

A CALL TO PRAYER

Change comes slowly sometimes... days, weeks, months, or even years. But sometimes change comes in a moment. Change can be small and shallow and temporary. But sometimes it is forever.

Famine Weekend is scheduled for February 29 and March 1. For certain, it will be a weekend of learning and service and singing and worship. Maybe some of the students will be uplifted and boosted forward for awhile. But maybe some of them will be transformed. Forever.

So together, the student ministers of the churches taking part in Famine Weekend make this request: Pray for Famine Weekend. Not only for safety. Not only for growth. Not only for a new vision. Pray for transformed lives.

The life waiting to be transformed during Famine Weekend could be your son or daughter or grandchild. Or maybe someone you do not know. Each is precious.

For these students who are fasting from Friday noon until Saturday evening, it is a time of openness to change... openness to transformation. Help us pray for just that!

Call Love INC at 559-1234 if you know of a junior high school or high school student who would like to be a part of Famine Weekend.

WEBSITE CHANGE

Please note that credit card contributions are no longer supported on the Love INC website. However, there is still the capability of contacting Love INC with needs or interests. We often hear from people with specific needs or inquiries about services or ideas about how to help others in our community. It is always good to hear from our friends.

FROM THE DIRECTOR

A Chinese Proverb says "A bit of fragrance always clings to the hand that gives you roses."

It was delightful to see all the roses that were bought and sold and given during the season of Valentine's Day. So many people demonstrated their affection for their mate or special friends or co-workers by giving roses.

Every day a "rose" is given to someone in our midst by someone who sees the need... the need to receive... and the need to give. The gift may be a ride to an appointment... a delivery of furniture... a box of diapers... a case of nutritional supplement... a much-needed gift from one person to another.

Each gift is itself something important, but outdone by the unseen "gift within the gift" —a gift of love from God Himself. What a joy to be one of our Lord's rose-bearing ambassadors! And how sweet is the smell left on our own hands from the gift that is given!

-Roger Aker

<http://www.loveincnac.org>

ENCOURAGER PROGRAM

Love in the Name of Christ is launching a new program to help Neighbors who are in the midst of a housing crisis. Angela Kirk is the Coordinator for the program and she is interested in finding people who can be a good friend and prayer partner to families going through a difficult time.

Maybe you and others in your church are looking for a new and different way to minister to Neighbors in our community. If you are interested in brochures or a short presentation about being an "Encourager" for these families in a crisis, call Angela at Love INC (564-0045 Ext. 112).



LOVE

IN THE NAME OF CHRIST

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

February 20, 2008

A LOVE STORY

Sometimes our Neighbors need help in ordinary ways. But then there are some Neighbors who have less ordinary needs. Unable to serve Larry, one of our local organizations suggested that he call Love in the Name of Christ.

Like so many other people with diabetes, Larry sometimes has problems with his feet. While recently hospitalized to stabilize his diabetic condition, his feet began to swell and develop skin ulcers. After being discharged, Larry could not afford the prescribed antibiotics and could not even completely follow medical advice to stay off his feet.

After talking to Larry by phone and collecting the necessary details about his need, a Hometown Missionary from Calvary Baptist Church agreed to purchase the antibiotic that Larry so badly needed. Through this great kindness, Larry's feet are healing and further concerns about his feet have been removed. Larry has expressed his gratitude that Christian people have loved him in a Christian way.

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REPORT OF DONATIONS

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

Don and Linda Alexander
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SPECIAL GIFTS

In memory of A. C. Goodson
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Gift by Mark Lanier
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Gift by Reese and Carolyn Andrews
In memory of Jane Young Gribble
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In memory of Jean Ward
Gift by Christy and Rick Hurst
In memory of Lois W. Cooper
Gift by Sgt. Bobby York, Ret.
In memory of Mike Pace
Gift by Charlsie Burnaman
In honor of Margaret Eakin
Gift by Monica Fitzgerald

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In honor of Dr. Dudley Davis
Gift by Wayne and Karen Davis
In honor of Krecia and Jon Morris
Gift by Mr. and Mrs. Willard Ray Birdwell
In honor of Joyce B. Swearingen
Gift by Lois Alexander

SPRING CLEANING

Spring cleaning is coming! Soon it will be time to clean out our old things and make room for new purchases. Furniture, appliances, beds, electronics, computers, home health equipment, dishes, heaters, fans, air conditioners, and even lawn and garden implements and power tools can have a "new home" and a new life at Love INC.

Some families cannot afford to buy everything they need. Some of your spring cleaning things can go directly to these families that are on a waiting list at Love INC.

Love INC often has groups seeking projects to help people in need, or who can no longer do their own work. Ladders, paint brushes, scrapers, weed eaters, lawn mowers, clippers, lawn rakes, all kinds of tools and wrenches... and many other things that you might have can help these groups do a great service in our community. Call Love INC at 559-1234 when you get around to spring cleaning this year.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Gifts from our partner churches were \$3,495.29 in January, above plan by \$161.96. Our Love INC friends have given \$6,545.00, which is above plan by \$1,372.50. Expenses were above plan by \$1,647.23. Our YTD Balance for 2008 is -\$136.77. Thank you all so much for your gifts of love.

PARTNER CHURCHES

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

Bethel Baptist Church
Calvary Baptist Church
Christ Episcopal Church
International Church of Nacogdoches
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
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
Redeemer Lutheran Church
Society of St. Stephens
Unity Church of Christianity
Westminster Presbyterian 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**