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Helping Churches Help people

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We need your help to find a retail site to house our 2nd Hand Christian Bookstore.

We are bursting at the seams in our clearinghouse office with thousands of books and are diligently looking to find a donated retail site in East Pierce County to house the pre-owned Christian Books. Our goal is to build an additional revenue stream for the Love INC ministry to help offset the expenses of our clearinghouse that serves 3000-4000 families in crisis each year.

If you know of anyone with a vacant retail location who'd be willing to help us build an extension to the ministry please have them call me at 253-468-6236

Sherry Phinisey

Christian Books Galore!



Love's Treasury

We have been blessed above and beyond with at least 2000 more books this past month. We've inventoried about 500 of them so far and they are on the www.lovestreasury.com site! Here is a sampling of some of our books! There is over 4000 books in our inventory!

(Becoming a Woman Transformed by) [The Colors of His Love](#), (Choosing to Live for God's Purposes) [Intentional Living](#), [10 Basic Steps toward Christian Maturity](#), 100 Activities for School Kids, [1000 Illustrations from the Bible](#), 101 Questions Children Ask About God, [12 Steps to Self-Parenting](#), 128 of the Greatest Stories from the Bible, [15 Minute Devotions for Couples](#), 1st & 2nd Thessalonians, [20 20 Vision How to Create a Successful Church](#), 201 Group Games, [3:16 Promise](#), 3:16 The Numbers of Hope, [31 Days of Prayer](#), 31 Days with the Master Fisherman, [365 Things To Do Before You Go To Heaven](#), 40 Days With God, [40 More Days With God](#), 500 Questions and Answers About the Bible, [6000 Years of the Bible](#), A Belief that Behaves, [A Biblical Guide to Self-Worth](#), A Biblical Standard For Evangelists, [A Bride for Donnigan](#), A Bright Tomorrow, [A Call to Joy](#), A Cancer Battle Plan, [A Christmas Star](#), A Compact Guide to the Christian Life, [A Dance with Deception](#), A Daughter of Zion, [A Daughter's Devotion](#), A Daughter's Inheritance, [A Deeper Joy](#), A Dream to Call My Own, [A Dream to Follow](#), A Dwelling Place Within, [A Family for Thanksgiving](#), A Forever Christmas, [A Fresh New Look at God/No Wonder They Call Him Saviour \(2 in 1\)](#), A General Introduction to the Bible, [A Gentle Thunder Hearing God through the Storm](#), A Gift of Prophecy The Phenomenal Jeane Dixon, [A Girl from Yamhill](#), A Gown of Spanish Lace, [A Harmony of the Gospels \(NASV\)](#), A Heart Full of Hope, [A House of Many Blessings](#), A Journey into Prayer, [A Journey to the Heart of America](#), A Lady of Hidden Intent, [A Layman Looks at the Lamb of God](#),

A Layman looks at the Lord's Prayer, [A Layman Looks at the Love of God](#), A Life God Rewards, [A Light in the Window](#), A Light in Zion, A Love to Last Forever, [A Man Called Peter](#), A Man Spoke, [A World Listened](#), A Man's Guide to Reducing The Risk of Cancer, [A Mother's Heart](#), A Mystery of Majesty, [A New Birth](#), A New Song, [A Passionate Life](#), A Private and Public Faith, [A Promise Is Forever](#), A Promise to Believe In, [A Promise to Keep](#), A Protestant Dictionary, [A Psalm in My Heart](#), A Quest for Answers The Divinci Code, [A Ring and a Promise](#), A Second Touch, [A Severe Mercy](#), A Shepherds look at Psalm 23, [A Sister Is A Friend Forever](#), A Skelton in God's Closet, [A Slender Thread](#), A Soldier for Keeps, [A Song For All Seasons](#).

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Our mission is to mobilize the Church to transform lives and communities In the Name of Christ.

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Love INC of Pierce County

Join our group and get fast up to date news as it comes in!
We will list ministry and client needs and projects that we need
to find volunteers for to serve our neighbors in need.

Blessed to be a Blessing

Contact us below:

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*"If your Church Leadership
team would like to network
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please give Sherry Phinisey a
call 253-468-6236 and we will
come talk to your ministry
team about ways we can work
together to make a far greater
"Kingdom" impact on our
community together than any
one church can make alone."*



Hope for Tomorrow

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“And though I bestow all my goods to feed the poor, and though I give my body to be burned, but have not love, it profits me nothing.”

1 Cor 13:3 NKJV



One of the perks of doing the book inventory is having first dibs on all the great books. I read one of those books this past weekend and it was very convicting. It was from the book, “A Layman Looks at the Love of God” by W. Phillip Keller. This man lived from 1920-1997 and writes amazingly deep spiritual books. You can tell he lived close to the Father’s heart. I’ve read a number of his books but this one was new to me. Being a part of a ministry called, Love in the Name of Christ, has me constantly trying to grow in God’s love. It is so different from our limited ability to love. In the book there was a chapter called, “Social Service without God’s Love.” It started with the verse at the top of the page. I’d like to share some of his thoughts below: ...”Since the whole question of social service is so much debated in Christian circles, it is vital that we look at it with intense integrity. Always the questions must be asked, “Why am I bestowing my goods to benefit the poor?” “Why do I involve myself in social service for underprivileged people?” “It is true this type of ministry has been considered one of the main missions of the church. Some groups consider it of greater importance than proclaiming the good news of Christ’s redemption. They prefer to feed hungry stomachs rather than hungry spirits. They are quick to cry out for the poor in body, slow to see the need of the poor in spirit. To minister to either class entails the outlay of time, energy, strength, skill, money and material assistance of one sort or another.” This verse really deals with the human motives.

