

CREW LOVE NEWS

It is always a pleasure to help organize a group event for people who desire to love their Neighbor through accomplishing a particular task. It is something special, though, when a large group of high school and junior high school students from our community take on many needs all at once. On February 17 and 18, as many as 150 to 170 students will be learning about world hunger, helping alleviate world hunger, and loving our local Neighbors by working together in groups during the day on Saturday.

Many of the students who are taking part will have some new experiences... hunger, spiritual fasting, community service, and empathy for people who live in extreme poverty. The churches, student ministers, families and Neighbors of these students are combining to help them have a weekend they will long remember.

CAREGIVING

One of the areas in which the Caregiving program of Love in the Name of Christ is currently growing is with hospice patients. Our caregivers perform much needed duties for these Neighbors who are so critically ill. As these people enter a time of life when they review their lives and consider ultimate realities, it is a meaningful time for caregivers to share their love and their faith as they help attend to daily medical and personal needs.

It is an amazing ministry of love for our churches and Love INC, and especially the caregivers, to love our neighbors at a time of such significance. Please pray for them.

FROM THE DIRECTOR

"To the Christian, love is the works of love", says the Christian philosopher Kierkegaard. "To say that love is a feeling or anything of the kind is really an un-Christian conception of love. Christ's love was not an inner feeling, a full heart and what-not: it was the work of love which was his life."

Each of us redefines our life as we understand God's ways better. One of the deeper "revisions" we go through is in our approach to service. As we mature, we are less driven by dutiful service and more drawn by loving service. Central to the change is our growing understanding that, for a Christian, love is work and work is love.

In other words, love has less to do with "feeling like it" and "ought to do this" and more to do with "my life is a life of love... active, involved love." Every year, we come in contact with more people than the year before whose love is at work in the lives of those around them. Love works. *-Roger Aker*

PROGRAM NOTES

Across the county, students from preschool to college are now fully into the new learning opportunities of the Spring semester. It has been the privilege of Love in the Name of Christ to have several college students working at the Clearinghouse each semester as they earn course credits and develop professional skills.

Each semester, from two to seven students learn to carefully consider the needs of our neighbors, and how to help them, encourage them, challenge them, and love them. One by one, students pass through on their way to their careers, each affected and influenced by what they have learned about love.

-Sandra Johnson



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BRINGING TOGETHER PEOPLE IN NEED
AND PEOPLE WHO CAN HELP*

February 20, 2006

A LOVE STORY

Hurricane evacuees continue to struggle to find homes and settle into them. Their task, and the task of those helping them, has been immense. One such family came to Nacogdoches during Hurricane Rita. "Bill" and "Maggie" and their infant child moved into a duplex recently, but soon fell behind in their rent because they could not find employment.

Facing eviction, they called Love INC to seek assistance. Although Bill had just been hired, his income would not be in time to avoid eviction. After considering carefully their information, a Hometown Missionary contacted the landlord and discussed various plans for helping Bill and Maggie get current on their rent.

A plan was reached with the sympathetic landlord in which their church provided some immediate financial help, and Bill and Maggie are paying some extra from each paycheck until they are current. They are also receiving some budget counseling from their church. Churches and landlords have done much to love these families, and love continues still, because it does not fail.

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TREASURER'S REPORT

Gifts from our partner churches were \$3,720.05 in January, above plan by \$386.72. Our Love INC friends have given \$9,431.00, which is above plan by \$5,264.34. Expenses were below plan by \$1,705.77. The Love Index (number of months of operating funds in reserve) is 10.2 at the beginning of 2006. Thank you all so much for your gifts.

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