



# Treasure Linc

Love INC of Treasure Valley



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## Giving Birth—Not an Easy Process

Want to know about how you can serve through the ministry of Love INC? Contact Gwyneth at 466-7810 ext. 3 and make arrangements to attend a one-hour volunteer orientation meeting and tour our facility. There is a multitude of service opportunities with varying time commitments within the ministry.

In May of 2007 the vision of building a campus and community center was first conceived. Naively, I thought perhaps God would bring it into reality immediately, something I'm now thankful didn't happen. Over the last few years I have realized that the birth of anything has a gestation period from the time of conception to reality.

As I reflect back on the birth of my own children I am reminded of all that took place during the nine months we prepared for the baby to arrive. In the womb the baby was developing and growing and no one hoped for a premature birth where the infant might struggle to live before it was completely developed. In our home we were preparing the nursery and gathering all the physical supplies that would be needed once the baby was born. Then there were the months of emotional and mental preparation for the responsibility and anticipated joy the baby would bring us. As the time for birth drew close, we found ourselves ready and my body stretched to its limits as the baby outgrew my protective womb. The birthing process itself was painful but endured, knowing it was part of bringing forth new life.

The last two and a half years have been part of the development period of the campus. After the idea was conceived we began

God would plant it in the hearts of all who would help bring it into reality. Then we started to prepare ourselves for the anticipated growth. The Grace Place and the devotional book were both strategic steps to diversify and increase our financial revenues to accommodate a growing ministry. This year we are focused on expanding the classes and personal mentoring opportunities we offer, so once we build the Community Center it will be filled with a multitude of services to assist others in the Treasure Valley.

In order to have healthy growth it has been extremely important to stay connected to God through prayer. As the time draws close our need of God only intensifies and we will never outgrow our need of being spiritually linked to Him.

We do not want a premature birth, but look forward with great anticipation to the fulfillment of what God has put upon our hearts. One of the Scriptures God gave me back in May of 2007 has encouraged me along the way and I would like to close with it. "What I have said, that will I bring about; what I have planned, that will I do." Isaiah 46:11. May we persevere in the work the Lord has given us to do—may nothing deter us from the role He has asked us to play.

Lois Tupy—Executive Director & National Advisor



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the process of sharing the vision with others, believing



The Grace Place  
Love INC Resale Shoppe

Six months after opening the doors, we find the Love INC resale shoppe is a blessing to many. If you haven't been over to the store you might add it to

your "have to do" list. You won't be disappointed and you just might find that special something you can't live without. For more information, call the store at 442-0900 or the Love INC office at 466-7810. Store hours are Wednesday through Friday 10:00 am—5:00 pm and Saturday 10:00 am—2:00 pm. Donations are welcome at the Donation Center Tuesday—Friday 8:30 am—3:30 pm and Saturday 9:30 am—1:30 pm.

## Seven Years of Transformation!

### New Hope Relational Program

Over 500 families enrolled in the program

42% stayed over 6 months

### Client Graduate Statistics

Estimated reduction of government assistance by \$233,000/per year

83% finished with a savings account with an average balance of \$1,500

232 credit cards and over \$500,000 of credit card debt were paid off

88 Payday loans were paid off in full

94% stated their marriage was saved or improved

57% increased or improved their employment

Almost **\$2,000,000** worth of collective debt paid off by clients

## A New Hope Client Modern-Day Miracle



When most people think of miracles they think of people being cured of diseases or saved inexplicably in an accident. At Love INC we experience many of God's miracles, including the miracle of transforming individuals. We recently had a chance to be part of a true modern-day miracle in one of our New Hope Relational graduates, Shirley.

Shirley came to New Hope desperate and seeing it as her last hope. With close to \$12,000 of debt, 3 young children at home, and a low self-esteem from a dark past of spousal abuse she was at her wits' end. On orientation night she walked in eyeing each of us doubtfully and hesitant to talk to anyone. Leary and annoyed by our offer of prayer as part of the solution, she decided to enroll anyway, hoping that we could help her in some way besides prayer.

From the very beginning of the program, we could see God's hand positioning Shirley exactly where He wanted her. When it came time to match her with her mentor we were prompted to place her with Phyllis, a retired truck driver who had a heart to help women in need. It was a match made in heaven as Shirley, also a truck driver, and Phyllis formed a deep and lasting bond.

