this day as if it was your last! Make the most of the time we have on this earth. Every day do all you can to tell someone what Christ has done in your life and that you love them.

Many years ago, during a Christmas season just like this one, this ministry had a very great need. We were praying that God would provide the money to take care of this very expensive item that we desperately needed. A Godly man and friend of mine that is married with two little girls came to me one Sunday and gave me a check in an envelope for the amount that the ministry needed to take care of the problem we were having. This friend is like so many of us who work for not much more than what it takes to live from one week to another. I looked at the check with disbelief and ran back to him, telling him I could not accept such a check from him, knowing he needed the money more than we did.

He refused to take the check back and stated that if I gave the check back to him that he and his family would be cheated out of a blessing from God. Later I found out that his wife and children agreed not to buy any Christmas gifts for each other so that they could bless this ministry. The girls woke up Christmas day with nothing under the tree, but there was so much love within that house that it could not be contained.

A year later this Godly man was given such a magnificent position within a wonderful Church, now making so much money that his wife did not have to work. They were given a new car, a new house and his children could go to the best of schools. God is so good!

Merry Christmas!

In the Presence of our LORD,

*Ron Willis*

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To God Be The Glory!

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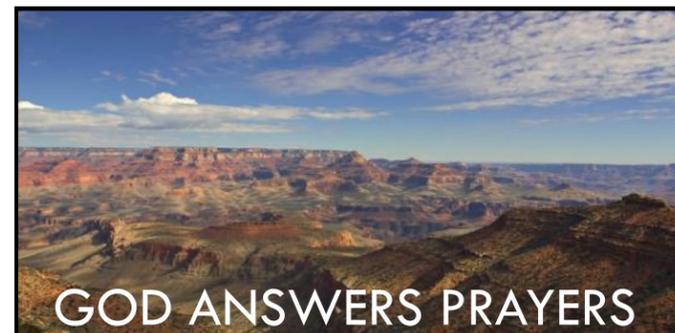
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