



# Mission of Love



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UNCONDITIONAL LOVE AT ITS FULLEST!

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THAT'S WHAT I AM A WITNESS TO, AS I HAVE SEEN KATHY PRICE AND HER GANG WORKING DILIGENTLY TO MAKE LIFE A LITTLE EASIER FOR THE RIVERIA FAMILY ON THE EAST SIDE OF YOUNGSTOWN.

THEY TOOK ON A PROJECT OF CONSTRUCTION AN ADDITION TO THE RIVERIA'S FAMILY DWELLING TO IMPROVE THE QUALITY OF LIFE FOR FELIX, WHO HAS BEEN BED RIDDEN FOR A FEW YEARS, AND FOR LOURDES, HIS WIFE WHO CONTINUES TO STRUGGLE TO NURSE AND CARE FOR HER HUSBAND.

IT IS SO IMPORTANT AND COMFORTING TO SEE THAT ALTHOUGH THE MISSION OF LOVE DEVOTES SO MUCH TIME AND ENERGY TO SO MUCH NEED THAT EXISTS IN COUNTRIES OUTSIDE IF THE UNITED STATES, THEY WILL ALSO TAKE ON LOCAL PROJECTS, THEREFORE WALKING THEIR TALK NOT ONLY ABROAD, BUT ALSO IN THEIR BACK YARD. I PRAISE GOD FOR THEIR CONTRIBUTING THEIR GRAIN OF SALT TO MAKE THE WORLD A BETTER PLACE.

THE ADDITION THAT MISSION OF LOVE VOLUNTEERS ADDED TO THE RIVERIA'S HOUSE ( WHICH IS ALMOST COMPLETE AT THIS WRITING, ) IS VERY LARGE AND HAS A SHOWER AREA ATTACHED TO IT. WHAT A BLESSING! LOURDES WILL ACTUALLY BE BE ABLE TO GIVE HER HUSBAND A SHOWER, AND NOT HAVE TO GO THROUGH SO MUCH OF A STRUGGLE TO BATHE HIM IN BED.

FELIX'S BED WILL FIT COMFORTABLE IN HIS NEW ROOM AND WILL NO LONGER BE CRAMPED UP IN A CORNER OF WHAT IS NOW HIS LIVING ROOM, AS IT HAS BEEN FOR A LONG TIME.THE SUN WILL SHINE BRIGHTLY INTO HIS NEW ROOM TO GIVE HIM SOME ENERGY HE DOESN'T GET NOW.

I WAS SO IMPRESSED BY ALL OF THE MISSION OF LOVE VOLUNTEERS WHO HAVE MADE THIS POSSIBLE. JEFF HOUSEL SPENT MANY A WEEKEND AND BROUGHT HIS WHOLE FAMILY TO DIG THE FOUNDATION, LAY THE BLOCK, BUILD THE ADDITION ETC. WHEN I WATCHED BILL MAAG, THE PLUMBER, CRAWLING ON HIS BACK ON TOP OF THE ROCKS UNDER THE FLOOR OF THE NEW ADDITION, TO RUN THE WATER LINE FROM ONE END TO THE OTHER AND UP TO THE SHOWER AREA. HIS SMILE AND HIS JOYFUL ATTITUDE REMINDED ME OF THE ATTITUDE THAT JESUS CHRIST WOULD HAVE HAD AS HE WALKED THE FACE OF THE EARTH WHILE SHARING HIS LOVE.

I NEVER IMAGINED THAT KATHY AND HER GANG FROM THE MISSION OF LOVE WOULD END UP WORKING ON A LOCAL PROJECT THAT HAS COST MORE THAN \$20,000, TO MAKE LIFE EASIER FOR THE RIVERIA FAMILY. WHAT STARTED OUT AS A REQUEST TO HELP FIND A VEHICLE SUITABLE FOR A HANDICAP PERSON, TURNED OUT TO BE A COMMITMENT TO PROVE KATHY'S COMPASSION FOR THE RIVERIA FAMILY.

THE LOVE CONSTANTLY DEMONSTRATED BY THE MISSION OF LOVE CREW HAS NOT STOPPED SINCE THE ORGANIZATION WAS ESTABLISHED TWENTY ONE YEARS AGO. ON THE CONTRARY IT CONTINUES TO GROW WITH NO END IN SIGHT!

DEEP IN MY HEART I COMPARE THE WORK ACCOMPLISHED BY KATHY'S MISSION OF LOVE TO THE GREAT WORK OF MERCY ACCOMPLISHED BY MOTHER THERESA OF CALCUTTA FOR THE GOOD AND WELFARE OF SO MANY PEOPLE ON THIS EARTH, I REFER TO KATHY AS MOTHER THERESA

NO.2 ~ HER CREW THEN PERHAPS CAN BE REFERRED TO HER AS HER DISCIPLE'S.

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BEFORE I CONCLUDE THIS REFLECTION, I THINK I CAN SPEAK ON BEHALF OF THE RIVERIA FAMILY AND ON BEHALF OF ALL PEOPLES THAT HAVE EXPERIENCED THE KINDNESS AND GENEROSITY EXPRESSED BY THE UNSELFISH SACRIFICES OF KATHY, HER HUSBAND BOB, AND ALL THOSE WONDERFUL SERVANTS OF GOD WORKING FOR HIS GLORY THROUGH THE MISSION OF LOVE ORGANIZATION.

KATHY HAS TOLD ME THAT LOURDES RIVERA IS HER ANGEL. AMONG MY ANGELS IS KATHY PRICE. I LOVE YOU KATHY MORE THAT WORDS CAN SAY!  
AND TO KRISTEN MAAG, BILL'S BETTER HALF, THANK YOU FOR YOUR EXTRA GRAIN OF SAND IN DEVELOPING THE WEBSITE FOR THE MISSION OF LOVE TO CONTINUE SPREADING THE GOOD NEWS OF GOD TO THE WORLD. GOD'S LOVE IS UNCONDITIONAL! KATHY AND HER CREW'S LOVE IS AT ITS FULLEST!

CON CARINO (WITH LOVE)

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