

THE COMPASSION CONNECTION

Restoring lives through the love of Jesus Christ

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**So do
not fear,
for I am
with you;**

~ Isaiah 41:10, NIV



2,280 people are homeless in Arkansas tonight.*

That doesn't include individuals or families doubled up in an apartment someplace, staying until they have to move on.



Dear Friend,

Help is available because you are offering a place for people to come when they need a roof over their head and someone to care.

Some need a bed for a month or so until they get back on their feet — like Susan in the neighboring article. Others don't know how to live right. Many coming here grew up with no one teaching them how to save their money. It comes in one hand and quickly out the other. They have never seen someone getting up each day to go to work and saving their money to pay the rent and buy nice things. All they have seen growing up is day to day living.

It's hard for those who mostly grew up without the blessing of hard-working parents.

We put them to work here in the Compassion Center to learn the responsibilities of work. They get paid for their work and we teach them how to save their money. Just quitting or cutting back on smoking and drinking, gambling, splurging on things and avoiding debt make a huge difference in a person's quality of life.

The truth is, not everyone is willing to listen. But those who humble themselves before the Lord make it. If they keep their eyes on the Lord and follow Him, they will be fruitful.

Anyone who shows up on time for work sober and with a good attitude can get a job. With the Lord's help, they will lead a blessed life and never feel impoverished. The Lord provides for their needs.

Some call this kind of teaching old fashioned. Maybe so, but it is the way of the wise, found in the Bible that still works for all who follow it. The Lord blesses those who seek Him.

Thank you for helping. You are offering a loving hand to those who really need it. Thank you.

Sincerely,

William & Rosemary Holloway
Founders-Directors
Little Rock Compassion Center

Wanted for Ministry

- Volunteer Bible study leaders to lead a Bible discussion group on one or more days a week. Monday through Friday, noon—2 PM. (Could you or your church commit to teaching one day a week?)

- Office Assistant – Volunteer or paid.

For more information or to discuss further, please call (501) 296-9114.

Thank you.

How Change Comes

Men gather in camps in the woods outside of Little Rock. They live in tents and makeshift shelters they piece together out of cardboard and scraps of plastic and wood. They drink and talk about “freedom.”

I used to go there and preach the Gospel and urge them to come to the Lord. I had been homeless myself once until the message of Jesus got to me. Hearing that He died for my sins on the cross, while I was still His enemy, got through to me one day, and it gets through to many poor men and women today.

Once they taste the goodness of the Lord in the Scriptures, many staying here will take to reading the Bible cover to cover, and over again. If a person reads the Bible for an hour a day, they can get through it in two months.

And they do. It’s wonderful to see a person discover God nourishing their soul. When Jesus shines in them, they go around telling everyone.

That’s why the Little Rock Compassion Center is here. We want people who ache over their sin and hunger for getting things right to know Jesus changes things.

**So do not fear, for I am with you;
do not be dismayed, for I am your God.
I will strengthen you and help you;
I will uphold you with
My righteous right hand.**

~Isaiah 41:10

Susan lived in her car for two weeks.

It was miserable and she hated every minute of it. But it was all she had when she fled the house to get away from her abusive boyfriend. Without friends, family, or even money for a motel, she slept in her car with one eye open, waking up at every sound.

“It was scary. You never know what is going on out on the street,” she said.

“I curled up in a ball with a blanket over me. I didn’t want someone shining a light on me. Plus it was cold, and I never knew when I was going to eat. When I heard about the Compassion Center, I came and they took me in and fed me. I had no other place to go.”

Today, Susan is safe and warm and feels hopeful about the new start before her.

She still shakes when she thinks back on those cold nights in her car. “You don’t know how much you appreciate a bed and a bathroom until you go without.”

Let God be your banker.

If God has entrusted you with more than you and your family need to live on, He probably wants you to invest it with Him.

Tell Him your extra money belongs to Him and ask Him where He wants you to invest it. He will show you how to put it to work to meet the needs of someone else.

Please consider the Little Rock Compassion Center as one of those places to invest!

God will keep your investment safe and give you a bountiful reward in this world and the next.

“His master replied, ‘Well done, good and faithful servant! You have been faithful with a few things; I will put you in charge of many things. Come and share your master’s happiness!’”

~Matthew 25:21