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## **New Life Compassion Ministry Overview September 27, 2017**

**New Life's Compassion Ministry's purpose** is to demonstrate the love of God by helping those with specific needs. *"If someone has enough money to live well and sees a brother or sister in need but shows no compassion—how can God's love be in that person?" 1 John 3:17-18*

**Important:** *If you need help, whether money or support, or if you can donate such help, please contact us at the email and number above.*

### **Compassion Ministry Activities:**

1. **Financial Assistance:** We provide financial assistance<sup>1</sup> for New Life members or attendees who face a financial hardship they cannot resolve. Following the guidelines laid out in the Bible, we help our church family first, then other Christians, then those who do not yet share our faith. *"Therefore, as we have opportunity, let us do good to all people, especially to those who belong to the family of believers."* Gal. 6:10.

**Process:** We direct people who need financial help to the leaders of the Compassion ministry. These leaders walk applicants through our review process, with the goal of finding loving and responsible solutions for each situation. **To request help, please visit [www.NewLifeChurch.cc](http://www.NewLifeChurch.cc) and click on the Compassion button.**

**Accountability:** If it becomes clear that someone we're helping is not willing to help themselves (through work, counseling, or other paths), we will generally withdraw support until they become willing. *"For even when we were with you, we gave you this rule: 'If a man will not work, he shall not eat.'" 2 Thessalonians 3:10*

**Funding:** The Compassion Ministry receives a small amount each month from New Life's general fund, but the majority of the funding comes from fundraising efforts and individual gifts.

2. **Situation-Specific Support:** During challenging situations, we lighten the burden by helping with meals, chores, transportation, and other routine tasks. These are often coordinated by the Compassion Ministry leaders or Home Group leaders.
3. **Meeting Grocery or Clothing Needs:** We don't maintain a food pantry or clothing closet given our current space and resources, but we recognize that meeting these needs is a high priority for those needing help.

To this end, we may refer applicants to several faith-based organizations which provide these and other services for qualifying persons/families in Belton and Raymore. Two such are:

- **Heart-N-Hand Ministries**  
122 Lillard Ave, Belton, MO 64012 at 816-322-1133 - Available Friday, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Saturday
- **Beacon of Hope Church - Fishes & Loaves**  
1315 East Walnut, Raymore, MO 64083 at 816-322-1177 - Available 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday

*Please direct any questions, requests for help, or contributions to the contact information at the top of the page.*

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<sup>1</sup> The Compassion Ministry has disbursed +/- \$45,000 since 2012.