Love and Compassion Ministries

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

April 1, 2016 In The Year of Our Lord

God's Place

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 or jail with little or no skills and no family support.

Love And Compassion Ministries, Inc. is a non-profit organization 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. With more than 73 employees the first year and 155 employees the fifth year we will offer love and acceptance to the unlovely as we will strive to make a positive difference in each resident's life. And God's Place won't cost anyone a dime.



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.

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 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 create an atmosphere that will be a healthy balance of mind, body, and soul.

With a Church, restaurant, thrift store, dorms, office, barn and staff housing we can help so many people in need. Please join us in seeing this project come to reality.

Charlotte County Commissioners are on board
The people in need are on board
WHAT ABOUT YOU?

IF NOT US, WHO? IF NOT NOW, WHEN?

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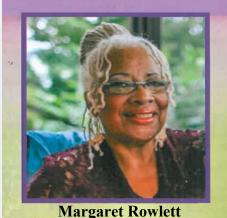
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We Have Lost Two of Our Own.



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May 2, 1942 March 7, 2016 Margaret Rowlett was a wonderful godly lady that served our Lord through Love And Compassion Ministries for many years through our Street Outreach Ministry, Youth Ministry and so many of our outreach events. She passed away on March 7th.

Margaret was a Church leader at Faith Fellowship leading the Singles and Nursing Home Ministries for many years. She also served as a mentor, teacher and fervent prayer intercessor. She held several leadership positions in AGLOW including the VP of Finance.

Serving God and sharing the love of Jesus through various ministries was her passion. She left a handprint upon many lives through her love and service to others.

We will dearly miss her!

Once in a lifetime a special person comes along to touch many lives in the name of Jesus like no other. For many of us Margaret was that person. Describe her in one word, "Unforgettable" Describe her character, "Fruit of the Spirit" Describe her mission, "Mentor, Christian Counselor, Caregiver, Prayer Warrior, Church Leader etc." She also devoted time and talents to youth ministry and foster home camp for teenage boys. She evangelized on the spot – she personified the Love of Christ! A natural "A one-person welcoming committee." She shared the Love of Christ in a unique manner. Anyone who needed prayer, Margaret was always there! Abundantly talented. In her book she revealed her true life story and her victory in Jesus. Resourceful – she was part of the Church right from the start! A minister of the Jewish/Christian Faith she came to our home and anointed it with oil. She wore a prayer shawl and quoted the Bible while she anointed every room in our home. She showed unconditional love and considered it a joy and a privilege to bless others.

Thank You Margaret

Unforgettable that's what you are! A Christian Prayer Warrior both near and afar, a positive smile, a welcoming voice, Your walk with Jesus; was a wise choice! Tending to others with loving care and grace, always there for us at the right time, the right place. You have a mission in Heaven now that's perfect in every way so we look up and pray to be with you on that final victorious day! Shalom Margaret!

We love you! Amen

By: Dr. John Domino



Jim Cossairt passed away in his sleep on March 18th. Jim is survived by his wife of 65 years, JoAnn Cossairt; his sons Steven Cossairt, Donald Cossairt, and David Cossairt; his daughters Susan Kennedy and Sharie Lunsford; 20 grand-children; 13 great-grandchildren; 1 great great-grandchild; and many nieces and nephews. After 30 years of dedication and hard work at the Pepsi-Cola company here in Fort Myers, Jim retired and spent a lot of his time golfing and cheering his grandchildren on during each and every sporting event.

In 2007 Jim joined Love And Compassion Ministries as a Director and with his wife, JoAnn volunteered their services in so many ways. Jim had a great mind for business and loved serving our Lord with us.

James C. Cossairt August 1, 1931 - March 18, 2016 We will truly miss him! Ron Willis, President

AS CHRISTIANS ARE WE GOING IN THE RIGHT DIRECTION?