Shirley's attitude gradually began to change. Her annoyance with our unending offer to pray each time she called with a crisis was diminishing. She was seeing positive changes and started to see the power of prayer, even requesting it at times. She worked any extra job she could find to provide for her family and started to attend her church more often.

Then her situation took a dramatic turn as her abusive ex started stalking her family. Late night phone calls turned to theft and vandalism. Many nights at the program were spent praying with her as she came in frightened and sobbing. The danger became a reality as her ex drove a rod through her car engine. With a warrant for his arrest, he was nowhere to be found, so the police told her to get out of town immediately until they could get things under control.

Shirley was stranded. Without a vehicle or the funds to purchase one, she found herself clinging to her only hope—God, Who had His own plan in the works. Earlier that same week Love INC had received a phone call from an individual in a partner church who felt they were supposed to give us a vehicle. The almost brand new 2008 Hyundai Accent had less than 5,000 miles on it. We realized without a doubt who the car was supposed to go to. God not only wanted to guarantee Shirley's family's safety, but to bless her with an almost brand new vehicle.

With the kids buckled in and the bills paid out for the summer, Shirley headed back East to visit some relatives. The police apprehended her ex so it was safe to return home. She arrived feeling refreshed and filled with renewed hope.

Upon her graduation from New Hope, even as a single mother working two jobs, she had managed to pay off \$6,500 of debt including \$3,000 worth of Payday Loans. She had started a savings account, began tithing, and became very active in her church. She discovered God in a new way and now has a loving relationship with Him. In fact, the prayer she first found so irritating is now something she practices in her own life regularly.

Shirley is just one of the families we have seen God do miracles with and we feel privileged and honored to be a small part of the transformation in her life.

# Selah

Pause and Consider

Daily Devotional



Lois M. Tupy

## Buy a Book and Help Build Ministry!

### “Selah Pause and Consider” Devotional Book

We took a step of faith and printed 5,000 copies. All proceeds go to Love INC of Treasure Valley with a specific focus on building the Community Center. If each person who reads this newsletter buys one book, we will sell our first printing. Think of it as a ministry building block for both physical and spiritual growth.

Single Book Purchase—\$19.99 / book—softcover

For information, volume discounts and to order online go to:

[www.selahdevotional.org](http://www.selahdevotional.org)

It is also available at The Grace Place and select local stores

Barbara and I have really appreciated your daily devotional, "Selah, Pause and Consider." Over the years we have had many devotionals but this one stands out as being more meaningful to us than any of those we have read...Without question, your ability to tie it together with appropriate Bible verses and real life application and experience is extraordinary.  
Allen and Barbara Sufficool, Love INC Volunteers

I have not been an avid 'daily devotion' reader because in most devotion books it seems the writers are often talking down to me as experts who have it all figured out. Lois's devotion book speaks to me as a peer, discovering the truth of God at every turn and sharing her on-going lessons. She is insightful in a way that is unique and refreshing in the midst of a barrage of available devotionals today.  
Bruce Simpkins—Pastor of Northview Community Church

As soon as I bought the book I started reading through each day and it seemed as if God was expressing His love for me on every page. I had been feeling discouraged and it gave me renewed hope as if the words were written just for me.  
Debbie, Love INC Volunteer

I started the devotional in October on the day I purchased the book. I had been praying for the Lord's calling on my life to increase and was looking at a wonderful opportunity He had presented, but I had a lot of fear, doubt and questions. One night when reading the devotional I wanted to read more, so I turned to January 1st. Reading that day was like hearing from the Lord Himself! He gave me the belief, faith and courage to step out the very next day! My life and faith will never be the same. I'm so glad God used the devotional to speak to me.  
Gail Kirklin—Love INC Volunteer

### A One-of-a-Kind Pictorial Daily Devotional

Each page contains:

- A timeless devotional
- A Bible chapter reading
- Worshipful lyrics
- A personal story to relate to
- An inspirational photograph
- A Scripture extract from the daily chapter
- An application to apply to your day





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## 2010 VISION STATEMENT

# PERSEVERE

Let no earthly:

- success or failure
- fame or obscurity
- applause or ridicule

....deter us from His work

See to it that you complete the work  
you have received in the Lord.

Colossians 4:17