



Love INC  
Love In the Name of Christ

Love INC of South Albuquerque

Helping Churches Help People

Love News

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## Message from the Executive Director

Since June of 2008, Love INC has received over \$200,000 of donated merchandise from Home Depot through a grant from their association with Gifts In Kind International. Out of the 1300 stores that participate in this program to bless non-profits with returned or slightly damaged goods, Love INC is the third largest recipient in the country. That said, what do we want to do with all that stuff?

Many of the churches, families, and agencies in our focus area (South Albuquerque) have "stuff" needs. We want to invite all who have wish lists that they are having difficulty filling to contact us and shop our warehouses for free to be blessed by God for what He has given us. We especially want to help our Partner Churches, but have given thousands of dollars of goods to non-partner churches and agencies in New Mexico and Colorado.

If your church or a church that you know about has needs, please have them call our office for more information. Also in this issue, you will read a testimony by one of the churches we have been able to bless.

In His service, Josh Speakman

*Cheerfully share your home with those who need a meal or a place to stay. God has given gifts to each of you from his great variety of spiritual gifts. Manage them well so that God's generosity can flow through you.*

*1 Peter 4:9-10*

## Trinity Baptist is Blessed

By Kathy B. Thibodaux

Trinity Baptist Church of Albuquerque in cooperation with Love INC (Love In the Name of Christ) have been working together to update and refurbish the church facilities located on 5915 Bluewater NW.

The church is making two of their unused rooms into missionary quarters. The rooms, which will include a living room and a bedroom, will be made available to traveling missionaries who need a place to stay free of cost. A bathroom with a shower and a washer and dryer are also being added for their convenience. Not only will the guests be able to cut down on their expenses; but the church will be blessed to have their presence and testimonies heard.

Other areas of the church have also been improved such as updated bathrooms, newly painted classrooms, ceiling fans, flooring, plumbing and the two most beautiful doors. The doors were custom made by church members and are open to welcome all who want to come in and hear the Word of God.

The church was greatly in need of repair and Love INC was able to offer services and supplies to meet those needs.

Both the church and Love INC give praise to the Lord for the goods received and for those who gave. Without the Lord's involvement none of this would have been possible.

For more information about Love INC you may call 505-255-5683. To learn more about Trinity Baptist you may contact the pastor, David Thibodaux at 505-573-0849.

*As the Spirit of the Lord works within us, we become more and more like Him and reflect His glory even more.*

*2 Corinthians 3:18*

Our mission is to mobilize the Church to transform lives and communities In the Name of Christ.

# Partner Churches

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Desert Light Christian Christ (*Brethren in Christ*)  
Christ Church  
First United Methodist Church  
Faith Bible Church  
Family Church  
Grace Church  
Highland Baptist Church  
Hoffmantown Church  
Joshua's Vineyard  
Mars Hill  
Sandia Church of the Nazarene  
St. Johns United Methodist Church

## Drugs and Alcohol Cloud the Path to God

By Steve, volunteer

I started drinking at the age of 18, when I joined the U.S.A.F. and learned to be a firefighter. I was married with a beautiful daughter. I was drinking heavily, and experimenting with marijuana, LSD, and meth. In an attempt to save my marriage, I left the Air Force. After my divorce, I became worse, and my parents moved me to New Mexico with them.

In New Mexico, my habits got even worse. After a DWI, I couldn't even remember my name. My employer provided the intervention I asked for, and shortly after, a co-worker invited me to church. By mid-1982, I had been sober for 2 ½ years. At this time I gave my life to Christ.

Then I met my current wife and I thought we were happily married. My anger, rage, depression, etc. came back, and I began using again. I was involved with the wrong people, and even turned to pornography. Counseling was tried, but I was not committed to it, so it failed. At this time, my marriage also failed.

God at last got my attention, making me realize that He loves me. I began to seek out anger management, God, the Bible, and Christian counseling. It took another 2 ½ years to get straight. I had lost my job, been deathly ill, and several people were instrumental in helping me hear Christ's message again. I had lost my trust in people, and in God. When I asked Him for help, He eased my heart and restored my faith.

So I went to volunteer at a wonderful ministry, Love INC, that helps churches help people get back on their feet. I can no longer work due to my health. They helped me restore my life, and allow me to serve others in a like manner.

Jesus Christ is the Way, the Truth and the Life Everlasting and He gave us the Great Commission to spread the Gospel of God, Jesus Christ and the Holy Spirit.

## Save The Dates:

Intake Training: September 10<sup>th</sup> at 11 AM  
Love INC office – 8011 Central NE (6 blocks west of Wyoming)

This training is for current intake volunteers and new volunteers wanting to learn how to complete intakes. The computer database for clients is complete. We have had a volunteer spend her summer inputting all of our clients. There are a few changes regarding clients needing furniture. Come hear about these exciting changes. A complimentary luncheon to follow. Please RSVP to the office so we know how much food to provide.



You can help make a difference in the lives of people in need.

- I want to help with a monthly pledge of \_\_\_\$25 \_\_\_\$50 \_\_\_\$75 \_\_\_\$100 \_\_\_ Other  
 One time gift of \$\_\_\_\_\_  
 Choose Love INC as your designated United Way employee contribution.

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