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What's the Condition of Your Love?

Are you addicted, or know someone who is? Stop by our Friday afternoon Support Group starting at 1:00pm at The Freedom Center (817 N. 27th St. in Milwaukee). This group is facilitated by HFM's own Founder and Executive Director Ray Jablonski.

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Dear Friends,

I wanted to write to you about what the month of February is all about. Because of Valentine's Day, we consider February the 'Love' month. As we all know, there is conditional love and unconditional love. I want to write to you about the unconditional love that keeps us in ministry and allows Heart-Fire Ministries to reach out to everyone we meet in the inner-city.

Sometimes it turns out that unconditional love looks a lot like the kind of love that requires something in return for love. People are not used to being treated in a good manner and loved unconditionally. In inner-city ministry, love is one of the most difficult things to find and one of the most difficult things to give. I Corinthians 13:8 says, "Love never fails". In everything we do, if we do it out of love, it will never fail. Conditional love is what we face daily in the ministry. People here feel that the word 'love' is to be used to open doors to get them something.

Milwaukee has one of the highest rates of teen pregnancy in the country. Many young ladies have been duped by a fellow telling them how much he loves them, gets them pregnant, and then isn't seen again. We have an epidemic of unwed young ladies that have children. It is easy to use the word love in order to get whatever you want. We need to understand the power in that word. John 3:16 says, "For God so loved the world that He gave His one and only Son". God the Father gave Jesus to the world, in order for us to be able to reach heaven. He gave without expecting anything in return. That's unconditional.

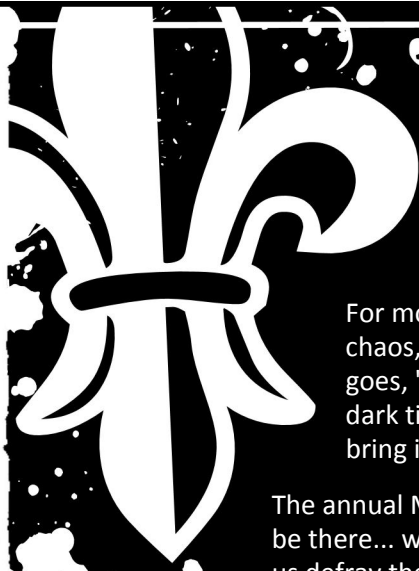
That is how we should operate in love, 'giving and not expecting anything in return'. That is how we operate Heart-Fire Ministries, give and give and give. That is how your and my life should operate. Over the years, we have had people break into the ministry, steal from us, spread lying rumors about the ministry, and do spiteful things. Through it all, we have continued loving them, and serving them. Some have come to the Lord and repented of their sin, but it doesn't matter to us, we will love them unconditionally. As they begin learning what the Bible says, we see a marked change in their attitudes and their ability to show unconditional love.

Ray has a saying that he has used since we got saved in 1980. "The meanest guy on the block is only that way because nobody loves him, I know cuz I was the meanest guy on the block". Reach out to someone that you know that is going thru a difficult or trying time. Sharing unconditional love changes people for the better... and it changes us too.

This month, we are asking you to pray for our team that will be traveling to New Orleans on March 3rd for The Mardi Gras Outreach. Please pray and ask the Lord how you can help to get our team to this outreach. It is a cost that goes beyond our normal monthly expenses and at this time we are short of funds. Thank you and Happy Valentine's Day.

Missionaries to Urban America,

Ray & Alice



MARDI GRAS OUTREACH

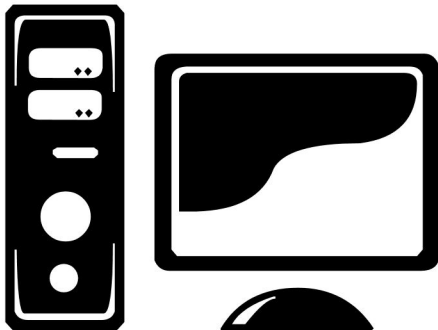
For more than 20 years, we have fought in the midst of utter lawlessness and chaos, to share the gospel of Jesus Christ in the French Quarter. The saying goes, 'Light shines best in darkness,' and New Orleans during Mardi Gras is a dark time. Through the drunkenness, sex and spiritualism, we are able to bring in the harvest, be it small at times, and plant hundreds of seeds.

The annual Mardi Gras Outreach is March 3 - 8, 2011 and Heart-Fire Ministries will be there... with your help! Please prayerfully consider a financial donation to help us defray the cost of the outreach. You can donate online at www.heartfire.org or mail your donation to:

Mardi Gras Outreach | PO Box 14031 | Milwaukee, WI 53214

LIGHT SHINES BEST IN DARKNESS

The Freedom Center is accepting individuals into our computer tutoring program. This is a free service providing guidance in basic computer skills, Microsoft Office, and much more. Contact Brian at brian@heartfire.org for more information or to sign up.



NEED PASSION?

Ray Jablonski is available for ministry or church speaking engagements, evangelism training or workshops, and coordinating city-wide outreaches. With 30 years of experience, Ray's stories will leave you passionate to reach the lost for Jesus Christ.

To schedule Ray, contact him at (414) 445-9490 or online at www.heartfire.org.

