



Jesus Loves You Ministry, Inc.

Mobile Outreach Program for the Homeless

Physical Address:

1734 Cedarwood Street
Port Charlotte, FL 33948



Thank you for taking time to read what the Lord is doing in the lives of our local camper clients through His Ministry at Jesus Loves You Ministry. Please pass it on to friends you feel would be interested. Thank you for continued support of His Ministry here.

We are now providing between 150-180 showers per week Monday through Friday and the 2nd & 3rd Sundays. Although the homeless exchange their clothes, we are in desperate need of clothing items listed below. Please help however you can.

Lunch is provided Monday through Friday from 11 to 12:30 along with cold water.

Many of our Clients are getting into housing as a result of referrals to other agencies who have funding to help with move-in costs. It's a wonderful thing to see funding available to all homeless for housing. We have newly homeless Veterans surface all the time – but Praise the Lord there is financial help that our Director has not seen in her 14 years working with the homeless.

IMMEDIATE NEEDS: Mosquito repellent, deodorant, small hand sanitizer, small shampoos, toothbrushes, toothpaste, lunch meat, jelly (large size), men's shorts and pants 28-36, men's t-shirts – all sizes, men's medium and large briefs or boxers, women's shorts, jeans and capris sizes 1 to 5, women's underwear sizes 5 and 6.

THRIFT SHOP

SUMMER HOURS BEGINNING JULY 8, 2017

CLOSED SATURDAYS UNTIL SEPTEMBER 9, 2017

OPEN Wednesday, Thursday, Friday 10am to 2pm

Donations can be brought during hours of operation. If you have large clean furniture to donate, please call and we will make arrangements to pick it 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.

We are now selling large furniture items in the Thrift Store! Please "like" us on Facebook to see our weekly specials in the thrift store. We deliver for a nominal fee depending on location.

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.



Chris began working with us in 2011. He is a 10-year Army Veteran. He has been dealing with some pretty severe health issues since we met him, but now is temporarily in housing at Volunteers of America in Punta Gorda awaiting a permanent apartment.

Men's Tuesday morning Bible Study lead by faithful Bible Study servant, Dave Prins, and also attended by some of our previously homeless men. Many came as new Christians and are maturing to "Mighty Men of God".



Praise God for our 40 foot storage shed. We purchased the shed with funds donated by a precious woman of God. We can store large furniture for the Thrift Store as well as overflow storage when needed. We are "SO" grateful!



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)

We'd like to introduce you to Merry.



Merry was raised in a wonderful two-parent family with one older brother.

Her mom was a teacher and when Merry was about 7 years old they realized she was having problems reading, writing and speaking. Everything was in reverse. With her mom's continual help at home and extra schooling Merry was able to overcome what is now diagnosed as dyslexia. We share this because this was the first obstacle Merry overcame in a list of many challenges of misdiagnoses through-out her life.

After graduation she went to college. After getting married, she quit school and had children. Six years later she attended nursing school and became an RN. During this time she became a single parent and main bread-winner while raising three children.

Merry has worked in many areas of nursing, including HIV Home Health, Pediatrics, hospital general nursing and Hospice. After living in the Fort Myers area for many years, Merry was very familiar with the city.

While driving home from work one day, all of a sudden, she did not know where she was and couldn't remember how to get home. As a result, she was not able to function and had to leave her

job, her present husband said he couldn't cope with her affliction and divorced her. She ultimately lost her house and ended up in a shelter in Fort Myers in the spring of 2015.

Six months later Merry was told she could get the help she needed in Port Charlotte. No Doctors she went to in Fort Myers could figure out what was wrong with her, but she knew her brain was not "firing on all cylinders".

The following are Merry's words as to what happened next:

"I was living in a tent in the woods and came to Jesus Loves You Ministry for showers, clean clothes and lunch. They sat down with me and after I explained that sometimes I couldn't formulate thoughts or words, we put a plan in action so we could find out what was going on with me. I was immediately referred to Vocational Rehabilitation, Virginia B. Andes Free Clinic and the Sarasota County Health Department. After many, many tests by specialists it was discovered my thyroid was really off and while on medication it helped, but not completely. An MRI of the brain showed two areas of damage due to past physical abuse. With Jesus Loves You Ministry help, I did apply for disability, but am pending a decision. I'm still in treatment, but have yet to be diagnosed for what I feel personally may be a form of dementia. I have been able to acquire a van and am sleeping in it near the Ministry

building. They even let me volunteer a couple of hours a day if I'm up to it.

If it weren't for me coming to Jesus Loves You Ministry, I feel like I wouldn't have been able to survive being homeless this long. It's the only place I've gone for help that was really able to help me on the road to proper diagnoses and treatment. I can't thank Jesus Loves You Ministry enough for helping me and people like me. It's hard to humble myself to be able to ask for help, and they make it easy and have never judged me. The bonus is also getting stable in my spiritual life and growing in my knowledge of the Lord.

