



# Mission of Love News



"You are not here to change the world, but to touch the hands that are within your reach."

## Group Alleviates a Dire Plight Within our Borders

Pine Ridge is the second largest Indian reservation in the country. It is also one of the poorest communities in the United States. Seventy-five percent of the people in Pine Ridge, located in South Dakota, are unemployed. The average per-capita income is just shy of \$6,300.

Education and health care for the Oglala Sioux men and women living at Pine Ridge is poor. Infant mortality is high. Diabetes is rampant. Poor diets, alcoholism and domestic violence are too common.

According to the *Wall Street Journal*, Pine Ridge has the shortest life expectancy of any community outside Haiti in the Western Hemisphere. Pine Ridge men live to 45 on average. Women live, on average, to 47. In addition, the suicide rate in Pine Ridge exceeds any other in the country.

A week ago, I didn't know Pine Ridge existed, and you may not have before you read this. Though I had driven through a reservation in Colorado and had seen the treeless land and small, concrete block homes, broken windows, cluttered yards and broken-down jalopies, I had to let the image fade from my mind as they faded from my eyes.

It is more difficult to do now, after I visited Kathy Price, an Austintown resident and founder of the nonprofit organization Mission of Love. (Gail White wrote about the group's delivery of wheelchairs to Nepal in the spring.)

### Group's Mission

Mission of Love has as its purpose helping the indigenous people of the world, from Nepal to Honduras to Pine Ridge. "We're grassroots, nonpolitical, nondenominational. What we give is...without strings attached," Price said. She has overseen delivery of 8 million pounds of clothing, medicine, food and building supplies across the world via 70 donated airlifts to date. She often takes volunteers and gives hands-on help while making sure goods go where they're meant to.

At Pine Ridge, Price saw the people behind the statistics-and more. Now, the homes in Pine Ridge are breeding grounds for black mold. Unscrupulous contractors failed to add ventilation ducts (placing vent grates on ductless walls to pass HUD inspection). Diarrhea, chest pains, flu like symptoms and compromised immune systems have been added to the list of Oglala misfortunes.

It seems far away. It seems far removed from us. But I'm not so sure it really is-particularly at this time of year. Thanksgiving was created in good part to thank the American Indians who helped the Pilgrims survive. Might we not do a little something to help the Oglalas survive?

Obviously, we aren't going to build a new home for an Oglala family (though Mission of Love did). And we probably aren't going to boost employment or improve health care (though a letter to a congressman might be nice).

But Price offers a straightforward solution any of us can do.

### Offering help

"I would really like people here to befriend one family on the reservation," she said. "For example, they might give them a Wal-Mart card so they can buy food." Price said she would identify families in need, provide contact information, then basically get out of the way. Already Warren Radiology and The Gatsby Restaurant's employees have plans to "befriend" families, she said.

Two arguments often come Price's way. One is that there are people closer by that need help. Why, opponents contend, should we send our assistance states, even countries, away?

Price would no more stop you from helping your neighbor than she would stop herself from helping an earthquake victim in Nepal. Her view is global. People in need are people in need.

The second is that her strides are so small and the problems are so huge that she accomplishes too little. "The chain gets bigger, one by one," she said. "This is truly a mission of love and compassion. Two weeks ago, I gave an 86-year-old (Oglala) woman her first bed. She cried with joy."

To become a part of Price's Mission of Love, call (330) 793-2388.

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***The Mission of Love Foundation is a non-profit organization that provides humanitarian aid to those in need worldwide, especially children. Backed by individuals, local businesses and the U.S. Military's Denton Program, the Mission of Love airlifts clothing, medicine and food and building supplies to third world countries, including the poorest community in the U.S.—***

***Pine Ridge Indian Reservation, South Dakota.***

***Once the supplies arrive, groups of people, both young and old and from all walks of life, are there to utilize the supplies by building medical clinics, repairing orphanages, administering medical treatment to the ill and serving those who need help.***



# **A Message from Kathleen Price, Founder and Director, Mission of Love Foundation**

I hope you will take the time to read about some of the acts of kindness that have taken place through our little grass roots organization in the last few months. We have no billboards, banners or fancy offices. We have only your support. Our acts of love and compassion are done with no grants or funding of any sort. With everyone's help, we can continue to make differences in the lives of the Indigenous peoples. These are the people who most do not consider to be human, and they have only us to walk with. These people have nothing; but, in reality, they have so much more than we do. We, as a team, can continue to go into areas and build so many more bridges of hope.

