



# Amazing Love Ministries, Inc.

Matthew 25:35 "For I was hungry and you gave me something to eat, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink..."

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## Monthly Feeding

### Schedule...

- June 1: Associates of Publix
- June 8: Thomas' Life Group
- June 15: First Baptist Church of Dover
- June 22: OPEN\*
- June 29: OPEN\*

\* Needs assistance with providing food and serving.

## Celebrating Our Father

This is the first Father's Day that I will be without my earthly father. I look back on all of the years that I dreaded celebrating this annual event, as my father and I did not exactly see eye to eye. I remember picking out cards for the occasion, making sure they didn't mention how great a father he was or have the word "love" in their poetic tribute. I actually moved 1200 miles from home to get away from him. Long periods of time went by without even a word being shared between us. Now, thirty some years later, I long to be able to talk with him again. I would love to get to know him, ask him questions, learn about his life, the things I never took the time to do as I was too prideful. Through my relationship with Jesus Christ, I was blessed to be able to reconcile with my father prior to his death. I will always be thankful for the last two brief years we had together. I traveled 1200 miles several times to see him and actually told him that I loved him. I have also grown closer to my Heavenly Father during this time. I no longer turn, or even run away from Him. I ask Him for direction and guidance and hunger to know Him more and more every day through His word. Let us not take our relationship with Him for granted, only to look back and regret the time lost. May we be comforted this Father's Day by **Romans 8:15-17**: *For you did not receive a spirit that makes you a slave again to fear, but you received the Spirit of sonship. And by him we cry, "Abba, Father." The spirit himself testifies with our spirit that we are God's children. Now if we are children, then we are heirs—heirs of God and co-heirs with Christ, if indeed we share in his sufferings in order that we may also share in his glory.*

## Volunteer of the Month: Jose

Do you have any "blind dogs" in your life? We all do...just ask Jose! One of the regular speakers at **Amazing Love Ministries**, Jose often uses his real life experiences to preach the Word of God and make it relevant to all of us. And what experiences he has had! He was born in New York City (many years ago), moved to Puerto Rico with his family, graduated from college with a degree in Business Administration, a major in Finance, and a minor in Accounting, joined the US Army (a family tradition) and served as a Morse Code Identifier. He also went to Intelligence School and jumped out of airplanes (In that order...go figure!). He moved to Tampa in 1989 and raised his two children as a single parent after his divorce. His son now resides in Colorado and his daughter in Puerto Rico. He has 5 wonderful grandchildren: Gabriela 10, Jocelynn 8, Karelis 5, Elianna 4, and Fabian 2. Reluctantly, Jose agreed to be the Volunteer of the Month for June...he hates the spotlight and (cont.)



**Volunteers**  
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prefers that Christ be the center of attention, as he is just His faithful and humble servant. Jose was saved when he was 17, but says that he has failed many times and has learned that we have to make a choice for Christ each and every day. His favorite Bible verse is **Isaiah 51:1**, because it reminds him to be humble always and to give people grace as he once received it although he didn't deserve it. Jose has served with a prison ministry in Alabama and has served with **Amazing Love Ministries** for 2 years. His hope is that we can move people to understand the need for financial support to assist the homeless in incorporating themselves back into society. They need a step up, not a hand down. Sadly, Jose will be moving to Puerto Rico shortly to assist with some family matters. He is surprising his father, a World War II and Korean War Veteran, for Father's Day! Safe travels...we will miss you, Jose! Hurry Back! Oh...don't forget to ask him about the "blind dogs" in your life!

**Praise**  
**and**  
**Worship**  
**Spotlight**



**Praise and Worship Spotlight: Plant City Church of God**

Where there are teens, drama is usually not far behind! However, the drama on April 6th at **Amazing Love Ministries**, was presented by the *Plant City Church of God's* **Take One Drama Team**! This talented group of teenagers wowed the crowd by performing to the **Casting Crowns** hit "**Set Me Free**". The drama spoke of the bondage sin can have on all of us and how Christ can set us free from sin! The teens that performed on Monday night were only a part of a larger drama group that ministers through skits and dramas based on music on Wednesday nights in their youth group **Soul'd Out**. This group consists of about 20 teenagers and 4 adult leaders who are all committed, dedicated, bright, and fun. The group was honored to be able to serve at **Amazing Love Ministries** and are looking forward to their next opportunity to perform! **Take One's** group verse is **Acts 13:24 Before the coming of Jesus, John preached repentance and baptism to all the people of Israel.** Like John, their intention is to use their God given gifts to share God's message of hope, as well as encourage others to Christ.