As a 501(c)(3) organizations we cannot show favoritism for one candidate or political party, target voter registration drives, do voter campaigns, or do other things for a particular political party. We cannot provide support (financial or in-kind) to a political candidate or coordinate efforts with a candidate or political party.

Love And Compassion Ministries, Inc. cannot publish or distribute any election information including e-mails to its employees, volunteers, clients or donors, but it is our hope that people will educate themselves about the elections and pray for our country and its leaders.

As we abide with the rules, I wonder what kind of life are we going to leave our children and their children. Will they have the chance and ability to make strides as our generation has had, or are we leaving our nation weak, hopeless and unwilling to make the right decisions before it is too late.



I believe that our next generation will be weaker and less knowledgeable. As they pass an invisible boundary; they will become more like Sodom and Gomorrah. They will establish themselves around laws and interpreted them where anything goes. Their lives will become more simplified as the laws of the universe will appear less complex and good will become bad and bad become good.

I pray that we will not sacrifice this country to those who want to destroy it. In the name of our Lord and the values that keep us who we are, may we never let our vision of man be distorted by the ugly, cowardly, mindless people in power. May we never lose our knowledge that man's proper estate is an upright posture, an intransigent mind and a step that travels unlimited roads.

I pray that we as a nation will not let the fire that Christ put in us go out. May we never let the energy that is within our soul perish, in lonely frustration for the life we and our future families deserved, but have never been able to reach. May our Lord keep us on the road He has placed us on and provide us with the weapons that give victory to the weak in nature and yet strong in spirit. The world we desire can be won over. "The battle is ours" says the Lord!

So as we make the decisions that will effect this nation for many a year, the question should not be who is going to let me change the world, but who is going to stop me.

Given the many urgent scientific and technological challenges facing America and the rest of the world, we have an increasing need for accurate scientific information that we can depend upon. We need people from all walks of life to share their views on the issues of the environment, health, medicine, science, technology, the economy, climate change, education, energy, welfare, homelessness, drugs, food, good water, the internet, ocean health, space, natural resources and public health to name a few areas we need to focus on.

May we always remember. Only as high as I reach can I grow, only as far as I seek can I go, only as deep as I look can I see and only as much as I dream can I be. The truth is not for all men, but only for those who seek it.

May God Help US!

GOOD NEWS FROM OUR CHRISTIAN NEIGHBORS

Features Christian News That We All Can Use! Information about wholesome Christian events in our local area.

LET'S GET A LIFE! Many churches have "Life Groups" for folks with special interest. A few are mentioned here:

THE FAITH CENTER

(Formerly FFWOM) 6111 South Pointe Blvd Ft Myers, Florida Ph: 239-278-3638

<u>Café of Life</u> - Experience LIVE Christian music, friends, food, fellowship and FUN! APRIL 29th Meets the Last Friday of every month at 7:00 pm in The Faith Center.

<u>The Writers Club</u> - Poets, creative writers, and new authors are all welcome. Get published! APRIL 1st at 9:30 am - Join us the first Friday of every month at 9:30 am in The Faith Center.

<u>GULF COAST BIBLE TRAINING CENTER</u> - meets at Faith Center - Dr. Michael Landsman- a Pastor, Missionary, Educator and founder of a Bible school curriculum translated into 7 languages. He recently returned from 11 years in South Africa. He was also Senior Lecture and Dean of Rhema Bible College, South Africa. For information call 239-278-3638

LIFE CHURCH

11135 Plantation Rd, Ft Myers, Florida 33966 Ph: 239-939-5433

<u>Archery</u> - 3rd Saturday of each month, 4:00pm- Buckingham – Led by Erik Shaw. We're aiming for fun! Set your sights, bring your bow and your target for archery practice & fellowship. Beginners to experts welcome.

Fit for Life - Twice a week, Tuesdays 6:00pm until 7:30pm and Saturdays 9:00am until 10:30am - Location Varies - Led by Jose Mora Get fit for life as you learn about proper nutrition, learn how to eat healthy on a budget, discover what the Bible says about fitness, work out together and more!