I want the world to know that one day we can be helping the homeless (as I did in the nursing field) and the next day be homeless ourselves. There's a shock that comes with homelessness and you can't understand unless you have experienced it. It's not easy being homeless but with Jesus Loves You Ministry, Mobile Outreach for the Homeless there is a network of support to help me through this period."

UPDATE: A friend of Merry's from nursing school who lives out west has invited her to come stay with her! Praise the Lord! She has already left and arrived safely. What a wonderful answer to prayer - Merry says it is beautiful where she is.

Hi, my name is John. I was raised in a two-parent family with one brother. Although my mother was a closet drinker, our home was pretty stable. After high school I went into the military and then to a trade school. My drinking history did not become a problem until after I was out of the military, thank goodness.

After a series of detoxes, trips to the VA and short jail stays, I took the "geographical cure" to Florida in 2009. I started in Fort Myers and after several trips to detox there I had a minor heart attack. After being shipped to the hospital to treat my heart, they saw my severe alcohol withdrawal as well. Since I had become homeless before the heart attack, they wouldn't release me without a home to go to, so they sent

me to a sober house in North Port. I lasted a short time before the VA got me a place in Port Charlotte. One night I had such bad D.T.'s, severe hallucinations and delusions that I was sent to the ER and then to the crises unit in Punta Gorda. At the crisis unit, a wonderful clinician worked with me and sent me to a 28-day program in Clearwater to be followed up with sober housing with Leslie Martin in Port Charlotte. I called Leslie 2 to 3 times a week from the program and when it ended I was "delivered" to her door.

I stayed in her house 14 months and stayed sober 5 1/2 years. I drank in February 2016, but am sober and active in AA once again.

Do I work? Yes, I'm employed through an employment training program which

placed me at the Jesus Loves You Ministry's Thrift Store four days a week and I am blessed. Once again I'm working with Leslie. The transitional housing she used to run has evolved into a mobile outreach program for the homeless named Jesus Loves You Ministry.



Also, the clinician who referred me to Leslie's house is now on the Board of

Directors of Jesus Loves You Ministry. There are no coincidences.

I have a new apartment, a car, VA disability for my back that I was too drunk to apply for in the past. Life is good! I'm very grateful to the Lord!

The following is Gerry's story, the newest Case Manager at Jesus Loves You Ministry.

I was a woman raised in a religious family with both parents and six children. I was taught that religion masked the craziness I grew up in. I am a survivor of years of incest and a mother whose religious belief was that it was her duty to keep us all together.

I lived a life that I felt would protect me and would be an outlet for my anger and rage. So I married at 18 to escape and turned to alcohol and drugs which was a basis for a life of distortion.

I knew of God, but forgiveness, love and salvation were not a part of it. 12 step recovery began to open the doors to the greatest love story ever told; my falling in love with my Jesus, the center of my

life. Through His love my heart was softened, I was filled with the Spirit and found in my Father God what a real father's love is.



By God's plan I heard of a man of God who said: "Lord, I believe, help my unbelief". I attended Bible study and found a church family. It was a family I had searched for, for years. I was baptized and made a commitment to my God to follow the teachings of my Jesus and then became baptized in the Spirit. My heart was overflowing with the Blessings of my God.

With God's direction, I entered a profession working with people with

addiction and the torment of mental illness. I try daily to use the gifts God has anointed me with to lead others to the Lord with unconditional love.

After volunteering at the Homeless Coalition for 3 years I took a short sabbatical. While on Face book one day I saw a request from Leslie Martin for some rosemary to plant. I came into Jesus Loves You Ministry with rosemary and left with a commitment to volunteer 2 days a week!! I now work 5 days a week as a staff member as case manager. I am blessed by watching miracles taking place daily. Hearts are softened and Jesus is accepted as people's Lord and Savior

In my Jesus' name, all things are possible.

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



Jesus Loves You Ministry's 1st Annual Fundraiser Cruise with entertainment by "SANTOS" Gospel Doo Wop Singer

Sailing on Feb 5th 2018 on Royal Caribbean Independence of the Seas



Day	Port	Arrive	Depart
MON	Fort Lauderdale	-	4:30PM
TUES	CRUISING	-	-
WED	Falmouth, Jamaica	9:30AM	4:30PM
THURS	Labadee	9:30am	6:30pm
FRI	CRUISING	-	-
SAT	Fort Lauderdale	7:00AM	-



Prices Per Passenger	Inside Stateroom	Promenade Stateroom	Oceanview Stateroom	Balcony Stateroom
1 st and 2 nd Passengers	\$543.42 Per Person	\$570.42 Per Person	\$603.42 Per Person	\$773.42 Per Person

All of the above prices include: 5 night cruise, port fees, taxes, entertainment, and meals on-board. Additional penalties apply to cancellations after final payment. Optional insurance is available for an additional charge.

Payment due - \$200 per person to reserve cabin
Final payment due November 5, 2017
For more information call Teri at (941) 627-8795 or (888) 462-1434
Castaway Cruises, 1396 Ultramarine Lane
Punta Gorda, Florida 33983

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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 monthly letters for the homeless.



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through this ministry on the “highways and by-ways” of Charlotte County.

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