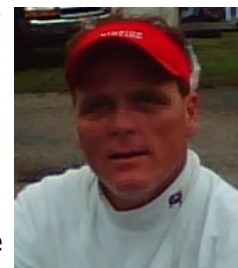


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**Person to Person: Ozzie**

By looking at the picture you can tell that Ozzie is a Buccaneer football fan...but did you know that he was a "Puking Dog" too? Yep... from 1989 to 1993 Ozzie served in the Navy on the NAS Oceana as a member of the F14 Squadron, VF143, flight deck crew, a.k.a. the "Puking Dogs". One day he would like to find employment in the field of aviation again. When I asked Ozzie what brought him to Tampa, he smiled and said "An ambulance". He went on to tell me that in 2004, he suffered a sub dermal hematoma from a tree-trimming accident. He spent 3 months at the hospital in Broward County and then was transported to Tampa via ambulance to the VA Hospital. He stayed there a month rehabilitating from his head injury. He says he owes his recovery to Jesus who pulled him through the whole experience. He has been on the street since 2005 when he was released from the VA. Ozzie was born in Wynne, Arkansas and his mother and sister currently reside in Houston, Texas. He has been attending **Amazing Love Ministries** for 2 1/2 years and would love to have our prayers answered for obtaining a house for the ministry! He wanted me to mention his dear friend Missy, who was killed by a hit and run driver earlier this year. He really misses her, but is comforted knowing she is with Jesus . We miss her too, Ozzie!



**Verse of the**

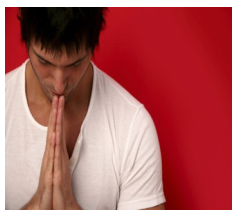
**Month**

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**Prayer Requests**

*John 14:6-7*

*Jesus said, "I am the way, the truth, and the life. No one can come to the Father except through me. If you had known who I am, then you would have known who my Father is. From now on you know him and have seen him."*



Please pray that :

- Lonnie and Danny recover quickly from their injuries received when they were hit by cars.
- there will be a covering of protection over the homeless in the Bay area and that they might know their ultimate protector, Jesus Christ our Lord and Savior!
- there will be a covering of protection over the volunteers who serve at **Amazing Love Ministries** and that they will have a blessed month and safe travel!
- volunteers will come forward to serve and prepare food for Monday evenings!
- we realize how blessed we are and give Him thanks and praise!
- all of our fathers have a blessed day on Father's Day!

Please see **Pastor Greg** if you have a prayer request, so that he can send it out to our faithful prayer warriors!



The second annual bake sale to benefit **Amazing Love Ministries** is scheduled for **Saturday, June 6**, at the **Sam's Club** located at 15835 N. Dale Mabry Highway (next to Home Depot) from **8:00 AM—2:00 PM**. If you would like to be a part of this fundraising effort, there are three ways that you can participate:

- 1) **Donate baked goods.** We will need cookies, pies, cakes, breads, etc..., packaged in plastic wrap. Please have three cookies per package. Cakes, pies, and breads may be sold whole or in pieces.
- 2) **Volunteer to sell the baked goods.** You can spend as little or as much time as you would like!
- 3) **Buy!** Stop by and see us to buy your dessert for Saturday night's dinner!

**Fundraising**

**Opportunity**

We will need the baked goods delivered to Barbara's house on Friday or Sam's Club from 8—12 on Saturday. Please contact Barbara at 969-0395 if you have pastries to deliver or would like to schedule a time to volunteer. Last year we raised **\$1200!** Let's top that this year! Thank you for your participation and your serving hearts!

**News**

**and**

**Updates**

- Want to help out with our bag lunches? Don't have the time to pack them yourself? Why not donate individualized portions of items that can be packed inside the lunches? We could use chips, crackers, granola bars, snack cakes, pretzels, candy and cookies. Please bring donations on Monday evening for the following week or contact Barbara and Jim at [amazinglovemin@verizon.net](mailto:amazinglovemin@verizon.net) to arrange for pick-up.



- We are still in need of clothing items for men and women. Please bring your donations with you on Monday evening or contact Giselle at [Giselle.Stevens@wellcare.com](mailto:Giselle.Stevens@wellcare.com) .
- Summer is quickly approaching and with it comes heat, rain, and insects. Amazing Love Ministries needs donations of Wet Ones, umbrellas, ponchos, and insect repellent. Please bring them with you on Monday evening or contact Barbara and Jim at [amazinglovemin@verizon.net](mailto:amazinglovemin@verizon.net).
- We are excited to announce that our Bible Study on Monday night has officially begun! We meet in the church annex from 6 to 6:40 p.m. Bring your Bibles and come join in the fellowship, discussion, and hunger for the Word! Thanks goes out to the Hyde Park United Methodist Church for the use of their facilities!