

ENCOURAGER PROGRAM

Families often call Love in the Name of Christ in the midst of a housing crisis. Their housing problems have different causes... destruction of home, eviction from home, prolonged illness or injury, loss of employment or other reduced income, or released from jail or prison.

Love in the Name of Christ has begun a new program to help these families on the verge of homelessness. The program will offer three kinds of help: (1) Strategic, short-term financial assistance; (2) Assistance in planning how to best regain stability; (3) Christian encourager to love and care and pray for the family during the crisis.

These families, isolated and hurting, need a friend who will accept them but still challenge them to make their best effort. Maybe this special ministry of loving families who are in danger is the mission to which you have been called.

For more information, contact Angela Kirk, the Coordinator of the Encourager Program for Love INC at this number: (936) 564-0045 X112.

CAREGIVING

The Caregiver Program continues to be very active at Love INC. Many people are being cared for in their own home at a reasonable cost. The Caregivers are dedicated people who love their work and those who they serve.

If you know people needing in-home assistance, please refer them to Love INC. Likewise, if you know dedicated Christian people needing employment, direct them to Love INC at this phone number: (936) 559-1234.

FROM THE DIRECTOR

Easter breaks into our lives every year. The promise of resurrection is renewed again, no matter what else may be happening in our lives.

Even if we live in despair, our lives racked with pain or sickness, doubt or ruin... Easter comes again. Our restless heart is drawn irresistibly to the celebration of resurrection. It whispers to us... "Hold on! There is more..."

**"Do not abandon yourselves to despair...
We are the Easter people!
...and hallelujah is our song."**

Pope John Paul II

FAMINE WEEKEND REPORT

Famine Weekend, held February 29 and March 1 was a great success! Attendance was good, despite a weekend filled with many activities for junior and senior high school students. The Friday night activity was a time of worship, led by the Blake Russell Band and guest speaker Michael Powell.

On Saturday, more than two hundred students worked at tasks that had been arranged by Love in the Name of Christ. Most of the groups did some very necessary yard work for people who were very appreciative. One group prepared and fed lunch at GODTEL.

For Jud McLeod, it was his very first event as the new student minister at First United Methodist Church. "Although our students had not gotten to eat", he says, "they still got fed by the work they did and by being able to meet the people for whom they worked."

As always, the capstone event of the weekend was a final worship service and a very large and satisfying pancake "break-fast". Thanks, to everyone who participated.



*BRINGING TOGETHER PEOPLE IN NEED
AND PEOPLE WHO CAN HELP*

March 20, 2008

A LOVE STORY

When Bill called Love in the Name of Christ for assistance, he truly did not know who else to call for assistance. Like so many others with serious health problems, Bill is not only concerned about his future, but also has a lot of new immediate problems as well.

One of Bill's immediate needs was help with an out-of-town trip for intensive medical care. Although relatively young, Bill has had a stroke and requires specialized care, the closest being in Tyler. Fortunately, Bill can drive to the appointment, but needs someone to drive him back home in his own car, once he is able to leave the hospital. Not once... but twice.

Difficult as it can sometimes be to find Hometown Missionaries with the time for such a need, willing Christians have come forward, ready to help Bill in a time need—a small need "piggy-backed" on a much larger one. Love for our Neighbors often requires a personal sacrifice. Sometimes not once... but twice.

But this is the time of year we remember when one sacrifice... was enough.

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REPORT OF DONATIONS

These friends have contributed to the operations of Love INC in February. Thank you very much.

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CORRECTIONS

These friends were accidentally omitted from the list of January donors.

Stewart and Carlene Barron
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TREASURER'S REPORT

Gifts from our partner churches were \$2,717.76 in February, below plan by \$615.57. Our Love INC friends have given \$4,010.00, which is below plan by \$1,162.50. Expenses were above plan by \$874.49. Our YTD Balance for 2008 is -\$2,515.79. Thank you all so much for your gifts of love.

SPECIAL GIFTS

In memory of Jane Gribble
Gift by Floy Bousman
In memory of Beth Kingham
Gift by George and Sarah Millard
In memory of Carl Smith
Gift by David Sanderson
In memory of Charlie Stripling
Gift by Dudley and Gayle Davis
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In honor of Roger Aker
Gift by Kathleen Belanger

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These churches are on mission to our community, and their February gifts are appreciated.

Bethel Baptist Church
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First Baptist Church
First Church of God
First Church of the Nazarene
First United Methodist Church
Fredonia Hill Baptist Church
Fredonia Hill Faith SS Class
Grace Bible Church
Harvest Pointe Community Fellowship
Jubilee Christian Center
Lilly Grove Baptist Church
Martinsville Baptist Church
Nat Baptist Church
New Faith Baptist Church
Oak Grove Baptist Church
Perritte Memorial United Methodist Church
Pleasant Hill Baptist Church
Unity Church of Christianity
University Baptist Church
Westminster Presbyterian Church
Woden Baptist Church

Love in the Name of Christ

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**Clearinghouse Requests
9:00-12:00 M-F**

**Staff Hours Executive Director
9:00-5:00 M-F Roger Aker**