



Love INC  
Love In the Name of Christ

# Love INC Notes of Joy



## Health and Welfare

No, we are not talking about Health and Human Services. We are talking about God's desire for every human being to know Him and experience the abundant life... to become whole physically, emotionally, mentally and spiritually. Many of our Love INC friends are feeling less than whole in one or more areas. And let's face it, so do the rest of us. Those of us who know Jesus are learning to walk with Him through the difficulties of life, but perfection is not here yet. We see progress, but we also see some failures. *So if I'm not whole yet, how can I help someone who doesn't even know God?*

Maybe it would be useful to recognize some of the similarities between myself (a believer and a Love INC volunteer) and a person who calls the Love INC office requesting help:

We are both created by God.

We are both created in God's image.

We both have a tendency to sin.

We both make mistakes and need forgiveness.

We both need God's help navigating the difficulties of life.

We both need family and friends to support us through struggles.

Each of us needs God whether we realize it or not. There are times that I choose to do things MY WAY, and I suffer consequences. So does the one who calls Love INC. We both need forgiveness. I may ask God for forgiveness as a believer, but an unbeliever doesn't know what to do with the guilt.

I know that I need wisdom to make wise choices in life. As a believer, I want to know and follow God in better ways, so I read the Bible, pray and connect with my brothers and sisters in Christ. However, "...The one who walks in darkness does not know where he is going" (John 12:35).

There are times that emotional turmoil clouds my thinking and discourages me, but I am thankful that I have members of my family and church family who are nearby to support me. Some of our Love INC callers have family and friends to support them, but many do not.

What if... you or I became family or friend to them, encouraged them to give God a try, invited them to church, and together we learned to walk with God, supporting each other through life?

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