



Jesus Loves You Ministry, Inc.
 Mobile Outreach Program for the Homeless



Welcome to the Jesus Loves You Ministry newsletter. We would like to share how the Lord is working through this Mobile Outreach Ministry in the streets and woods of Charlotte County.

Please join us in praying for our homeless population for health, jobs, family reconciliations and of course a close walk with the Lord.

Needs: Repel bug repellent (pump) with Deet; white socks; men's jeans; men's shorts; tents; tarps; bottled water (16 oz); first aid kits, and bicycles. Please call to discuss where you may feel led to help.

“Look What the Lord Hath Done!”



“New Home of Jesus Loves You Ministry”
 1734 Cedarwood Street, Port Charlotte FL 33948 (No Mail Delivery)

Ready or not the thrift store will open Friday, July 18th!

Some of what Jesus Loves You Ministry, Inc. has done January 1 - June 28, 2014 through the Lord's Direction & your help!

3,252 “services” provided to 273 people (78 females)

Services Include:

Trips to Doctors' offices, Clinics, shelter facilities

Camp visits and lunch deliveries

Mobile food pantry stops and deliveries

Many have come to know and accept Jesus Christ as their Lord and Savior!!!

***Proverbs 19:17* Whoever is kind to the poor lends to the LORD, and He will reward them for what they have done. (NIV)**

For those of you reading this newsletter, never give up on your loved ones who don't know Jesus yet - A perfect stranger may stop them on the street and tell them “Jesus Loves You” and the Love of God will constrain their hearts! Truly, your loved ones are set apart for special treatment by the Lord.

“Look What the Lord Hath Done!” Photos on page 1.

About 3 months ago we received a phone call from one of our donors who wanted to come visit our office and talk about something. Upon arrival, we were told that the Lord had put it on their heart(s) to donate funds for us to be able to purchase a building! The way it was presented was so humble and in complete obedience to the Lord’s leading. When the Lord impressed the donor to make this sizeable donation, they prayed for 2 weeks to make sure it was the Lord and not just a desire of their heart(s), and then said “yes Lord”. Simple obedience to the Lord is so refreshing isn’t it? The whole process went so quickly and smoothly, there is no way any “human” could take credit for all the miracles.

As we (the Board) began looking for a building, we kept coming back to the same building. So, in the middle of April we began negotiations to purchase the building known as “Habitat Hall” owned by Charlotte County Habitat for Humanity. Lord willing, by the time you receive this newsletter we will have closed and are settling into our “home base” for our county’s only Outreach Ministry for the Homeless of Charlotte County.

We will be providing showers on the 2nd Sunday of each month for the homeless and the 5th Sundays in the months they occur. We will be open for “drop-in” and “by appointment” services for those homeless travelling on foot, bicycle, car or transported by our outreach workers. The days and hours to our clients will be: Monday through Friday 10 to 4. Of course, volunteers will be there from 9 to 5 and other times as needed. We are working on

The continued health care many of the homeless need is quite a challenge. While we do have the wonderful Virginia B. Andes Free Clinic for non-emergency room medical needs, at this time, the only primary care health services available to the indigent at \$0 cost is through the Sarasota County Health Department in North Port. We are so grateful we can take folks there. The time involved is anywhere from 1 to 3 hours each visit - which requires “very” patient volunteers. Thus, we try to schedule more than one appointment for each trip we make.

Thank you to Santos, Gospel DooWop Singer who sang for our 3rd Annual Charity Night on February 13th.

What a glorious evening of Spiritual refreshing! Also, special thanks to First United Methodist Church of Punta Gorda for hosting this event.



many educational programs to be available for our “local campers” that can help fill the gaps they may have in their work capabilities, as well as helping improve their health and welfare. All services will be designed to either link our clients to other agencies or providing services that are not already available, so we will not be duplicating services.

As we continue to “fine tune” services already provided, we need many more volunteers to fill the needs in our community. Please pray how the Lord might have a spot for you in this ministry. Jesus Loves You Ministry provides a place where you can use your gifts and talents. Needless to say, with this new building we have many needs. Thank you in advance for helping us meet these needs. Please pray for us. We will soon be mailing a DVD presentation to all local churches. If you would like one mailed to you, please email/call us.

PLUS: Grand Opening for our Thrift Store in the new building is Friday, July 18th and Saturday, July 19th!!!

