



Jesus Loves You Ministry, Inc.

Mobile Outreach Program for the Homeless

Physical Address:

1734 Cedarwood Street
Port Charlotte, FL 33948



Welcome to the Jesus Loves You Ministry newsletter. We continue to pray you are blessed by reading how the Lord is working through this Mobile Outreach Ministry to the homeless of Charlotte County.

Thank you for being “co-laborers” with us through prayer, volunteer hours and donations, both physical and financial. You are all the “arms and legs” of His Work to the precious people we serve, including each other.

Needs: Tarps (dark colors), rope, 15 oz. baked beans, jelly, razors, deodorant, toilet paper, tampons, small hand-sanitizers, men’s shorts & pants sizes 28 to 34 waist, men and women’s white socks (crew and ankle), men’s small, medium & large underwear (briefs and boxers), women’s size 5 underwear.

THRIFT SHOP OPEN

Thursday, Friday and Saturday 10am to 2pm

Donations can be brought during hours of operation or other times by appointment.

*If you have large clean furniture to donate, please call and we will make arrangements to have it picked up.



If your church would like us to bring a trailer on a Sunday to receive donations (including unopened non-perishable foods), please contact us at 941-661-8117. Thank you for your consideration.

The Ministry building is now open Monday through Friday, 10 am to 5 pm. We are able to help with any issues a homeless person may need as well as showers from 10 to 12:30 pm every day. We are serving up to 40 people a day with the numbers climbing daily.

We reserve the showers from 3 to 4:30 pm for families with children or people going to work or getting off work. We give 1 set of clothing per week and if they need more they can exchange their dirty clothes for clean. We launder their clothes and put them back in our clothing rooms to give out again.

We are also serving sandwiches and whatever snacks we may have every day for lunch. We are preparing 50+ sandwiches every day. If any group you belong to

would like to make sandwiches and bring them in, please let us know.

We continue to have our Tuesday Mobile Lunch Program going to 6 different areas in the county to serve the homeless food, canned food bags and hygiene bags. **On Monday, Wednesday, and Fridays** at 1 pm we show a Christian movie. We have anywhere from 12 to 20 people on any given day.

Our Sunday Shower Ministry (2nd, 3rd and 5th Sundays) seems to have more people each Sunday. The most we have had was 63 people with 9 children! Just astounding there are so many people who need the basics of a shower and hot meal. There are more than 10 times that many in need in our county.

Many folks have either accepted Jesus as their Savior or rededicated their lives to Jesus. Please keep these folks in your prayers.

Sharing donated office furniture with another homeless outreach ministry from Cape Coral



See Bryan’s story next month and see his new apartment



Brian signing his lease to move into his new apartment. Read his story next month.



Proverbs 19:17 He that hath pity upon the poor lendeth unto the LORD; and that which he hath given will he pay him again. (KJV)

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.

Mike was born into a 2-parent family with a brother and sister. All of his immediate and extended family were alcohol drinkers, and Mike had his first drink



around 9 years old. He suffered mental abuse throughout his childhood by his father. He drank openly with his family and at age 16 was suspended from high school for misconduct (driving his motorcycle through the halls of the school). He went to work with his dad and learned the offset printing business. Mike married at 21 and

became the father of a little girl. Although he didn't drink to excess, he drank consistently and in his early 40's became what he now knows was a functional alcoholic. Also by this time he had 2 more children.

This is when the DUI's came, leading to loss of his driver's license, being arrested numerous times and ultimately went to prison for so many traffic offenses. He also lost the best job he'd ever had.

Mike came to Jesus Loves You Ministry in April, 2015 as a homeless man just out of an abusive relationship of 19 years. Someone gave him a tent, tarp and camping gear, but had no place to sleep. He got on the shelter wait list right away. *Most importantly, on that day Mike asked Jesus to come into his heart – and*

everything changed. He came to the ministry daily and was able to shower and volunteer as he was job searching on our computer.

He got into the shelter pretty quick while still attending Bible Studies at JLYM as well as church twice a week. He said, "now I have hope for my life and future, and I have no desire to drink".

One day while job searching he was hit by a car and broke his wrist. His family in Illinois offered him to come home, so he did since he couldn't work anyway. But after a few months, he realized it was not a healthy place for him to be for the sake of his sobriety. So, he returned to Port Charlotte, is in the woods again and job searching hoping to get a job in his field of offset printing, but will take any job he can physically do.

Edward came to JLYM in August, 2015. He had come from Ohio to stay with an extended family member which didn't work out. He came to be near his 18 year old daughter. So he ended up in the woods.

We helped him with a tent, camping gear, clothes, food and showers. Also, he didn't have any of his medications – which were extensive.

