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A Ministry Dedicated to Reaching out to those the World Has Forgotten!

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Excuses

As I was talking to a friend and thanking him for helping with the ministry, he brought up the importance of what HLM does, reaching out to those the world has forgotten. His mom is in an assisted living facility, and he told me he that he went to what was supposed to be a resident and family night dinner at the facility. There were about 30 residents at the dinner, and he was the only family member there that night. The other family members who were invited did not show up. I told him how typical that is in Nursing Homes and Assisted Living facilities. Unfortunately, most family members rarely show up to visit or be there for them. Usually the family member will show up for some type of emergency, but to come and regularly visit is another matter.

About 3 years ago at Christmastime, Shelly gave one lady at an Assisted Living facility a Christmas card after our church service. She cried on her shoulder for quite some time as she told her how she had always been there for her children, always invited them to Christmas, Thanksgiving, and birthday celebrations, and had cooked big meals for them. But now, they never came to see her. They never invited her to Christmas or any other family gatherings and she would be alone for Christmas again this year as usual.

Statistics say that about 70% of Nursing Home residents never have any family members who come to visit or do anything for them. I knew the statistics, but I was shocked to hear that out of 30 residents that came to a family night dinner, only one family member showed up.

Thank You!

We want to thank all our financial and prayer partners as well as our volunteers for their faithful dedication to the Lord and His Love Ministries.



We love you all!

Excuses cont.

People, these things ought not to be happening. As my friend said, his mother had done so much for him that he could never repay her. I am sure this is true for most of us, but excuses and busy lives get in the way of taking the time to be there for our parents when they need us. How can we make excuses and not be there for our parents after they have raised us?

Please join us, as we reach out to those that the world has forgotten. You could adopt someone at a nursing home for Christmas and turn it into something that you do on a regular basis. You could meet a good friend, and who knows where that could lead? Jesus said, "if you have done it unto the least of these you have done it unto me" and "to visit orphans and widows in their trouble is pure and undefiled religion" (Matthew 25:35-40, James 1:26).

Call me today and I will give you a name so you can start visiting someone who needs your love and attention.

--Marty

Contact Marty: 912-398-0573

****See additional sheet to find out how you can help this Christmas.**

Please Consider Partnering With Us

His Love Ministries does not charge the facilities for any of the services we provide.

We are a full-time ministry that is totally supported by individuals, churches, and businesses that are willing to financially partner with us to spread the Gospel to the forgotten.

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Thank You!

We would like to thank all those who came to our Annual Banquet on October 3rd. We pray you left uplifted, encouraged, and with more knowledge of the mission and passion of His Love Ministries. We thank all who helped make the Banquet possible:

- First Baptist Church of the Islands
- Alan Barnes and Barnes Catering
- The Hope Band from Isle of Hope Methodist Church
- All who helped with setting up, welcoming our guests and breaking down.

If you were unable to attend, you can listen to our Program at <https://hisloveministries.podbean.com> in the October 8th banquet message. We hope you can join us next year.

Those Who Cannot Repay

..But when you give a banquet, invite the poor, the crippled, the lame, the blind, and you will be blessed. Although they cannot repay you, you will be repaid at the resurrection of the righteous.” (Luke 14:13-14)

Jesus spoke of inviting those in need to “His banquet” and then went on to teach a parable describing the many that made excuses to why they would not accept the invitation (**Luke 14:16-24**). The riches of the material world can be a blessing, but many times they become a curse. Our self-reliance and dependence on physical things often blinds us to our true spiritual needs—not to mention the desperate need of others.

Two weeks ago, I was teaching a class in a drug and alcohol detoxification unit and I could not help but notice a man sitting beside me sobbing and unable to lift his head. After the class, he approached me and handed me a note. He could not look me in the eyes and walked away before I could respond. His note read as follows:

“Sir, I have lost everything. I don’t have a place to stay and my shoes are worn out and won’t stay on my feet. I have no clothes or undergarments. I am not asking you for money, but could you please help me find some clothes? I wear large t-shirts and 34 pants. I wear a size 10 shoe. Thank you for any help you can give me. Please pray for me that God will help me?”

It took less than \$25 dollars to get him some shoes and clothes, which we made sure the staff at the facility gave to him. We found out later that that day when he was being released back to the streets with nowhere to go, a local mission unexpectedly contacted them and offered to take the man in. The nurses said, “That never happens,” but we know that with God all things are possible.

Please pray with us that God uses the circumstances in this man’s life to turn Him to truth and salvation.

“God’s grace has the most to offer to those who have the least to give”

~ Ronnie

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Praise God for allowing this Ministry to be an instrument used in changing lives!



Statistics for January-September:

- Professions of Faith: 105 at least
- Church services: 212
- Bible studies: 1270
- Sing-a-Long services: 17
- Attendance: 14,441
- Bibles given out: 1,120
- Volunteers: 20
- Coastal Harbor Mani/Pedi for Girl’s Birthdays: 38

Encouraged

I have had the privilege to meet a man at Coastal State Prison whose faith has encouraged me. At his prime age of 83, he gives me verses to read that blessed him. Every time I see him, he will always ask me to pray for his wife who was sick and to pray for his transfer to another state facility to be closer to his wife so she can visit him. He would often write to me in a small torn piece of paper concerning this so we could pray for it weekly in bible study along with other men’s prayer request. One verse he would share often with me is Ephesians 6:13, **“Therefore take up the whole armor of God that you may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand firm”.**

What strong faith this man has, as he stands on the word of God, believing that any day the Lord will allow him to be closer to his wife.

I am encouraged by these men in their testimonies and eagerness to worship our Lord.