<u>Homeless & Community Outreach</u> - 2nd Wednesday, 7pm & some Saturdays – Led by Carrie Nameth Facilitates the Life Church food pantry in the community to reach the lost, hungry and poor.

Cape Christian

2110 Chiquita Blvd. Cape Coral, Florida Ph: (239) 772-5683

Tony & Ada's Café - Our Cafe is open 7 days a week 8-6 Mon-Sat and Sun 8-2. It's a great place anytime!

Alcoholics Anonymous - Every Monday, 7:30 PM - 9:00 PM Meetings takes place in the Student Auditorium and Student Café.

Youth Night - Every Wednesday, 6:30 PM - 8:30 PM, provides a great atmosphere for youth to have fun.

Narcotics Anonymous - Every Thursday, 7:30 PM - 9:00 PM

Riverside Church

8660 Daniels Parkway, Fort Myers, Florida Ph: (239) 689-9000

<u>Marriage Class</u> - Fri, April 1, 6:30pm – 8:00pm, Room 116 Class studying Intimate Encounters with David Parker.

Beach Baptist

134 Connecticut St Ft. Myers Beach, Florida Ph: (239).463.6452

Our Christian Retreat Center is a full functioning, retreat facility available on request.

McGregor Baptist Church

3750 Colonial Blvd, Fort Myers, Florida Ph: (239) 936-1754.

McGregor - Hosts many Life Groups (too many to list)

Just "Show up" on Sunday - 9:30 AM in Room F 100 in the Faith Building. We will supply the coffee and explain all the Life Groups that are available.

Grace Church

13 SE 24th Pl, Cape Coral, Florida Ph: (239) 574-7161.

<u>Celebrate Recovery</u> - A Christ-centered, biblically-based 12 step recovery ministry.

<u>Grief Share</u> - To help you heal from the pain of the death of a loved one.

<u>Divorce Care</u> - To help you heal from the pain of divorce or separation.

<u>Stephen Ministry</u> - Christian caregiving to help you though a difficult season of your life.

<u>Christian Counselors</u> - Therapists referred by our pastors to help you heal.

<u>Financial Peace University Ministry</u> - Classes that give biblical principles for your finances.

Outside Recovery Groups - Alcoholics Anonymous, Narcotics Anonymous, Cocaine Anonymous, and others. Contact: Greg Mulkey Director of Recovery Ministries (239) 574-7161 ext. 234

Barbara B Mann Performing Arts

8099 College Parkway Fort Myers, Florida 33919 Ph: (239) 481-4849

<u>The Bible Tour</u> – Enjoy an evening of entertainment from singers such as Stephen Curtis Chapman APRIL 22nd at 7:00 PM

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Change Your Thinking

It will take just 37 seconds to read this and change your thinking...

Two men, both seriously ill, occupied the same hospital room. One man was allowed to sit up in his bed for an hour each afternoon to help drain the fluid from his lungs. His bed was next to the room's only window. The other man had to spend all his time flat on his back.

The men talked for hours on end. They spoke of their wives and families, their homes, their jobs, their involvement in the military service, where they had been on vacation. Every afternoon, when the man in the bed by the window could sit up, he would pass the time by describing to his roommate all the things he could see outside the window. The man in the other bed began to live for those one hour periods where his world would be broadened and enlivened by all the activity and color of the world outside. The window overlooked a park with a lovely lake. Ducks and swans played on the water while children sailed their model boats. Young lovers walked arm in arm amidst flowers of every color and a fine view of the city skyline could be seen in the distance.

As the man by the window described all this in exquisite details, the man on the other side of the room would close his eyes and imagine this picturesque scene. One warm afternoon, the man by the window described a parade passing by. Although the other man could not hear the band - he could see it in his mind's eye as the gentleman by the window portrayed it with descriptive words.

