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JUST TO BE CLOSE TO YOU

Every morning as I enter the school I see my friends being dropped off by their fathers. "Hi Kevin" they say with smiles on their faces. I flash my fake smile and act like I'm happy. I can't help the feelings I have when I see my friends with their fathers. I keep my feelings bottled up inside, I dare not let the pain come out. My father has been away for a long time. I do not even remember what he looks like. The only memory I have is of my father being handcuffed and taken away. All I know is that he committed some bad crime and would be in prison for a very long time. If only my dad was here, if only I knew he loved me. I just want to be close to him.



I can't seem to get along with anyone. I am angry all the time. I hate going home its so crowded. My three sisters and two brothers fight all the time and my mother never has time for us. Every few months she

has a different boyfriend. I use to call each one dad until I realized one day that they wouldn't be around for long. I wish mom liked spending time with us as much as she likes being with her men. I can't get close to anyone. I wish I could be close to my mom.



I use to spend so much time with my children. After all they were all I had. Their father said he wasn't ready for a family so he left me all alone to take care of two small children. I thought I was doing everything right. I worked two jobs so that we would have a decent place to live and so I wouldn't have to go begging for help. On my days off and every waking moment I spent with my children. I never missed a chance to hold them tight or tell them that I loved them. But, now I don't know what to do. My daughter is just fifteen years old and she refuses to listen to me. She's

angry all the time and acts like she hates me. She's doing horrible in school and comes home later and later. My son is in his last year of high school, but I learned that he hasn't been going to school. Just this past week after checking his room I found gang signs on his walls. My children are strangers and I don't know how that happened. I am so afraid for them. I long to be close to them once more.

Every human being is born



with the need to be connected, to have a sense of belonging, and to receive affection. This is called relationship. Just to be close to you. If you could see the words you are now reading as a mirror and you were looking at your reflection the words "Just to be close to you" would take on greater significance. There are people all around you, in your past and your future that need to feel close to YOU. Take time to cultivate relationships, make your world a better place.

IF IT IS TO BE

If you go to your sink and turn on your faucet what will happen? If you've paid your bill there would be a constant flow of water pouring out to go down the drain.

If you spend time sitting in the classrooms or walking the halls of middle schools, riding the city bus in populated areas, or sitting at bus stops in various

parts of town you will see a constant flow of people making choices that are leading them to places of destruction.

Wholly Committed Ministries is working in the overflowing areas of town attempting to change the direction of people living in, or flowing towards the dark places of life. A life of drug abuse and addiction, teenage pregnancy, imprisonment, child abuse and neglect,

prostitution, gang involvement, dropping out of school, and poverty. We are completely and entirely committed to making a difference in the lives of these our neighbors. We believe the statement "If it is to be, it is up to me". We need your help. Please make an investment in what we are doing either through investing your time, investing your dollars, or both. We hope you will believe too, that if it is to be it is up to you.

LORD WHY?

Lord why did you die for a people you knew would reject you.

Why loose your life for people who would deny you, and band your name from being spoken?

Why would you endure such pain for generations of people you knew would take pleasure in inflecting pain on others?

Why do you continue to stand with your arms open wide to welcome the few that can appreciate what you've done?

You took upon your body the evil that we've done, and because of the blood you shed our deeds are undone.
Sheila Green



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A Kingdom that has no end.
The Kingdom that God rules.

Update on Spring Pledge Drive

We are still waiting for people to contact us with their monthly pledges. Our immediate need is for \$4900 to remain at Hope Lutheran to June. We know there are people out there, even in the current financial climate that could write a check for that amount. And we appreciate the fact that \$5 a month for some people would be a great sacrifice. We ask that you please consider helping us, on a monthly basis, with whatever amount you can give. We need you!



Developing a love for their history gives children a foundation to grow.

WHAT IS A KINGDOM BUILDER?

Kingdoms come and go and have done so for centuries. Today kingdoms are called governments and it is hard to find a government without faults. What is the definition of a kingdom builder in our modern age and what role does one play in today's society?

First, is the need to determine the kingdom. Is it a place, and if so where is it located on the map. If it is not a place than how can it be a kingdom?

This was the problem for the Jews of Jesus' day, as he walk among the people, too. "My kingdom is not of this world."

Jesus said. Well what is it and why should we be concerned about it? We must be concerned about it because His kingdom is just as real as the existence of the United States of America or any other government. However, While all other kingdoms will come and go the Kingdom of God was and is, and will always be.

