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J. Paul Getty was quoted as saying, "Count your pennies, they add to dollars." I'm sure you mathematicians know that, beginning with one penny, doubling the total each day nets over a million dollars in a month.

Who made a hit of the old song, "Little Things Mean A Lot"? It is true that without little things we would have no big things. Think of the little things that make a great difference. To a person dying of thirst, a cup of water is a life saver. A kind word lifts a a down trodden spirit. A smile brightens another's day. The opening of a door, the tip of hatted head, and I could go on and on. When these little things are done repeatedly, producing a habit, the product is faithfulness. Jesus tells us to be faithful in the little and God will make it big. When you consider many individuals doing similarly little 'acts of random kindness', big things result! Not the least of which is the Church of the Living God!

The ministries of Christian Life Crisis Intervention, Inc. continue to be the beneficiaries of little things performed by many which produce big results. Even big things from one source generally is a combination of little things! Every contribution, effort, and act of service, regardless of size, is of vital importance to the advancement of the Kingdom and the bringing in of His righteousness. It is at the point of these little things, whatever they may be for God, that Satan works his hardest. He might say something like, "After all, it is just a little thing. It doesn't count for much. It won't be missed if you don't do it." All three thoughts are lies. First, whatever is done for the Lord is not little. Second, everything done for the Lord does count. And third, if no one did the little things, there would be no big things! Thank you for all you do to assist CLCI in doing ministries that impact families in life crisis situations!

In Christ Alone!

Big Jim

*"...the Kingdom
of God is in
your midst."*

Luke 17:21

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Bless A Teenage Girl's Life

Opportunity Camp Girl's Camp will be held at **East Texas Baptist Encampment**.

ETBE is located in Newton, TX and will run from noon Friday, June 23 through noon Sunday, June 25. Forty-eight hours may not seem like a lot of time to make a difference, but time has proven the effectiveness of even that short amount of being in a loving environment in softening the hearts of young women and showing them the blessings of a loving God in their lives.

ETBE has a long history of providing a fun and safe camping experience while also providing trained staff to assist with the many activities available such as: swimming pool, canoes, archery, volleyball, ping pong, paddle boats, Challenge Course high and low ropes, two zip lines and more.

This is a rare opportunity to model acceptance to a population already labeled by their peers and teachers as being a problem or having an attitude. They come expecting rejection and judgment, but by the time they leave they not only feel better about themselves as individuals but also their fellow peers who might have been a foe in a neighborhood or classroom setting are now seen as sisters and friends.

Please prayerfully consider joining us. **Get the Girl Power going!!!**

Applications are now being accepted for Counselors and Helpers online at www.clci.biz under the Volunteers tab or call the **CLCI Office at 409-548-5886** for more information. We are also in need of a preferably volunteer Paramedic, EMT, or Nurse for that time as state regulations require a medical staff member in attendance.

Calvary House

New Year's Day brought ball games and leftover confetti, driveways littered with fireworks debris, and a call from a local grandmother needing assistance for two great-nephews that had been placed with her by Child Protective Services. School was starting the next day and the four and six year old had been delivered without suitable school clothes. Through the ministry of Calvary House we were able to provide each of the boys with two pairs of khaki pants, three uniform shirts, socks, underwear, and a sweatshirt hooded jacket.

A day later another call came in from a single mother who had left an abusive relationship in Utah and ended up in Beaumont with only a rent house for as long as that might last; no money, no job, no car, no hope, she sighed wearily and said, "I've got three kids and no food in this house." I might not have had solutions for the money, job, or car, but I could cover the hope and the food.

We prepared a box from our Shepherd's Inn pantry and then a quick trip to the grocery for perishables like milk, sandwich meat, bread, cereal, and so forth. I will follow up with this family to provide a 30-day bus pass to assist the mother in getting other services as quickly as possible.

"I don't have a stove"

Never doubt that your gifts make a difference!



Teen Corner

Tucked away at the entrance of D Hall is a Young Adult bookshelf and sitting area to allow for those guests over 12 to get away and use their portable devices, read, or chat without adults talking in the background or younger children making noise in the children's play area in the dining area.

These two brothers took advantage during their visit over the holidays to spend some quiet time enjoying their own space.

If you have young adult literature that you would like to donate please call the office to make arrangements. Thank you.



Donate Garage Sale Items Now!!!

If you're itching to Spring Clean even though it's just January, we are now accepting donations of all kinds in preparation for a proposed **Garage Sale date of March 11th.**

This first sale will be to replace worn or damaged blinds in guest rooms. Please call the office at 409-548-5886 to schedule your drop off.



Gifts of the Magi

A special thanks and shout out to my Assistant, Patsy Torres, who tirelessly spent her ten day Christmas break preparing gift packages for the twenty-two children who spent Christmas or New Year's weekend at Shepherd's Inn. Younger children received games, puzzles, stuffed toys, and a shoebox of stocking stuffers provided by the WMU of West End Baptist Church. Teens were given a stocking filled to the brim with snack and goodies. All of the children and moms were touched at the thoughtfulness of the churches that had provided these treats for them to enjoy and to know that they are loved and remembered. One family came with six children, two had four children, and the week prior to the holiday I sent home gifts for a family of nine children. One particular family of four exceptionally well behaved young teens from El Paso had come earlier in the month with their grandmother from New Mexico. She shared that their mother was working as a janitor and would soon complete her studies as a Paralegal. In celebration and support of that mother's example and effort those teens were 'adopted' for Christmas by three of our CLCI Board members and Staff to assure that despite circumstances their Christmas would still be Merry and Blessed!



**Is your class or group looking
for a ministry or service
opportunity?**

**We have painting needs in several
guest rooms of Shepherd's Inn.
Email now to schedule a work day.**

**Phone: 409-548-5886
Email: patricia@clci.biz
www.clci.biz**

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and Opportunity Camp ministries.**

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Pantry Pickins

- * coffee**
- *flavored coffee creamer**
- *cooking oil *olive oil**
- * mustard**
- *Salad dressing (Thousand Island,
Italian)**
- *solid air freshener**
- * Water bottles (8 oz. if you can
find them)**
- *gift cards for water/other**
- * liquid laundry detergent or pods
(must have HE symbol)**



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