Days, weeks and months passed. One morning, the day nurse arrived to bring water for their baths only to find the lifeless body of the man by the window, who had died peacefully in his sleep. She was saddened and called the hospital attendants to take the body away. As soon as it seemed appropriate, the other man asked if he could be moved next to the window. The nurse was happy to make the switch, and after making sure he was comfortable, she left him alone.

Slowly, painfully, he propped himself up on one elbow to take his first look at the real world outside. He strained to slowly turn to look out the window besides the bed. It faced a blank wall. The man asked the nurse what could have compelled his deceased roommate who had described such wonderful things outside this window.

The nurse responded that the man was blind and could not even see the wall. She said, "Perhaps he just wanted to encourage you.'"

Epilogue:

There is tremendous happiness in making others happy, despite our own situations. Shared grief is half the sorrow, but happiness when shared, is doubled.

YOU HAVE THE POWER TO CHANGE LIVES!

When you support Love And Compassion Ministries, Inc. it gives us the power to reach the lost, imprisoned, homeless, drug addicts, troubled youth and hurting people of this world!

Please consider giving a tax-deductible gift to

LOVE AND COMPASSION MINISTRIES, INC. P.O. Box 152636 Cape Coral, Florida 33915

Thank You!



Friends and Partners,

Two o'clock this morning I was up praying and reflecting on what God wants to do through Love And Compassion Ministries in order to help many that are in need today. My heart is heavy with the pressures of ministry, the desperate spiritual needs of our homeless, imprisoned, troubled youth and addicts of this area and the world.

As we know, prayer moves the heart that moves the world. I am constantly praying that my personal devotion to my Lord would increase, become more intimate and help me become more like Jesus. I pray that my love for the people we minister to would be evident by my loving deeds and Godly example, even in the midst of hardships and troubles.

I ask you to please pray with me that LCM will impact many people every day for the Lord. The problems we face daily are so large, the needs so overwhelming and the enemy powerful and relentless.

Paul wrote in Romans 1:1-9 (KJV) ¹ Paul, a bondservant of Jesus Christ, called *to be* an apostle, separated to the gospel of God ² which He promised before through His prophets in the Holy Scriptures, ³ concerning His Son Jesus Christ our Lord, who was born of the seed of David according to the flesh, ⁴ and declared to be the Son of God with power according to the Spirit of holiness, by the resurrection from the dead. ⁵ Through Him we have received grace and apostleship for obedience to the faith among all nations for His name, ⁶ among whom you also are the called of Jesus Christ; ⁷ To all who are in Rome, beloved of God, called *to be* saints: Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. ⁸ First, I thank my God through Jesus Christ for you all, that your faith is spoken of throughout the whole world. ⁹ For God is my witness, whom I serve with my spirit in the gospel of His Son, that without ceasing I make mention of you always in my prayers,

Every time someone donates to Love And Compassion Ministries I thank God for their support and ask God to bless them, for they are the life blood of this ministry. Without their financial support we could not do what we do. For more than eighteen years now, serving more than 20,000 people, we have seen this area being impacted by our Lord through this ministry. Love And Compassion Ministries reaches out to the lost and hurting no matter what faith, race or gender they may be. We are made up of all kinds of Christian people from all walks of faiths. With our volunteer staff of more than thirty caring people, we serve this community through our Bread Ministry, Jail Ministry, Prison Ministry, Youth Ministry, Homeless Ministry and Drug Program Ministry.

We have seen so many miracles and so many people come to the Lord through these ministries. We have made such a difference in so many lives, because we were there for them in their time of need and because people like you gave in our time of need.

Thanks!

In the Presence of our Lord,

Ron Willis

Ron Willis, President Love and Compassion Ministries, Inc.

To God Be The Glory!

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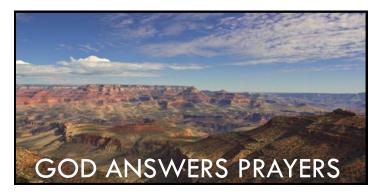
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