“The crucial question is, do I really love the poor? Do I truly care with Christ’s compassion for those who need to be fed, whether earthly or spiritual food?”

“If not, any activity I may engage in to succor those who are underprivileged becomes an empty endeavor. In fact, though it may benefit the recipient to some degree, it may be pointless and of no profit whatever to me, the donor, if you look close at that scripture.

It made me stop and pray, “Lord, help me, help us to be unselfish, self giving with your love and your compassion for those in need. Give us your love Father, because our love, our actions are so inadequate to truly help people and love them as you would. It is so easy to try to judge people first, then, decide if they deserve the love. Thank you Father for that is not what you did for us, because none of us deserve your love, you give it freely and in such an abundance that our hearts and minds can’t comprehend it.”

When I read the part of “and though I give my body to be burned” I know we aren’t burned at the stake as martyr here is the U.S. but what came to my mind was, what are our motives when we allow ourselves to burn out? Is it a means of attracting attention to one’s self or is it a genuine willingness to be consumed for others without public recognition? Are we trying to impress others or impress God?

”The tragic truth is that often those we serve can detect more quickly than anyone else whether or not our actions are done in love or not. The unfortunate of the earth have an acute capacity to distinguish quickly between the person who offers them help in a patronizing way and those who come with compassion and love.

The genuine, self-less love of God, active in a person’s life speaks so clearly and with such concern that it is unmistakable. It’s warm, transparent integrity surpasses any eloquence. This quality of love that is prepared to give and give to others without any thought of return is a gift from God himself. It is part of His own life being expressed through the common clay of our humble humanity. This humble aspect of love which will allow a man or woman to gladly burn out on behalf of others without grudging, in total obscurity if need be, is nothing less than the life of Christ. Such love comes by practice not whimsy. It is an aspect of life which we actually learn from living with Christ.”

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“It is a way of life which finds ever increasing expression as He lives out His very life through us. It is not a matter of theology or doctrine. It is not a question of biblical knowledge. It is not the exercise of a gift or gifts. Rather it’s cups of cold water given to the needy with compassion. It is setting the prisoners free with the power of the great news, of God’s love for them in Christ. It is offering comfort, encouragement and a listening ear to those with heavy, painful hearts. It is the clothing of the naked both with apparel to keep out the cold as well as the new garments of the righteous goodness of our God.

The greatest good to which any individual can give his entire being is God Himself, in Christ. And God is love. So to give ourselves to Him is to give ourselves to loving Him, in person and in His people. Where do we find God? We find Him in Christ. We find Him in the poor, the needy, the lost, the people whom He brings across our path. God said it himself, “inasmuch as you have done it to one of the least of these my brethren, you have done it to me”

Matt 25:50”

We are looking for people who want to give their life to and be a part of ministry that will make a difference but haven’t found their place yet. Someone who is willing to commit to 2 years of being involved and giving 100% to a ministry. If you already are pulled in a lot of different commitments, this isn’t for you. There are spiritual leadership opportunities available on our Board of Directors, being a liaison into the community to help the ministry grow in our service of the Lord, and our capacity to meet growing needs of those in the community. If you are interested in talking more about it please call Sherry Phinisey at 253-468-6236.

Who is calling us for help?

Mary has been in and out of hospitals for two months. It’s just her and her 3 year old daughter. She makes about \$1000 a month and her rent is \$695.00 and when she is off work she doesn’t get paid so her check is short the weeks she is ill.

Betty is a single gal with two kids making living off of \$530 child support and \$479 for food stamps. She called asking for help with her \$120 utility bill.

Bill called in February, telling us he lost his job in December, did in home care and his patient passed away. At the current time he didn’t have any income he said, and was asking for help with a \$330 utility bill. He mentioned He was also a pastor of a small church but didn’t say he got any income from that position. It was him, his wife and a 2 year old in the home and the wife has no income. Their rent is \$1157 and the utilities are usually \$110. He said they get about \$394 in food stamps.

We got a call from the Christian Bikers Tabernacle to see if we had any twin sized beds. They had two guys graduate from their recovery program and are ready to move out on their own and needed some furniture.

Love INC Announcements

Sherry is looking for a couple cheerful, friendly volunteers who can work at the bookstore Monday – Thursday and greet guests as they come in and help sell our books and jewelry. If this is something you can help with please email Sherry at shephinisey@aol.com or call her 253-468-6236

Judy in our clearinghouse center needs volunteers to help in the following areas:

Receptionists: Taking phone calls and writing up information for our intake advisors to follow up on.

Caring Card writers: people who will come in and write encouraging notes on our premade cards to send to clients who are struggling.

Sarah and Lisa would love to have help with doing the intakes for clients. If you are one who likes giving people advice all the time, (that's a good thing here 😊) Give us a call!

The furniture bank needs twin and full sized beds and dressers!



This is Sharon writing up the “Caring Cards” to send to clients and let them know they are being prayed for and not alone during their crisis. We appreciate you so much Sharon. What a blessing you are.

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