

Summer Newsletter 2026



Redemptive Compassion The Heart of Our Mission

Created in the Image of God

Redemptive Compassion: Loving the Whole Person

In South Lincoln County, many of our neighbors are struggling with relationships, housing, and a lack of hope. Often, our first instinct is to offer a "hand-out" to alleviate immediate distress. However, at Love INC, we are committed to Redemptive Compassion®, a biblical philosophy that asks: Could we impact people's lives more if we focused on building resources in them, rather than just giving resources to them?

True compassion—from the Latin compati—means "to suffer with". It requires us to stop seeing a person as a "need" to be fixed and start seeing them as an individual made in the image of God. Our goal is to provide wholistic help grounded in six key principles:

- See everyone's **VALUE**.
- Invest **RELATIONALLY** in others.
- Help everyone achieve their God-given **POTENTIAL**.
- Require mutual **CONTRIBUTION** and **PARTICIPATION**.
- Respond with **WISDOM** and **DISCERNMENT**.
- Serve in ways that **TRANSFORM**.

"I loved this study! I wish I had taken it earlier."



We believe Redemptive Compassion has the power to change our lives, as we determine to see people as God does, offering a hand-up instead of the hand-out. Join us on Mondays @ 2:00 at the K.W. Maki Theater in Libby for this important class. We believe it will change your life.

"Will we remain a contributor to the growing need-population or will we choose to become a major player in the solution?"

– Lois Tupy, author of Redemptive Compassion

Mission

To mobilize local churches to transform lives and communities in the name of Christ.

Vision

To see the Christian churches united in purpose and fully engaged in lovingly coming alongside people in need offering hope and healing through Jesus Christ.

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Seeing the Image of God

Lena's Story: How Our Response Changes Us

One of the greatest blessings of serving through Love INC is discovering that the people we help often bless us just as much.

Earlier this month, our Connection Center received a call from a young man who was out of gas, looking for a safe place to stay, and hoping to start a new job the next day. As we talked, he shared that he could also use a shower and some dog food.

I shared how Love INC comes alongside people through the local church and explained that we believe every person has value and potential. Before ending the call, I asked if I could pray with him. He gladly accepted and sincerely thanked me.

Our Connection Center Coordinator suggested we offer a shower donated by a local business who is supporting Love INC. We connected in the Love INC parking lot, and as he looked at the certificate, gratitude filled his face. He looked up, gave me a hug, and quietly said how much it meant to him.

In that moment, I realized I had received a blessing too.

Serving isn't simply about meeting a need. It is about recognizing the God-given worth in another person and reminding them that they are not alone. When we serve in this way, we both change.

This young man's story is only beginning. Over the coming months we look forward to walking alongside him as he pursues employment, stability, and the future God has for him. Sometimes the greatest gift a volunteer receives is seeing hope restored through a simple act of kindness.

Lena Whitson, Libby Church of God



Redemptive Compassion: Giving a Hand UP!

Lois Tupy, author of Redemptive Compassion explains how it is tempting to "cut the string" for a struggling butterfly to help it emerge from its chrysalis, but doing so often leads to its death; the struggle is what gives it the strength to fly.

As Benjamin Franklin once noted, "The best way to do good for the poor is not making them "easy in poverty," but leading them out of it."

Our New Heights program is designed to do exactly that. Our classes are for Connection Center participants, volunteers and church friends and new friends. Our New Heights Classes are for you too! Use the QR code to register today.



- Affirming Potential: Helping each of us discover our unique value and set solid goals for the future
- Faith & Finances: Together we will learn God's plan for money, including debt management & spending plans
- Raising Highly Capable Kids: Empowering parents by focusing on 40 attributes every child needs



**New Heights
Registration**

Reflecting the Image of God

A Message from our Executive Director

This summer, I had the privilege of traveling to Ohio with Susan Smith, our Ministries Coordinator, for Vision & Reality training. Together, we immersed ourselves in Love INC's mission, Redemptive Compassion principles, and practical ways to build a Transformational Ministries program that truly changes lives. We returned home exhausted but filled with anticipation. God is calling us to respond to poverty by focusing first on the people He has placed in our community. Every person is deeply loved by God, immensely valuable, and created with undeniable potential. So, what will a fully developed Transformational Ministries program look like?

For us, it looks like New Heights volunteers serving as greeters, coaches, mentors, facilitators, and childcare providers. It is built on trust, confidentiality, and authentic relationships that help people overcome debt, remove barriers, find meaningful employment, restore relationships, and grow in their walk with Christ. In the years ahead, we envision New Heights growing into a year-round ministry that provides ongoing support and life-changing relationships.

The morning after we returned, I opened my Bible to 1 Chronicles 29:1. "...The work is great; for the temple is not for man, but for the Lord God." Those words reminded me that Love INC's transformative work in Lincoln County is not for our own recognition. Everything we do is for God's glory. I believe this is God's plan for our community, and I am excited to see how churches, volunteers, and community partners will come together to transform lives in the name of Christ.

Sharing the Image of God

You Are Important to this Mission



- **Volunteer:** Call to attend an orientation to see where your skills fit—whether in the Connection Center, on the Prayer Team, or through hands-on service.
- **Give:** Become a co-creator of our MISSION. Your financial partnership allows us to build a foundation that will last.
- **Share:** Facebook, Instagram and Word-of-Mouth gets the message to people who do not yet know we are here.



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The Church Reflects the Image of God

**Our Dedicated Church Partners Lead by Example
We are Blessed by their Service in Libby & Troy**



Troy Community Baptist



Bridge of Hope



1st Church of the Nazarene



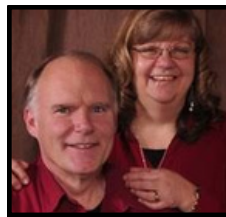
Troy Assembly of God



Stillwater Fellowship



Yaak Community Church



Libby Church of God



Troy Christian Fellowship



...In the Name of Christ

"Times are changing in America and I believe the church will soon be looked at as a valuable resource to address need." - Lois Tupyi

"I just called to let Love INC know I got the job! Thank you."



"We love referring people to Love INC!"

