

Volunteer Connection

Christian Life Crisis Intervention, Inc.

President's Prose

In Scripture, believers are cautioned about various habits. Some habits are good and wholesome. They are mutually beneficial individually, locally, and throughout the kingdom of God. Jesus said to His followers "I have given you an example", therefore, "learn of Me." They did so much so that they were "called Christians first at Antioch." Paul went so far as to tell the church at Philippi, "Brethren, join in following my example...as you have us for a pattern".

We are cautioned to shun three habits because they are personally, corporately, and universally harmful to the Church. These are the Three G's of our Christian witness and service: Gluttony, Grandstanding and Greed! Regarding gluttony, we are to keep our bodies under control, not permit our bodies to keep us out of control! Grandstanding brings worldly focus on our selves rather than the Savior of the world!

Greed does several things, all of which are detrimental to the advance of the Kingdom. Greed is not a good stewardship practice. Greed places excess burdens on the faithful. Greed prevents ministry progress. All that accrues to our stewardship in our lifetime are blessings and trusts from God. We brought nothing of ownership into this world when we were born and we will take nothing out when we die.

I would ask you to consider partnering with CLCI to touch lives around the world from right down the street here in Southeast Texas. Through Shepherd's Inn and Calvary House, individuals half way around the world come to our doors for ministry!

Continued on page 3



Welcome Aboard!

- Welcome recent volunteers Margaret Davidson and Joann Cravens who have joined us and are a delightful addition to our weekends.
- Welcome also to Melanie Smith our first "On Call" Guest Services Corp member. She has already successfully completed her first weekend on duty.

Inside this issue:

Shepherd's Inn	2
Pantry Needs	2
Calvary House	2
Roof Challenge	3
Opportunity Camp 2015	3
"On Call"	4
Contact Info	4



PANTRY PLEASE!!!

- **Toilet tissue**
- **Small Styro-foam cereal bowls**
- **Plastic spoons**
- **Cereal**
- **More cereal**
- **Gift cards**

“This is not a one time story, this a typical day in the life of these children that Calvary House serves.”

Shepherd’s Inn

Shepherd’s Inn continues to be blessed in its ministry to visiting families. During Memorial Day weekend in addition to having 89 guests there were three professions of faith during the Saturday evening meal devotional time. Truly a praise!

As always, we have a weekly need for Saturday night meals and offer a variety of convenient options to meet the needs of the Sunday School classes that provide them. Please call the office at 548-5886 to schedule your participation in the spiritual focal event of this ministry. Breakfast alone for 89 people was 6 gallons of milk, countless cereal and 5 loaves of bread .

Our current supply list is posted on the sidebar. Hearty thanks to all who faithfully meet these essentials in providing for the physical needs of our guests on the weekends and at Calvary House as the pantry serves both ministries on a regular basis.

Calvary House Happenings

Calvary house is always hopping. A new family from out of state moved in a couple of weeks ago consisting of the parents and five children ages 1 through 9. Coming in from out of state they did not have a WIC card or transportation. Through your generous donations to our pantry and a small food stipend from the Baptist General Convention of Texas we were able to provide for their immediate needs.

When asked this week how the food situation was looking the mother replied that “the card should be in soon”, but when pressed admitted, “I have a can of peas and cereal but no milk.” You will be relieved to know that I immediately went to the grocery but I cannot properly convey the look on the face of their nine year old when he opened the door upon my return and greeted me with a literal sigh of relief as he said a heartfelt thank you.

Considering that I have only seen the three younger ones running around in their underwear on the several occasions that I have been there, my next article may be a size chart!!! To their credit, upon receipt of a month long bus pass the father is out looking for work and eager to regain stability for his family.

President's Prose *cont'd*

In my past post, I spoke of our roof needs costing about \$150,000.00. Since that article, CLCI has received a challenge gift of \$50,000.00 to be matched by others who would like to share the burden to make it lighter! Will you help to literally lift the burden by helping us install a new roof? We are 1/3 of the way there! Bless you for helping us succeed!

Pray for the ministries of CLCI, and all who contribute and serve to make the ministry happen!

In Christ Alone!

Big Jim Salles

James D. "Big Jim" Salles

Opportunity Camp 2015

We are pleased to welcome two more counselors for this year's exciting Opportunity Camp in response to our request in last month's newsletter. There is still a need for a few more who feel led to share this unique experience with the young people that we serve. The planning has been rolling along smoothly and we anticipate the kids having a great camp experience.

We are currently also seeking a person or small group to lead a youth friendly karaoke style worship during the Tuesday and Wednesday evening service times for about 20 minutes.

The meals for Girls Camp will be burgers and hot dogs one night and pizza the other. If your group or class would like to sponsor either of those meals please contact the CLCI office at 548-5886. Boys Camp meals have already been spoken for. Additional food needs are drinks, snacks, cereal, milk, bread for toast and PBJ, breakfast casseroles, chips and fixins for the burgers, and just anything that you think would contribute to making this a memorable summer event.

Apologies to Bubba Martin for not mentioning him as Boys Camp Director last month. Bubba is a long time camper and a valuable asset to our ministries at CLCI.

If your church has donated money to Opportunity Camp in the past please note that due to GTBN policy changes, all monies for CLCI and Opportunity Camp are to be mailed directly to the CLCI office address at 2689 65th St., Port Arthur, TX 77640. Donations can also be made online with a notation for Opportunity Camp at www.clci.biz

Exciting activities planned so far include:

- *Rock wall climbing*
- *Canoeing*
- *Campfire cookout*
- *Painting*
- *Crafts*
- *Fellowship*
- *Fun*
- *Spiritual growth*
- *Making new friends*
- *Songs and laughter*

“Every Room Ready”

Contact information:

Patricia Mara, Executive Assistant

patricia@clci.biz

409-548-5886 website: www.clci.biz

Compassion "On Call"

Have you ever wondered whether God could use someone like you? As believers, we are a part of what the Bible calls the body of Christ. And just as each part of the human body plays an important role, every person in the body of Christ plays an important role as well.

God has called each of us and has gifted us to serve Him. We are told in Romans 12, "Just as our bodies have many parts and each part has a special function, so it is with Christ's body. . . . In his grace, God has given us different gifts for doing certain things well" (verses 4, 6).

God wants to use you. We are not all called to do the same thing. But we are all called to do something.

—Greg Laurie

Christian Life Crisis Intervention, Inc. is seeking to build a cadre of Guest Services Corps members interested in taking one or two week-ends a month to welcome and serve the families who visit our ministry at Shepherd's Inn.

The position would provide a stipend of \$150 per weekend and involve being on premises from 6 pm on Friday until 8:30 on Sunday morning. Duties primarily include guest registration, intern supervision, and serving the Saturday night meal, no cooking. Shepherd's Inn is closed Saturday's from 8:30 am until 3 pm which allows for (during the day) flexibility.

If you think that you might feel led to serve in this capacity, know someone who might be interested or would like to come and shadow to try it out, please contact Patricia Mara as listed above.

Christian Life Crisis Intervention, Inc.

2689 65th Street

Port Arthur, TX 77640

RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED

Non-Profit Organization

U. S. POSTAGE

PAID

Beaumont, TX
Permit No. 68