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Dear Pastors,

Back in late July, I had the privilege of going on Dr. Charles Stanley's Alaska Cruise. The cruise was something I had wanted to do for years but never felt led to do so until this year. I knew that God was calling me there and that He had something for me there. Of course once I made the decision to go and spent the money to save my spot, Satan came alive with his many attempts to try and get me not to go. This confirmed I was to go! With over 1400 Christians on board comprised of all denominations and stages of belief, it was a little taste of what heaven would be like. It was amazing, all like-minded individuals worshipping God together several times daily through morning devotions, worship music, prayer, and of course the messages by Charles Stanley or others. Each day I set out to meet someone new and God was faithful to pair me up with someone the minute I arrived on the ship to the very last day. There were so many stories of what led them on the trip; the trials they had been facing and how God was holding them up; the tears that flowed; the laughter and joy of iron sharpening iron; it will never be forgotten.

What God did on that trip was center me. He reminded me of who was in control in the midst of all circumstances. He reminded me that we are His instruments to complete the work He has started here on Earth and there is a lot of work to be done before Christ's return. There are a lot of hurting people including Christians and we can't sit idle and allow our fellow brothers and sisters to lose out on what God has for them. When we truly let go and let God the journey is amazing. I want this so much for our partner Churches and other Churches not yet partnered here in Beaverton and Aloha.

Love in the Name of Christ gives a unique opportunity to churches and individuals to unite and get involved in the community as a whole "Christ-centered" body. Right now, Love INC has 40 partner churches involved with nine of those hosting a "gap ministry" for the community. **There is great need for more gap ministries and your church may already be doing something unique that we're not aware of that can be added to the list.** Your church may be praying right now for that "gap ministry" and how you can serve your community. Your church may be smaller and can't meet all the needs in your body let alone take on a "gap ministry", but God has put faithful servants in your church that can volunteer in other church gap ministries or get added to the list of volunteers needed to meet a need from one of our many clients in need. Let Love in the Name of Christ help you mobilize your church to meet needs in the community!

One area in our bylaws that has fallen short is making sure that each partner Church is represented at our annual meetings. Another is to have each church representative(s) be involved in Board assigned planning committees. The committees meet as needed to work on issues that address church partner development, financial budgeting and planning, fundraising, special events, and prayer partners, just to name a few. We are also actively seeking new Board members that can replace the existing Board members as their terms expire.

There is opportunity for each Church partner to have representation and stay involved in serving the Beaverton/Aloha community.

Love INC of Greater Beaverton will be hosting our annual meeting on November 10th at First Baptist Church of Beaverton. We would like to invite your church to attend and more importantly, select a key representative(s) to be present and to champion this for your church. Watch for further announcements regarding this meeting shortly.

Love INC of Greater Beaverton would also like you to prayerfully consider in your 2012 budget planning, a monthly contribution of \$100. With 40 existing partner churches donating \$100 a month, we could easily meet our monthly operating expenses and use our other fundraising dollars to expand the ministry. In 2012 we'd like to expand the furniture ministry by securing a warehouse facility to store all the donated items being received. We'd also like to begin our Relational Ministry piece that we started to launch earlier this year but held back as we sensed it wasn't God's timing yet. This will take many volunteers and donations for incentives to get people involved in growth group training. A thrift store is also on the horizon. Let us help you filter the needs in the community and then send them back out to the partner Churches or other non-profit organizations to meet those needs. We're here to serve you and help you do what your church does best...that unique "gap ministry" or coming along side others.

Love INC of Greater Beaverton thanks you for your past and current involvement with meeting needs here in the Beaverton/Aloha community. We are excited to see doors opening and support from the Mayor's office, Beaverton Police, and other social service agencies in Beaverton and Aloha. God is working and preparing a way for the Churches in this country to stand in the gap and change lives. As Charles Stanley wrote in his book "Turning the Tide", "Proverbs 14:12 warns, 'there is a way which seems right to a man, but its end is the way of death.' Those who feel that we do not need God and that Government is the answer to all our troubles may mean well. But they are driving us toward utter disaster. Will God find someone to stand in the gap for America, to pray for its citizens and be the example of His love and righteousness to the nation?" **JOIN US IN BEING THAT GAP!**

With God's blessing,

Sally Fabre

Love INC of Greater Beaverton Board Chair