A kingdom builder recognizes the sovereignty of God, that God is the one with the supreme power and authority over life itself. This person continues to learn the importance of emulating (to copy) the life of Christ. As this builder grows in understanding of the blue print (the Bible), he or she looks forward to

being more like Jesus, to imitate his character and how Jesus loved people.

What distinguishes a kingdom builder? A kingdom builder is enthusiastic about representing and serving in the kingdom of God. It is the actions and the reactions that tells people, who closely associates with him, that he is part of the Kingdom of God. There will be growth in the areas of loving unconditionally, and to forgiving those who wrong him. He does not get angry when people disagrees with him. The kingdom builder is joyous about living according to the Bible, and has a heart of thanksgiving.

I SEE DEAD PEOPLE

Lord, I pray for the men and women hanging out under the bridge like dead people waiting for the next hit on the crack pipe.

There is a popular movie of a little boy who sees dead people. He gets help from a psychologist that doesn't know he's dead. Eventually the boy helps the man accept that he is dead too.

There are dead people walking among us. Its like the movie

"The Night of the Living Dead". Dead people walking around looking for the living to feast upon to feed their insatiable hunger.

There are teenage girls and boys who refuse to respect any kind of authority. They do what they please as they terrorize their family, and their community. They are dead to reason and to receiving help. They live on auto pilot not allowing their minds to comprehend the damage their choices

are causing. In the depressing thought of this reality, for a growing number of people in our society, there is hope for their lives. There will continue to be hope until the final death closes their eyes. While those walking as dead people have the right to choose life or death, it is the Kingdom builders role to delivery the message of hope.

"The thief's purpose is to steal and kill and destroy. My purpose is to give life in all its fullness." John 10:10

LOOKING BACK IN HISTORY

March 3rd, 1901

All Oklahoma Indians granted citizenship.

Congress voted today to grant full American citizenship to all Indians living in the Oklahoma territory—whether they want it or not.

March 4, 1923

Interior Chief Fall quits in oil scandal

Secretary of the Interior Albert B. Fall submitted his resignation to President Harding early to-

day. The embattled Fall has been a subject of a Senate investigation since last year because of suspected illegal dealings with executives of major oil companies...

March 24, 1880

The Salvation Army starts U.S. outpost

A British group of evangelist and philanthropists who wear uniforms and call themselves The Salvation Army now has an out-

post in the United States.

March 31, 1917

Virgin Islands sold to U.S. by Denmark

The Virgin Islands in the Caribbean Sea were Transferred to the United States today...paid Denmark \$25 million for the island to make sure that Germany will never have them as a military base and to protect the Panama Canal.

Information from: Chronicle of American, Publisher Jacques Legrand

VOICES FROM PRISON

You have touched my heart and I admire what you do. I honestly want to be apart of what you do and give back, help kids. The life style I lived is so scary and I don't want anyone to go through a life so horrible. If I can change or help even just one person turn from that life style it would be a blessing from God. I honestly want to help. I have this burning desire in my heart to do so.

Robin

I just received some TDC time

and won't be getting out for a while. I would like for yall to come visit because I am in need of some spiritual counseling. I have a son here, 18 years old. He is also in need of spiritual guidance and other assistance after he's released. Could you please help me by assisting him ASAP before being released to the Smart Program and out on probation? Doug

Would like to know what type of services you provide for pris-

oners once they are released such as clothes, food, and housing. Willie

I would like to get more involved with your programs. I would also like to have a follow up meeting with you when I am released. Nicole

*Many women are asking for women pen pals. **Please consider being a pen pal.** Call Sheila Green at (512) 636-1381 training is provided.*



Wholly Committed Ministries is working to break the generational cycle of emotional, spiritual, and physical im-

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SCHEDULED PROGRAMS

Listed are the activities and scheduled programs for April, at the Wholly Committed Ministries Life Center on the Hope Lutheran Complex. The only way we will be able to continue is through your generous donations. We ask you to consider investing what you can into the lives of those we are serving.