--Erik

Pastor Appreciation

Pastor Appreciation was Sunday October 8th. I hope you all took the opportunity to thank those who minister to the spiritual needs of you and your family. I was surprised somewhat when a nursing home resident handed me a handmade card expressing appreciation to me as her pastor, but I guess I shouldn’t have been surprised. This lady was not someone that I knew from outside of coming and ministering at the nursing home, as sometimes happens. For the residents of the nursing homes that we minister to, we are their church. Most of them have no opportunity to get out and go to the churches that they attended prior to going into the nursing home. To all who support His Love Ministries, I just want to pass on the appreciation. We would not be able to be church for so many that cannot get to church without the prayers and support of so many. THANK YOU!

--Matt

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- We would also like to pray for your needs. Send them via email to: MMcKenzie@hisloveministries.net



Ways to Help this Christmas:

▪ **Adopt a Nursing Home Resident:**

You can share the love of Christ by remembering the widows and the forgotten this year. Since 2001, His Love Ministries has adopted residents for Christmas in local nursing homes. These residents do not have family or anyone else close to them who meets their needs.

You can adopt a Nursing Home resident by buying and delivering the gift. You may also want to adopt them as someone you regularly visit since they really need love and attention. This is a wonderful project to include your children. The elderly love to see children, and it's a simple way to show your children how we are to love others as Christ loves us.

If you would like to participate, I will assign you a resident, a gift type, and the clothing size. If you want to donate financially to this project, you can send a check to His Love Ministries. It is tax deductible as the law allows. Each gift will cost about \$20.

▪ **Christmas Cards for the Forgotten:**

Each Christmas His Love Ministries gives Christmas cards to the residents and inmates of the places where we minister. This is a great mission outreach for children. They can make Christmas cards with a message or verse on the inside; these handmade cards mean a lot to those who receive them. **It may be the only gift some will receive.** (When signing the card, please do not sign your last name.)

If you or your church would like to get involved please contact us at 912-398-0573 or

Email at: MMcKenzie@hisloveministries.net

Testimony of Adopting a Nursing Home Resident

My friendship with Liz

Several years ago my husband and I suffered the tragic loss of both his parents and my father within a 6 week period of time. Stunned by grief for several years, we worked through that and life moved forward. However, in time, I came to realize that something was really amiss by not having any parents for which to care: parents or grandparents to visit on special holidays; to call and ask them about a family recipe; to ask them something about family history. That piece of my life was gone, as my mother had also died some years back. I'm sharing this to let you know why I reached out to His Love Ministries. I knew they were really trying to make a difference in the lives of others by reaching out to those in our prisons and nursing homes.

When I made that first call to Marty McKenzie, he was delighted that I wanted to volunteer and quickly made available to me a name of someone in a nursing care facility that seldom received visitors. You see, her family either had passed away or lived too far away to visit often. I was told very little about her situation (due to privacy laws), but over time I learned about her life. In this process of getting to know her, I've come to admire, respect, and love my new friend. She has a wisdom gained through 82 years of living on this earth and gives me counsel. Her eyes light up when I come in the room, and she is eager just to talk to someone. The rewards of this developing relationship are great.

While the nursing care facility certainly does their best, their stretched resources sometimes makes it difficult for them to spend as much time with each resident as they may desire. Imagine if that were your parent or grandparent sitting there for months on end with no one stopping by to check on them, no one to share stories with, no one to care for them. After 80+ years of pouring their lives into others, are they to come to their end of days without anyone noticing?

I'd like to offer a few tips based on my experience and more than anything, would like to encourage you to adopt a nursing care resident.

- When introducing yourself, explain why you chose to get involved.

- Be careful in asking too many personal questions – let them share their life when they become comfortable with you.
- Make sure to check with the caregiver before bringing any sweets (they may be diabetic.)
- Try to bring them something each time you visit (a magazine, a small treat, a flower)
- Try to notice what they might need and try to fill that need (the birdfeeder was empty just outside her window so I bring birdseed when I visit.)
- Make sure you don't make promises you can't keep (I promised her I would be there one time and discovered I had business travel so couldn't make it.)
- On that note, be consistent...try to visit as often as possible (I try to see her once a week or at least once every two weeks.)
- Be willing to share your life with stories, pictures, etc.
- Be realistic in your expectations – it takes time for a relationship to grow and for trust to be built.

--Barbara Cromer

A Word from a Resident at an Assisted Living Facility

His Love Ministries with our very own Pastor McKenzie, each Sunday morning, is the greatest blessing; as we have all left our homes and our churches for one or more reasons- This helps us keep closer to God. Pastor McKenzie fills a void, with his Biblical preaching, his love for people, his warmth and care for each individual. He arrives early each Sunday, turns the Hymn player on, then goes up and down the halls knocking on doors, inviting us all. He also goes into Seasons (memory care unit) and brings some ladies up, and takes them back after our Worship Service. They love coming. Whether we have 8 or 18, Pastor McKenzie gives us a truly Biblical Service praying for any needs. We have gone thru the books of John, Ephesians and Ruth, which were a blessing.

He also gives Birthday cards and each of us the Daily Bread Devotion booklet. He listens and prays for any special request. He also visits the Hospital and has had several Memorial Services for some we have lost. At the close of each service, he asks if anyone needs to accept Christ. He wants all to come to faith in Christ Jesus. He truly has a desire for all to believe and be saved. If he is going to be away, he makes sure another from His Love Ministries comes. We love them all.

We pray the ministry will continue reaching all of the places you are taking God's Word.

We thank you so much for Pastor Marty McKenzie. His Love Ministries is such a blessing to us!

God's blessing to all,

Mrs. Betty

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