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Which holiday would I be thinking of if I told you that approximately 110 million roses, the majority of them red, will be sold and delivered within a three-day time period of this day? Or, what if you read that Hallmark has over 1,330 different cards specifically for this occasion? Could you guess which holiday it is? The answer is easy . . . Valentine's Day.

February 14 is set aside each year as a day to express love to those people in our lives who are important to us. **Expressions of love** are important, but I'm sure we all agree that they should not be limited to one day a year.

“Love suffereth long, and is kind; love envieth not; love vaunteth not itself, is not puffed up, doth not behave itself unseemly, seeketh not its own, is not easily provoked, thinketh no evil, rejoiceth not in iniquity, but rejoiceth in the truth; beareth all things, believeth all things, hopeth all things, endureth all things. Love never faileth . . .” (1 Corinthians 13:4-8).

Recently, I was reading about a husband and wife who were practicing the kind of love mentioned in 1 Corinthians, Chapter 13 as they cared for their elderly parents.

One special statement made me stop and think about it for a long time. It said, “Here is the **type of love** you must have if you are to leave the handprints of God on whatever task you handle . . .”

. . . It reminded me of the love that a Good News Club or Released Time Class **host** gives when he greets a child who does not respond to that warm welcome.

. . . It spoke to me of the love that a **helper** in club shows when he needs to correct a child who is a continual, discipline problem.

. . . It made me feel the love that the **teacher** of the class talks about even when a child doesn't seem to want to hear about Jesus.

It is God's love that motivates a multitude of hosts, helpers, and teachers to go week after week to share with the boys and girls the good news about Jesus. They may never know until they are in Heaven exactly how God has used them in the lives of these children. But I believe, in showing God's love to them, they are leaving the handprints of God on these precious children.



New van arrives

Not only do we see the handprints of God in the lives of the children, but we saw His handprints on our lives last September when we were involved in an accident that destroyed our van. His handprints were left by you. Your **response of love** expressed through your cards, calls, prayers, and gifts was overwhelming! Thank you for caring about our physical needs as well as our ministry needs.



Seats stowed below



Storage area

Now, we can share with you what God made possible because of your generous gifts. Just last week, a beautiful, silver, 2011 Chrysler Town and Country Van was purchased.



Ready to go!

This van has much storage area for us to transport many boxes of teaching materials for our county workers. It will also give us room to take our display, recruiting materials, visual aids, notes, computers, projector, and suitcases for the trips we make to college campuses where we teach and recruit young people for the summer ministries. How grateful we are to you and the Lord for such a roomy and comfortable vehicle for the many trips on the road.

Your faithful **gifts of love** to this ministry, in spite of the downward turn of the economy, continue to show us the handprints of God. We have had to cut back on the proposed budget in order to meet the monthly expenditures, yet, God is teaching us to trust Him in these challenging days.

What a wonderful comfort to know that God hears you as you pour out your heart to Him on behalf of this ministry! Thank you for caring, sharing, and praying for us and for the little children who need to know the God who loves them and to trust in Jesus as their Saviour from sin. You continue to leave the handprints of God on us and on the boys and girls.

With a **heart of love** for the children,

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