

Love-Lift Ministries Newsletter

Celebrating Twenty-Seven Years of Ministry

Summer 2004

Dear Love-Lifters,

Summer! Of all the seasons Summer is the time when life slows down. The days are longer, the weather is warmer and lazy-making. Children shed their shoes and go barefooted. Butterflies chase among the flowers. And, in Southern California, the sandy beaches are filled with carefree families enjoying the advantages of a cooling breeze and crashing surf unique to our part of America.

As I write this Newsletter, Summer is near to ending. We are not there yet, but Autumn is fast approaching, and with Love-Lift Ministries that means one thing: the Thanksgiving/Christmas Season - our busiest time of the year. The Annual Christmas Love-Lift gets into high gear in October, even before Thanksgiving. Churches and Christian Schools set up their Love-Lift tables, distribute the Christmas Stockings and Gift-Bags and collect them in time for Christmas deliveries to Mission Fields all over Mexico and to American Indian Reservations.

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Love-Lift Ministries reaches out to the needy all around the world. This year we were able to help fill shipping containers with gifts sent to bless several churches in Tanzania, and Nigeria, Africa where the needs are great.



Children in Tanzania, Africa holding Love-Lift Stockings



A Summer Day at the Beach!



Signing up for Christmas Love-Lift at NMCC



Marilyn, Rickie, Nigerian Pastor, Morgan & Angelo loading up gifts for Nigeria

3417 W. MacArthur Blvd., Santa Ana

2003/2004 was a very important year for the Ministry. We settled in at our new Love-Lift Ministries facility in Santa Ana. When you drive by at 3417 on the busy West MacArthur Blvd. look for our large and beautiful sign. Renting this large warehouse and workshop facility is a significant part of our regular monthly budget. In addition to helping pay our rent, your financial support goes to purchase the monthly inventory of new items used to stock our nine foot high shelves which line the walls at our workshop.

Nothing stays very long on the warehouse shelves. "Pack em up and move em out," is a necessary part of the program. We work at the Ministry workshop facility all year long. Deliveries to the various mission churches are made monthly now. A small but dedicated workshop crew of Love-Lift volunteers meets here every week to fill Stockings and Bags, and to prepare the "church loads" of larger items such as created quilts, new and good used sheets, towels, and blankets, sewn pillows, created stuffed toys, crafted home decorations, good used household items, and clothing for all ages.

The workshop group is made up of volunteers, men as well as women, who have caught the Love-Lift vision, and who work hard without any reward except the rich joy of service to God and His needy people. More new workshop volunteers are vitally needed to carry out our mission effectively. Please call me at (714) 894-8531 and ask how you can help us for a few hours.



We are having an OPEN HOUSE on Sunday, September 19th from 1:00 PM to 5:00 PM. Please mark your calendars. Sandwiches and refreshments will be served. Our Love-Lift Ministry Board members and our wonderful volunteer workers will be on hand to show you around and answer your questions.

We rejoice to report the success we enjoyed last Christmas. The 2003/2004 Christmas Love-Lift was our most successful Love-Lift since we began this Ministry in 1977! With the help of Love-Lifters, over 7,000 Christmas Stockings, Gift-Bags, and 350 Layettes were prepared in our workshop, or collected from participating churches and Christian Schools.



Smiling girls at Foundations children's home opening surprises

With these Stockings and Bags we were able to deliver Godly encouragement and love to 202 mission church congregations in Mexico, and to Indian Reservation Churches in Southwest USA.



Boys at FFHM children's home in Baja California, Mexico line up to receive Christmas Stockings.



Pastor Eric of Maranatha Christian Center, Tanzania oversees his own home-church and several smaller village churches he has planted. He also directs a Christian Day School for children, and a "Tailoring School" for ladies needing to learn an occupational skill. Our ministry was able to help Pastor Eric's work, including, especially, the "Tailoring School". For more information go to www.maranathatz.org.



Love-Lift Ministries is continually finding new and creative ways to reach out to new people groups who need to experience God's love-in-action. Recently, with the help of the Lotshaw Helping Hands Ministry we were able to deliver thirty-two layettes to minister to newborn Indian babies and their incarcerated Indian mothers at the State Prison for Women in Grants, New Mexico. Each Layette consists of twenty-five items including: Ministry sewn kimonos and jackets, booties, knitted caps, bibs, receiving blankets, etc., as well as purchased diapers, rubber pants, baby toys, baby oil and powder, etc. The layettes were presented to the mothers and their newborn babies by a Christian chaplain who offered the Gospel in deed as well as word to these otherwise forgotten people. Read Matthew 25:31-40: "I was naked and you clothed me ... I was in prison and you came to me."



Our facility workshop is located at 3417 W. MacArthur Blvd., Santa Ana between Harbor Blvd. & Fairview St. If you miss our Open House on Sunday afternoon, Sept. 19th, the ladies of our Women's Missionary Support Group from NMCC meet at our facility every Tuesday from 10 AM to 3 PM. (714)751-2683.



P.S. - Our website is now online. Check us out at www.love-lift.org. See "our History" to learn where we came from and where we are headed. Volunteers and Ministry Board Members all work for the joy of serving the Lord, and to encourage as many of His people on the mission fields as He gives the opportunity to help in His Name. Would you like a speaking presentation for your church or group? Please contact me.

Sincerely,
Marilyn Kunde, President and Founding Director
Love-Lift Ministries