

If We Love God Most, We Will Love Others Best!



Many people believe that love is just a nice, heartwarming feeling. As Christians we are called for it to be more than that- WE ARE CALLED TO ACTION!

- Our FAITH is revealed by our words—James 2:18
- Our CREED is revealed by our deeds—Luke 6:46
- Our LOVE is revealed by our love for others—I John 4:20

We know these are important to God because when asked which commandment was the greatest, God answered, “You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind.’ This is the great and foremost commandment. The second is like it, ‘You shall love your neighbor as yourself.’”- Matt 22:36-39

Our desire here at Genesis Institute is to love people well. We do that by providing services that help them through difficult times in their lives. Classes to help them form better relationships with their children (Courageous Parenting), courses to help build stronger relationships with God through a better understanding of ourselves and our roles (Wonder of Woman) and learning core disciplines for growing closer to God (Spiritual Formation). Possibly the most ‘hands on’ way we love people is through our counselors. They pour themselves into each client they see and regardless of the situation, they work to show God’s love and desire for relational healing within each of these lives.

There is an incredible need for biblical counseling. We receive calls every day from people looking for help. You’ve probably seen that we have been trying to add to our counseling staff for the last few months. We know that there will always be more needs than we can realistically meet, but we have the desire to do more than our current capacity.

One of the ways we could do this, is to remodel part of our existing building to create another counseling office, but this is a large investment. However, this would help in a couple ways. **First of all, it would allow us to hire another full-time counselor to help with the people on our waiting list. Second, it would help to strengthen our financial position.** We work very hard to keep our administrative costs down and to be good stewards of our resources. But, with our current capacity, we are reliant on donations to cover some of these basic costs. We would love to be debt free at some point with our building, but circumstances over the past few years have restricted our ability to work on that goal.

We have many general ministry needs that I would ask that you pray and consider how you can help. Here are a list of some practical ways you can *LOVE* your neighbor:

- Pray for the board as they consider whether or not to remodel. If we decide to remodel, by doing some of the work ourselves like buying materials and painting, we estimate that we will need to spend approximately \$4000-\$5000.
- We will need to furnish the additional office space. We have a desk, but would need a couch, file cabinet and computer. Est. \$1000.
- We need to purchase another vacuum. Est. \$175.
- Our counselors need to get additional training to stay current with today’s requirements. We are sending two of them to a special class in May. The cost is \$3000.
- We need to find another part-time counselor—pray for God to send the right person.
- WE NEED PRAYER! THIS MAY BE YOUR MOST LOVING ACT TODAY!

Will you consider helping us to spread the love of Christ by loving others well?

MAY GOD CONTINUE TO BLESS YOU FOR YOUR FAITHFULNESS AND GENEROSITY!

Linda

