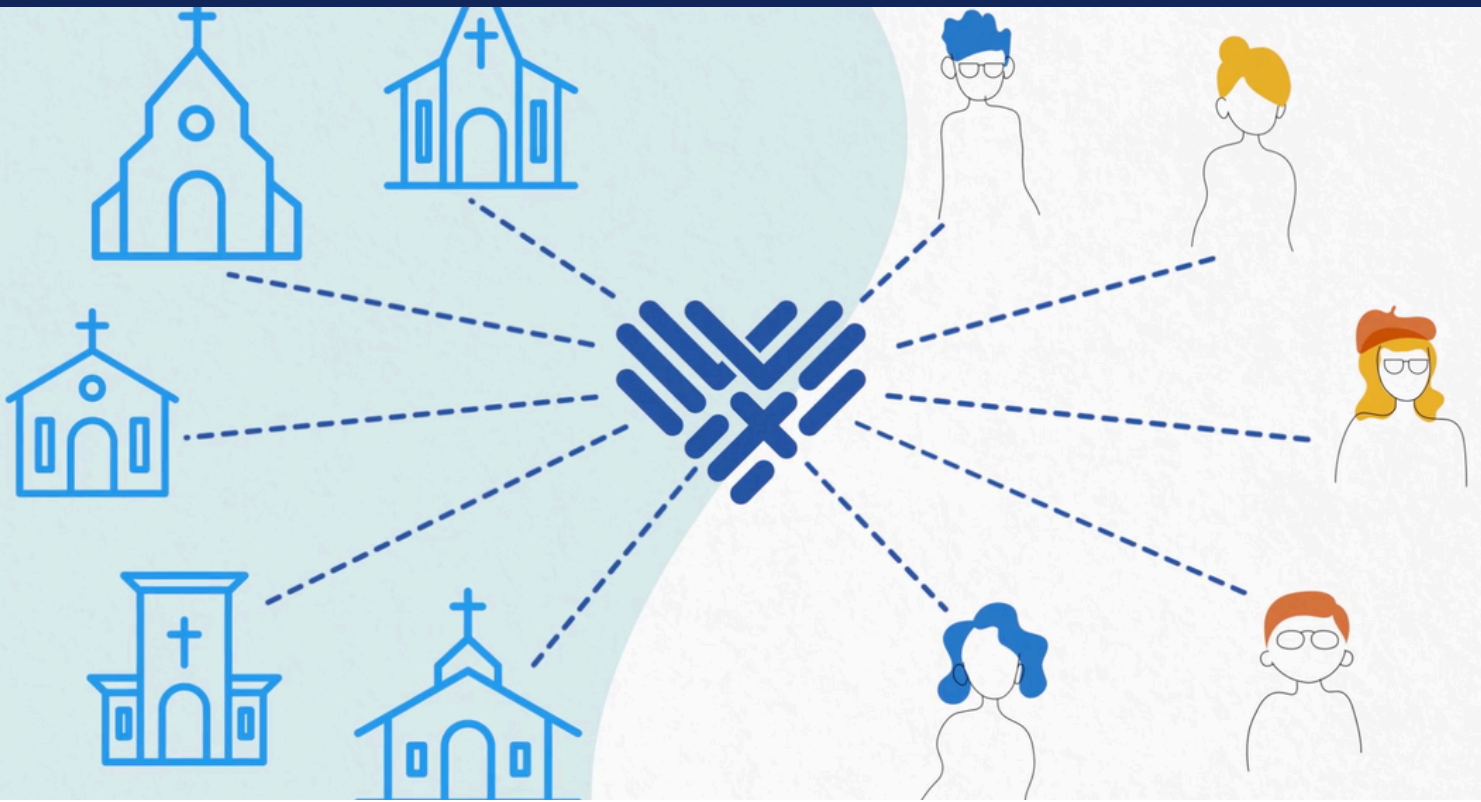


"HELPING CHURCHES HELP PEOPLE"



## A Love Story

John and Grace (not their real names) and their three young boys moved to Ontario a few weeks ago having lost their jobs in Idaho. They were promised interviews at local businesses but after arriving found that the businesses were not hiring. They were staying in a motel for temporary housing and their money was running out. One of our partner churches told them to contact Love INC to see what assistance might be available while they continued to look for work. One of our trained volunteers took their call and began to hear their story. We followed up with references, confirmed their need, and began to pray and work to find ways to help them. Having observed their tenacity in seeking employment (which they both did achieve quickly) we supported them by helping pay for their lodging until they were able to get their first paychecks. With support from our partner churches we were able to meet their immediate needs and encouraged them to get connected with the church. They did! They report that the church has been very gracious towards them and has welcomed them in. Grace told us that their boys love attending! They expressed to us how grateful they are for the help they have been given and are on their way to becoming self-sustaining members of the community. They have a ways to go, but your partnership and prayers have helped them take positive steps. Thank you!

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# First Year

BY ED WHEELER, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Dear friends,

This past January we completed our first year of operations at the new Love in the Name of Christ, Ore/Ida. The work has been challenging but rewarding. You will see below statistics that show some of data we have collected on the number of volunteers and their hours, the number of requests that have come through the connections center (previously known as the Clearinghouse), and the number of needs we have been able to meet. These numbers are only part of the story of the rebirth of Love INC in our community.

They also represent only a fraction of the possibilities that are available to the faith community in Malheur and Payette counties when we all join together to coordinate our local compassionate outreach to our neighbors. Our hope and prayer is that all of us, whatever our "tribal" affiliation, will see the vision of uniting together in this one thing; showing the love of Jesus to our communities by working together to help meet the needs of struggling neighbors. We want to thank all our partner churches for helping us get this far and also want to invite you, if you're not already a partner, to join us. Together we can see lives, our churches, and our communities transformed!

*This is how we know what love is: Jesus Christ laid down his life for us. And we ought to lay down our lives for our brothers and sisters. If anyone has material possessions and sees a brother or sister in need but has no pity on them, how can the love of God be in that person? Dear children, let us not love with words or speech but with actions and in truth.*

1 John 3: 16-18



"Mobilizing local churches to transform lives  
and communities in the Name of Christ"

## 2023 Stats

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**13 Partner Churches**

**26 Volunteers with over 680  
hours given**

**117 Requests for assistance received**

**45 Needs met by Love INC and Partner  
Churches**

**Monies Raised \$30,621**