



Love INC
Love In the Name of Christ

December 2011 Newsletter

God's Blessings on all of you and your families through the rest of this year and 2012, for our God is good and He's good all of the time. I have been wrestling with God on what he wanted me to write in this newsletter for over a month now and I finally gave in to Him. First of all things are going great at LoveINC. We are looking forward to what Daddy has planned for 2012 and it's our hope you will all be able to be involved in some way. We are praying for this so look out!

I want to share my heart and our (LoveINC) vision for the Church of Madera. While I was wrestling with God, He reminded me of Luke 10:38-42 the story of Mary and Martha, Martha being so busy doing all kinds of things **for Jesus** and Mary sitting at His feet wiping her tears from His feet with her hair. Where do you fit? Which are you, Martha or Mary? Sometimes we get way off focus doing **"the works of Jesus"** and then we wonder why things are always messed up. When we gave our lives to Christ He put the Holy Spirit inside of each of us, making available to us the same power that raised Jesus from the dead, but that takes authority and authority only comes through intimacy with the Father. How much time, one on one, do you spend with God? I know that I need to change things in my life if I want to fulfill His plans for me, my destiny in Him .

Recently I watched a short video about a 2 year old boy named Raylin walking for the first time across a stage. You can go to this site to watch it:

http://globalawakening.com/testimonies/video/item/raylin-walking?category_id=9 . Raylin was born with cerebral palsy and his parents have been taking him to Randy Clark's School of Healing. One of the things mentioned that really stole my heart was when the physical therapist saw him moving his knees in and out. She said he can't do that, he doesn't have the muscles needed to do that, but when she felt his legs, there were new muscles where they hadn't been before. At that point I lost it. How can we not want to do all we can in His Kingdom? To pull down the kingdom of darkness and raise up His Kingdom here in Madera, CA.

This has been an incredible year for us here at LoveINC. The blessings you get just from being a part of helping people in need, but there is also heartache when we can't meet those needs. Here are a couple of things we have been a part of through Love In The Name of Christ!

1. Lady calls LoveINC for some help with the cost of staying at the Ronald McDonald House because her newborn daughter was in ICU. Lady had been 6 months pregnant when a black widow bit her causing her to go into an early labor. Her newborn daughter weighed only 11lb 7ozs and was put in intensive care at Children's Hospital. It costs \$15 per day to stay at the Ronald McDonald House and she wanted to be near her baby. We made a few calls and in about 2 hours we raised enough money for her to stay for a month. Our blessing came a couple of weeks ago when I came into my office and there was a blinking light on our answering machine. Hearing this lady's voice on the machine thanking us for all we had done and then in tears saying, "I got to hold my daughter today for the first time" put us all in tears. It just doesn't get any better than that!
2. Last week we received a call from a 22 year old mother of 4, she had her first son at the age of 15. Her family had just moved into a home in Madera and they had nothing to put in the home. We have been able to get them a stove, a couch and a recliner and a team from the United Methodist Church (furniture Ministry) are going to meet with her and her husband to see if they can get them beds and other household items. This lady and her 4 children stopped by our

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office the other day to give us verification of the aid they are getting. Her children ages 3 to 7, are beautiful and so sweet and well behaved we all just wanted to hug them. Such a blessing to be able to help people out. Again, it doesn't get any better than this!

So, here's what God has been putting on my heart for the Church of Madera. First of all I have another quote but I don't remember who said it, "It's NOT the church gathered, it's the church scattered". We have to get out of the building and into the streets. Jesus said that He would build His Church and the gates of hell would not prevail against it and at the end of Acts 2, scripture says, "And the Lord added to their number daily those who were being saved." Maybe we are spending too much time trying to build His Church instead of getting out to the streets demonstrating His Kingdom. I tell people all the time that if you see someone at Walmart in a wheel chair and you ask to pray for them and the Lord heals them, you probably won't have a hard time leading them to Christ.

I have 4 things on my heart for us, the Church of Madera to do next year.

1, In the spring I want to take teams out to ranches and with the farmers pray over their crops and anoint their soil by pouring olive oil on the soil. I'm believing God for huge crops next year in Madera County.

2. I have a plan for an all Church Easter outreach at Courthouse Park or McNally Park. Easter egg hunt, music, food, maybe an Easter play if there's a church that can do so. I'm open to ideas.

3. Back to school backpack and school supplies outreach. This will be a great opportunity to connect with the local schools.

4. Citywide Christmas outreach. So many things we can do with this that I can't list them all and I'm sure some of you can add to those I have. One is that Matel Toys use to give full truck loads of toys to ministries that they felt were legit. I will be contacting them sometime this month for next year.

This is our heart for the Church of Madera and we have NO doubt they are all outreaches that can be accomplished if we only believe. It's time that the world sees Christ when they see the Church. We need to be a faceless generation so that the only superstar they see is Jesus! Please let us know if you would like to help us plan any or all of these events. You can email me or call us at 674-4580.

We want to thank all of you who have been a part of LoveINC this year and wish all of you a very Merry Christmas and a happy and prosperous New Year, filled with the blessings of God's Kingdom. He is a great God and Oh does He love us!

Blessings!
Al & Barbara
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Mary
Tammy