We have so many wonderful donations, the opening may be in the parking lot as well! Praise the Lord. All proceeds will go to help support the ministry! We have many wonderful Estate Sale items just waiting for new homes. Prices begin at \$.50 and include sales tax. Initially we’ll be open 10 to 4 on Fridays and Saturdays. Days and hours will expand in the future. We have something for everyone, from fishing rods to beautiful leather foot stools! Please come visit our store.

We’re hoping to have Santos and his wife Andrea on an annual basis. Please visit his website and listen to his music and how the Lord has set him free from bondages:

www.santosministries.org.

During our Tuesday Mobile Lunch Program we also give out hygiene bags, toilet paper, sox, canned food bags, camping gear, etc. Please let us know if you would like to join us some Tuesday. Just call and “reserve” your space.

We met with a middle-aged man after he was referred to us by “211”.



He has alcohol issues and has been living in a mentally/ physically abusive situation for 10+ years.

He had left that situation and was staying with a friend, needing food and clothes.

In speaking with him about Jesus coming into his life, he said he “believed” but had never “received” Jesus as his Savior.

So we prayed and the angels rejoiced and He accepted Jesus into his life. He wept and was so grateful. We gave him a Bible and an assignment to read, as well as an “Our Daily Bread” devotional.

He has found a full-time job and is living in a safe environment and beginning to attend a local church.

For the last 4 months, we have been working off and on with a young man who just turned 24 years old.

We first met when he had just become homeless due to family issues. We gave him a tent, tarp, camping gear and food. Also, someone had donated a bike which he needed as well, along with a lock and bike lights.

This young man called the middle of February and said he had found a job

and a room to rent but only had half the monthly rent. We were able to pay the other half for him so he could move in the day he called us.

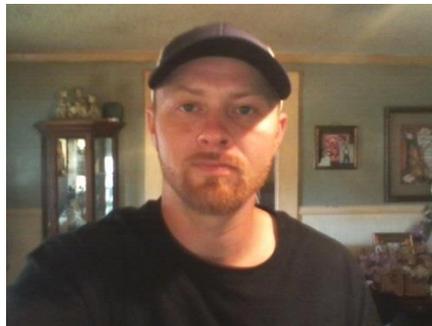
His first night in the house was the night we had the torrential rains in February. We met him at his new home, saw his room and met the landlord.

It is so encouraging to see young people being given a chance at a new life and taking advantage of it!



Please pray for his continued stability.

We received a call from a young homeless man who had moved here from Georgia last summer with his girlfriend. Since coming here, the relationship ended, he lost his job, made some poor decisions and ended up in jail. Upon getting out of jail he had no place to go but to the woods. One of the other homeless folks gave him our number and he called for help with a bus ticket to go back home to Georgia. He would be staying with and helping care for his mom - who had just had a heart attack. After purchasing the ticket for him, he asked if he could call his mom so she would know for sure he was coming and when he would arrive. The last thing he said before hanging up the telephone was “I love you Mama”. If I had been standing, it would have brought me to my knees - it was so tender. After taking his hand, we prayed and this precious one rededicated his life to Jesus. We just received the following letter from Matt after he got home:



“Dear Leslie,
We had everything growing up - Impalas, 72’ Chevys; Z28 Camaros, motorcycles. Then we lost it all. It was me and my brother and mother for as long as I can remember. He was 6 years older and I was about 9 at the time. We moved from our home in the country on the lake to the low income apartment. My momma went from making \$600 a week to \$145 in food stamps and no income. Raising 2 boys and keeping us together, I remember a lot of mornings leaving for school and my momma would be in her bedroom floor praying in the

Spirit. And when we’d come home off the bus, she’d still be in there. You could hear her when you walked in. We were raised off anything momma could afford. But it was always cooked, “and there”. And it was always good. My momma introduced me to God, not by preaching... but by praying and leading by example. I know me and my brother would not be here now, but for her prayers. I fell away. And I didn’t “just” fall away, for about 17 years I had been falling away. But my mother is still alive, and now it’s my turn to keep us together. Thank you for making that possible for me. I’m not a good writer and it’s not but 6 in the morning, but maybe you can use what you can of this letter. And maybe someone can relate and be delivered too. I love you and Thank you. Matt”



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Watch for our next newsletter as we share more testimonies as to
“What the Lord hath done”

We pray you have been blessed by this newsletter as we share what God is doing through this ministry on the “highways and by-ways” of Charlotte County.

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