He grew up in a middle income family with 5 children with no addiction or abusive issues. He married the mother of his child in 1995 which ended in separation in 2000.

In 2009 Edward had an abscessed tooth which had to be treated surgically as the poison sack burst and while on the operating table he suffered a stroke. After extensive rehab he was able to talk and walked with a cane. He couldn't work any longer so is now on disability, although now he rarely uses a cane and can ride a bicycle.

The 2nd time he came into JLYM, as he listened to the plan of salvation, *he was really excited to ask Jesus into his heart! He hasn't been the same since!*

Now Edward says: "I really needed Jesus; I love going to Bible studies, church and Sunday school;

everything has changed. Having the Lord in me makes me want to love other people and help them.



The people at JLYM love me unconditionally and help me understand how to love others in spite of how they treat me". Edward is still living in the woods until he can find an affordable place to live on his limited income. Thank you for praying he finds a place to live inside.

SHOPPING NEVER FELT SO GOOD! Purchase a \$5 Shop For A Cause savings pass to receive 25% off* at Macy's and support Jesus Loves You Ministry, Inc. during this year's event, running Friday, August 26th - Sunday, August 28th. Every \$5 from the purchases of the savings passes will go directly to Jesus Loves You Ministry, Inc. To purchase your savings pass, visit us Monday-Friday from 10am-4:30pm @ 1734 Cedarwood Street, Port Charlotte, FL. For additional details, please call us at 941-661-8117 or visit macys.com/shopforacause.



Edward showing a new Christian how to look up a Bible Verse to read "Our Daily Bread" devotional.

Let us introduce you to Kelly. He was raised in a lower, middle income family of 5 children. The first time we met Kelly was in October, 2013. He was being evicted from his house after a relationship break-up. He called us for a tent and camping gear. Through our conversation I asked if he had a place to live if we sent him back home to Lincoln, Nebraska. He said "yes" and was very excited at the prospect of going home.

We were able to get him home by Christmas. He moved in with his daughter, found a job as well as her babysitter. He came back to Port Charlotte, homeless, in August, 2015 to find

work and establish an apartment with the plan of his fiancée joining him in December. Kelly was living in the woods, but got into



another family. The fiancée never came. He had asked Jesus to come into his heart and be his Savior after the heartbreak of divorce in 1985, but never experienced the fullness of Jesus until this year.

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Kelly works full-time at night, and volunteers full-time at JLYM during the day. He attends Bible studies regularly and church when he is not working. He is also in the process of purchasing a vehicle.

The following is what Kelly would like to share: "JLYM has shown me it's more important to give than to receive. They helped with everything I needed, clothes, etc., and to understand what the Lord's plan for my life is. Also, they helped me with a vehicle to get to and from work. Being at Jesus Loves You Ministry has helped me keep my attitude positive and to focus on where I need to go instead of where I want to go".

Let us introduce you to Pat Spence! Pat is an amazing woman



who helps in any area of the ministry that we need help in that she has time for. She

helps with Estate Sale donation pick-ups, along with her son, Wayne and sometimes daughter-in-law, Melissa. Pat also takes "ALL" the Sunday shower ministry towels home to launder, fold and bring back to us. She decorates all the dining room tables with special treats (homemade cookies, etc.) and gifts the homeless can take home with

them every Sunday Shower Ministry day. She helps sign people-in & out during the week when we need extra help. Plus, she bakes cookies, muffins and cakes for both the men's and women's Bible studies more than once a month. She truly is a blessing and no words can express our gratefulness to the Lord for her. We love you Pat!

These are just a few instances of the awesome things that are happening at the Jesus Loves You Ministry house.

Mark your calendars for the 2016 Giving Challenge
Sept 20 noon to Sept 21 noon!

24 Hour online fundraiser. Visit: www.GivingPartnerChallenge.org and search for "Jesus Loves You Ministry, Inc." to make your donation.

The 2016 Giving Challenge is presented by the Community Foundation of Sarasota County with giving strengthened by The Patterson Foundation, as well as support from Manatee Community Foundation, John S. and James L. Knight Foundation, William G. and Marie Selby Foundation, and the Herald-Tribune Media Group.

If you would like a quantity of our newsletters to share at your local church, congregation or service organization, please give us a call at 941-661-8117 and we'll see you get some.

As we strive to contact each local church/congregation Pastor, Missions Director we ask if you could present this ministry to your leadership and we can set up a time to have your group come for a private tour of the agency and you can see first hand how the Lord provides services to our local homeless community.

Please visit our website at www.JesusLovesYouMinistryInc.com You will find our past newsletters as well as on the "Camper Page" you see the current monthly letter for the homeless.



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Bicycle donated just the day before "waiting for her to come get it"



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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