Week One

Tuesday Study Hall— open hours for tutoring and discovering the fun in learning
 Thursday 4PM Living with mental illness
 Friday 12 - 1 Volunteer orientation, 6PM Women coming to-

gether
 Saturday 12 - 2 Bible Fellowship, 2:30 Family Fun Day

Week Two

Tuesday 4PM Prime Time girls ages 7 - 12
 Thursday 4PM Sheepfold ages 3-6
 Friday 12 - 1 Volunteer orientation, 6PM Women coming together
 Saturday 12 - 2 Bible Fellowship, 2:30 Teens

Week Three

Tuesday 4PM Prime Time boys ages 7 - 12
 Thursday 6PM Teen workshop
 Friday 6PM Family Movie Night

Saturday 12 - 2 Bible Fellowship, 2:30 Children Roundup

Week Four

Tuesday Study Hall
 Thursday 6PM Uniquely You teen moms and young women
 Friday 6PM Women coming together
 Saturday 12 - 2 Bible Fellowship

Every Monday evening at 6PM Fighting the Giants men's meeting. Fellowship, information, discussion, and Bible study

Every Wednesday morning at 11AM Hadassah Women's meeting. Hadassah, Esther's name before it was changed meaning STAR. Fellowship, Bible study and prayer.

Call 636-1381 for office hours



Building strong families through outreach, training, and family activities. Wholly Committed Ministries working to see families restored.

A LETTER OF SUPPORT

This article is for all those who are incarcerated, those who have been incarcerated, those struggling with addictions, and teenagers making some bad choices. Many of you know me from my time spent with you however briefly. You know my heart and my desire to help you in your pursuit of a new life. A few of you are well aware of the sacrifices I have made for no other reason than I care about you

personally and about your family. It is important that you know someone cares about you.

The programs and activities listed above are designed to help you and your family attain the positive goals that you have shared with me. The more you pour yourself into healthy and positive activities, the more successful you will be.

I have heard many excuses for

doing things in the same old ways, and for not allotting time for positive activities for you and your family. You can not be helped unless you are committed to doing the hard work yourself. This work includes being committed to plowing through complicity (the partnership or involvement in wrong doing). It is important to work on eliminating low expectations and a low self-image, and the tendency to allow frustration to over take you. We are here to support you, we do care.

Seeking help

We'd like to stay at the Hope Lutheran Church as long as they are willing to have us. We can not do that without your financial support. We are in a community with great outreach potential. We can not do that without an increase in volunteers. Let's just give it a try. Wholly Committed Ministries and YOU reaching into a community that is multi-dimensional to make a difference one life at a time.

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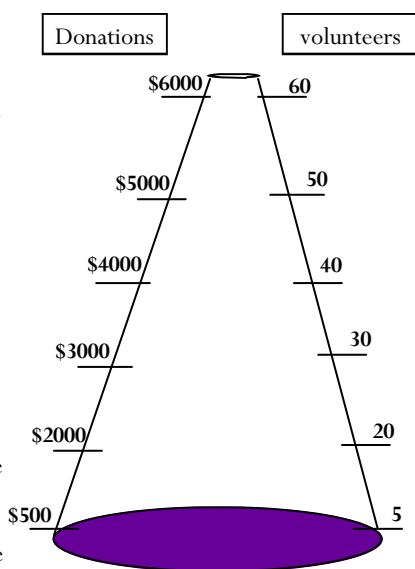
OUR SPRING PLEDGE DRIVE CONTINUES

The goal of Wholly Committed Ministries is to inspire people to find positive solutions to their overwhelming problems and circumstances as we pattern a life of Christ before them. We make ourselves available, daily, to people who are in crisis to share the hope that we have found in a relationship with our Heavenly Father.

Through our Life Center, hurting people will learn to live free from the chains of bitterness, envy and shame. Our services and classes do not cost, and people are welcome to continue with our programs for as long as they desire.

We are committed to helping people reach their desire goals by providing a supportive environment, training, and unconditional love. We want to have a vibrant Christ centered influence in our community.

Monthly Pledges



We need your help for our Spring Pledge Drive to be successful. With your pledge to volunteer and/or your pledge of \$5, \$10, \$50 or more we can reach our goal of \$6000 in donations and 60 volunteers per month. We are an all volunteer organization. All monies received will go to programming, services, and to our monthly expenses.

Please look at our current level of pledges and then look at our goal. We know that all things are possible. We live out the saying, "If it is to be, it is up to me." We hope that you will too. Please pledge today and join us as we reach out into our community.



Jesus loves us this much!

**WE NEED YOUR HELP
YES YOU!
PLEASE HELP TODAY**

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