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Living Stones International

Good News You Can Use!

Memorial Day, originally called Decoration Day, is a day of remembrance for those who have died in our nation's service.

Memorial Day is a celebration of our soldiers whom fight for yours and my freedom. We also have another freedom--freedom of choice to live according to the **B**asic **I**nstructions **B**efore **L**eaving **E**arth (**BIBLE**). Our free will makes for very interesting choices in our lives–some good, some not so good. Let see if we are able to match our living to what it saids in "the word." Follow instructions below.

Hi Friend,

As believers, we must prepare and assure ourselves that we are emotionally, physically, and spiritually healthy:

- The Blueprint for great living has already been provided to us (Bible)
- There are over 38 topical references to health in the Bible
- 100+ scriptures references health, diseases/sickness, and spiritual disease

When we look at the reference to health, healing and cure, it's amazing that God focuses a good portion of the Bible to keeping this temple (body) and our spiritual well-being healthy.

The key is simple–follow the plan (already written down) and work the plan. Yet more than anyone, I am guilty of not keeping it simple where my health is concerned. Over time, it may have a devastating effect on our body, e.g. sickness, disease, and death.

Try sticking with a simple rule of thumb by helping

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Without your support or gifts to Living Stones, many families would have unanswered prayers providing material needs for their families. With your support we have been able to help a dozen teen dads with staying school, bond with their child, and find part-time employment. Co-parenting skills are increased. One of our teen dad is a success story, desiring to go to college from this program.

Additional staff is needed for families by encouraging better choices and helping them find the necessary resources to stablilize their famiies. Fathers in prison want to be more active in the lives of their children and reconnected to their families. Our classes are at capacity and we need more assistance with facilitators in prison and the community. Your gifts also help to hire master level social workers to care for these families, fathers, mothers, and children.

Your support also keeps teens unable to be in a traditional school environment with purchasing their books and supplies for the GED as well as pay for their tests when they reach certain milestones. We do not pay our students, but give

others because it may give us the impetus to get moving, appreciate what we have, and set realistic goals for the future.

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Check out our programs below.

Programs & Services Living Stones Provides!

1. ***Big Bend Fatherhood Initiative***: **Teen Dad Program**. Living Stones equips dads to have better bonding relationships with their child and increase their parenting skills, and better understanding their rights as a father. **Teen Dad Program** is an extension from the Big Bend Fatherhood Initiative working with fathers between the ages of 14 to 17. We teach life skills, match mentors, encouraged them to stay in school, and also supply job training for future employment. Domestic violence is a key part of our curriculum.

2. ***Transforming Prison Ministry***: Transforming Prison Ministry is active in several prisons in North Florida. Living Stones and Ministry team provide religious services and re-entry curriculum to incarcerated men. Since January 2012, we have ministered and taught family relationship courses to over 2,500 men. In addition, we are planning our second Transforming Crusade this summer in area prisons.

3. ***Leon Regional Juvenile Detention Center***: Living Stones coordinates volunteers at the center. Ministry is provided to the youth as well as a connection to role models after they leave the center. It is predicted that 70% of inmates' children will follow their parents to prison. Our goal is to reduce the number of juveniles and the recidivism rate at this center.

4. ***Children of Inmates***: Living Stones is a member of the Service Network based in South Florida. As a member of the Service Network, LSI is responsible for establishing bonding sessions between children and incarcerated parents in North Florida prisons. Our program oversees visits with children and parents in prison establishing a reconnection between parent and child. Based on a five-year proven track record, helping children and parents maintain relationships reduce delinquency among children and improve the child's grades.

incentives for them to reach their goal by supplying uniforms for jobs, certain tools, or use of laptops.

When it is necessary, we work with married and engaged/heavily dating couples. Our plans with the right funding is to showcase a symposium on marriage in the very near future.

Supporting any of these programs is a call away at (850) 765-0320 by asking for Pastor Gary or Elder Josephine. If you desire to donate online, click on the **Link to our website**.

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Living Stones is praying for your family, too. We are open and willing to share our ministry with you--families need your support today. Stop by for a visit–we'll leave the porch light on for you.

Thanks to our volunteers for the time you spend working on the simple tasks for our organization and families. You make our job easier. If you want to volunteer, please click here **Link to our website**. Volunteers and interns are valuable resources for Living Stones. We look forward to seeing you at the next volunteer training. You may showcase your talents and equip others with what they need. Try it today!

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