

Love INC of Boone County



Growing Hope is a partnership of area farmers and the Boone County Farm Bureau. Each year, they collaborate to plant, grow, and harvest a crop of soybeans, the sale of which benefits Love INC's Transformational Ministry program. This year's field was located in the northeastern portion of Boone County, just south of the intersection of State Roads 421 and 47. Nearly 50 people gathered there on September 22 to celebrate as farmers gathered the harvest.





The Furious Love Of God

Dean DeVries, Chairman of the Board

In this season of Thanksgiving, I want to express my deep gratitude for you! Your church, your GAP ministry, your volunteers, your prayers and your financial gifts all have made an impact on hundreds of lives to the glory of God. We, the staff and board of Love INC, praise God for you!

Your partnership with us has helped us share the love of Christ with those in need, whether the need is clothes, food, transportation, cleaning supplies, ramps, or more. As God directs and enables us, we will continue to pursue those in need and help them get back on their feet. And, more importantly, we desire to build

relationships with them. We will demonstrate the love of God and, hopefully, prayerfully, they will be drawn to Him.

Lately, I have been intrigued with the fact that God pursues us. I just finished a book written by the late Brennan Manning entitled, The Furious Longing of God. Manning, himself, quoted British author G.K. Chesterton who spoke of the "Furious Love of God." Chesterton and Manning described our God as one who pursues us with His passionate love for us!

God's greatest desire is to have a personal, daily and eternal relationship with each one of us. Is this not the great

and beautiful story of Christmas—God with us, God among us, God in relationship with us?

God loves us so passionately that He pursued us by sending His son, Jesus, and through the cross, provided a way to a restored relationship with God. "While we were yet sinners, Christ died for us," Romans 5:8. This is a furious love that wants a relationship with the unlovely. This is a passionate love that saves us, affirms us, and fills us with joy.

May each one who reads this be refreshed with the reality of God's delight in you!

And, may we pursue those in need with that same, furious love of God.

Happenings



Love INC Ntl. Gathering
August 8-10
Chaska, MN

Neighbors are being served each month at Freedom Church's new mobile food pantry!



Thanks to those who shopped Love INC's Garage Sale!



The fall session of Community Classes began September 19!



A Love Story...

Marcia Overfield, Co-Executive Director

When he walked in the door, I wondered what he could be wanting. Love INC had just helped him with clothing a few days ago. He asked for a couple of items, and then waved to me to come and talk.

He had an excited look on his face. He told me that he had a good job now. But the good news didn't stop there.

He explained that he was living at New Life Recovery Home and that he had stability.

He asked me if I knew that he had

been in some trouble. I said I was aware of it.

What he said next was totally unexpected, though. He said that when he was in the jail, he surrendered it all to Jesus—everything.

I was overjoyed! I told him that we had been praying for him for several years.

He also shared that when he was 19 he had surrendered to Jesus, BUT NOT everything.

He felt that the many situations that he had gone through for the past 43 years were so that God could mold

him into a new person.

He told me he had been sober for 9 days. He shared about how he was reading in Ephesians and how a pastor here in Lebanon was meeting with him. He talked about Paul and the thorn that Paul had in his side.

Wow! This man was studying! He was being transformed by God's word and someone who was willing to walk along side him.

And, it had all started when he surrendered everything—a lesson for us all.



Three hundred people gathered for this year's annual banquet, held September 6th at Zionsville Fellowship Church. Guest speaker for the evening was Scott Swan, Channel 13 News Anchor, who shared how God has been present in his life. Thanks to all who helped celebrate another year of partnership and service to the churches in Boone County.



Thanks in large part to the generosity of banquet goers, Love INC received \$11,440 in gifts that will be matched as part of the Double Your Dollars opportunity!

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3rd Quarter Stats

People who called for help	-	403
Needs met	- Adults	515
	- Children	361
Referrals	- Churches	278
	- Agencies	48
Volunteers	- Operation	127
	- Church	119
Hours Volunteers Served	-	696

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Welcome Melissa!

We are excited to announce that Melissa Wilkinson officially joined the Love INC staff as Administrative Assistant in August. Melissa has been a familiar face at Love INC for a number of years, as she has served as a Clearinghouse volunteer since February, 2014. Her primary responsibilities will remain in the Clearinghouse, however, she will have duties in other areas of the ministry, as well.

Melissa attends Central Christian Church in Lebanon, where she is a member of the bell choir. She, her husband, Jim, and their sons make their home in rural Thorntown.

