

Call of Grace Ministries

Come unto Me. . . I will give you rest

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"And God is able to make all grace abound toward you, that you, always having all sufficiency in all things, may have an abundance for every good work. As it is written:

"He has dispersed abroad, He has given to the poor; His righteousness endures forever."

Now may He who supplies seed to the sower, and bread for food, supply and multiply the seed you have sown and increase the fruits of your righteousness. . ."

2 Corinthians 9:8–10 (NKJV)

Cindy and I just returned from taking a van load of supplies to Vieux Carre this past weekend. We were talking to Pastor Alex after Sunday worship and he thanked us for the materials we provided. Then he said, "I don't know whether or not you have noticed it but when we start to run low, you two show up with a van load of supplies". What can I say except that it is the Lord's timing! We collect until we have materials to fill the van then we drop the seats, load the van up, and drive to New Orleans with the blessing that you have provided!

To all who have helped us provide for Vieux Carre Baptist Church's ministry to the homeless and others living in the French Quarter of New Orleans we want to say, "Thank you. And may you know the Lord's Blessings for what you have done!" For a number of years, we have put out a call asking you to help us provide items Vieux Carre can share with those in need as a tangible expression of the love of our Lord even as they also share the truth of the Gospel. And you have responded! Individuals, churches, and other ministries have come alongside this effort by providing various items from the list we sent out or making donations to aid us in purchasing cases of backpacks and blankets. Through you, we have provided van loads of items that bless Vieux Carre in their goal of blessing others in Jesus' Name! We are grateful to the Lord for your participation in this facet of the ministries of Call of Grace.

Southern Illinois, a rural area, will have the dubious distinction of having not one but two abortion mills opening in the same town this fall. As other states purge their communities of these places of evil, the majority of Illinois lawmakers and our Governor are embracing as good what God calls evil, allowing the expansion of the abortion industry in Illinois. Cindy and I are in preparation to be a presence for the Lord as a part of our ministry. We are seeking others who will help us with this.

I had one pastor, a dear friend and mentor, who asked me how we intend to do this. Below is the email I sent to him (it was sent when only one clinic was known to be opening). I am including this that you may know what we expect of those who come alongside us in this mission.

"We are looking into the abortion clinic and what we can do to have a presence there for the Lord. We are asking the Lord in prayer to shut this clinic down before it opens. However, we need to be prepared for the eventuality that it will open.

Every detail is not complete. However, these things will happen:

Cindy and I, along with whoever can and desires to join us, will have a presence there 1-2 weekdays/week. I expect that church groups are more likely to be there on Saturdays (and Sundays if it is open). The day/time may change as this progresses as we may find that certain times/days are busier than others. Also, there may be a larger Christian presence on some days with other days not having one. All of these things will affect when we are there.

We will have signs or banners (TBD). They will contain Scripture. The Scriptures will be chosen to bring the realization of God as the author of life and the initiator of conception. Others may be chosen regarding God's sovereignty, His commandments, and the mercy available to those who turn from their wicked ways. There will be no graphic images within our group.

At times we may sing hymns, read Scripture, or preach. The hymns will likely be ones of trust, repentance, and grace. An example of a Scripture reading would be Psalm 139. Any preaching by our group would be along the lines of "Come unto Me...", rather than hellfire. We will stand for the truth in grace.

We will also do our best to have the names and contact info for groups that can be of service in such a time of need. This would include pregnancy centers, adoption agencies, churches committed to help, etc. If you know of any down your way, please provide their info.

Throughout this, we will gather to pray. It is the Lord who can change things! We need to beseech Him to intervene in the lives of those who work there and in the hearts of those who arrive for "aid". We cannot lose sight of this truth. Regardless of how wicked, desperate, or confused these people may be, the Lord desires to change their life through Jesus, the One who died for them even as He went to the cross for us! Therefore, we pray for Holy Spirit conviction leading to repentance and salvation (mercy being received then displayed) in the lives of those who work there as well as those who come for "services".

There is always the possibility of confrontation. I don't expect any physical confrontation, however verbal abuse is possible. Two things about this. First, our group is not to respond but to continue in whatever the task of the moment is (singing, reading, praying, etc.). Second, Cindy and I will be wearing body cams which will record our demeanor and that of any opposition in case this becomes a "he said, she said".

There may be groups that choose not to be a presence in His grace. We will remain separate from them.

I hope this answers your query. If anyone your way has questions or would like to be a part of this, please tell them to call or text us."

If you would like to be a part of this mission, please contact us. Likewise, if you know of a group, church, or organization that is prepared to help these women, please send us their contact information.

We will be heading to Kansas in September to serve with our Brothers and Sisters from First Southern Baptist Church in Wichita in the John 3:16 Horseshoe Ministry at the Kansas state Fair (Sept. 9-18). The Horseshoe Ministry is an evangelistic mission and we ask for your prayers as the Gospel is shared.

We also request your prayers for the following:

- Pray for the ongoing ministry of Call of Grace
- Pray for our nation's leaders at every level.
- Please pray for the enemies of our nation both within and without. Jesus desires to change their hearts also.
- Please stand in the gap for your Brothers and Sisters that we, as His people, would act with faith on the promise in 2 Chron 7:14.
- Pray that God's people will cast their vote this November based on what the Lord calls good and identifies as evil.

Is there something we can pray for you? If so please let us know.

Thank you for your prayers and support. Everything the Lord calls us to do is done with your help and we are thankful to the Lord for your service to Him with us. If He calls you to go on mission with us, wherever we go, or to help support a mission or any part of our ministry, please let us know. Likewise, if you or your church believe we could be of service to you as regards your evangelistic efforts, please contact us.

Until Jesus comes,

Dennis & Cindy

~Cindy's Bottom Line~

“And do not forget to do good and to share with others, for with such sacrifices God is pleased.”

Heb 13:16 NIV

As we hurry through our day, it can become easy to focus on all the things we have decided need to be done. God reminds us not to forget to do good. Begin each day in prayer asking God to show you specific ways He has chosen for you to serve and share with others.

Call of Grace Ministries is a 501(c)3 ministry and your contributions are tax deductible. All donations to Call of Grace are used exclusively for ministry expenses. We go as God provides and your support of this ministry is a blessing to us as we move forward in the Lord's call.

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Ministry to a Ministry – Vieux Carre



Thank you, Joshua, for helping us unload the van!