The stories in our newsletter will make you aware of the difference you have made in so many different communities of the world. I honor the fact that you trust me to make sure that our labors of love are accomplished for the sake of the children and people in need.

Together, very simply, we have created our Mission of Love to circle the whole world. THANK YOU!

**"Never doubt that a small group of citizens can change the world. Indeed, it is the only thing that ever has."**  
-Margaret Mead

Kathleen Price, Founder and Director of the **Mission of Love Foundation**, has been included in the **National Register's Who's Who in Executives and Professionals** for the year 2004.

# **Mission of Love Xhualtez, Mexico February 1, 2002**

Mud floors quickly become cold and muddy in Xhualtez, Mexico. With rain comes the misery of wading through puddles of mud and water inches deep inside huts that offer little protection from the elements. Mission of Love volunteers witnessed this first-hand last September when visiting Xhualtez during Hurricane Isadore.

A group of Mission of Love volunteers remedied the situation in February 2003 by providing cement floors in homes for three of the poorest families in Xhualtez.

Kathy Price, Bob Jacobs, Dennis Dahl, J.C. DeWald, Susan Busch, and Ron Bruggeman traveled to Xhualtez in February to provide service to the Maya in the Yucatan Peninsula. Three Mayan families worked side by side with the volunteers to make and pour cement into stick-walled huts to improve sanitation conditions. Chano, whose family received a new floor, worked nearby as his young son sang, "I am so happy, I am so happy...now I have a floor I can play on!"

## **Corn**

With devastation wrought by Isadore in September 2002, Mayans lost corn crops in the storm's ravages. Corn is the staple of the Mayan diet, and all crops were lost in a week's time. Corn was obtained and delivered to the Maya for eating and planting.

## **Dona Luce**

A home for the poorest family in Xhualtez was completed. Dona Luce now enjoys a new home which was begun in September but was unable to be finished when Mission of Love visited due to the weather. Her new home is now part of Luce's dreams for her and her children.

## **Veronica**

Veronica is a 6-year-old girl in the nearby village of Kunche. She is deaf-mute and has profound cerebral palsy. Until February, Veronica was confined to her hammock unless her mother carried her. A new wheelchair was delivered to Veronica and she can now sit up and go outside. A large umbrella

attached to the wheelchair will protect Veronica from the sun and rain. A building trip to Kunche in June 2003 will bring a new home for Veronica's family from Mission of Love.

## **The "For Life" Center and more**

A home, donated to Maria Jose Medina-Diaz by the St. Vincent De Paul Society for the sake of malnourished Mayan children, was completely reconstructed and christened the "For Life" Center. The home was cleaned, painted, plumbed, and received new electrical wiring by the Mission of Love volunteers. The For Life Center is the first of its kind in the Yucatan, and will allow mothers and siblings of a child to come and help with a child's rehabilitation. It will service over 500 malnourished children from 70 Maya communities. Normally, this project would have taken over 1-1/2 years to complete, but the undertaking was finished in just 5 days! Vitamins were delivered to the families of children in the area to stave off the effects of poor diet.

In addition, the Mission of Love delivered medical supplies and clothing to "The Maya House of Health" in Xhualtez and art supplies to Talleres Cero, an art school foundation in Tulum, Mexico. The children attending Talleres Cero sell artwork to generate income for Mayan families. In October, 2003 Mission of Love will be traveling to Tulum to build a school and library for Mayan children.



*Veronica in her new wheel chair*



*Dona Luce Family Home in Xhualtez*



## Mission of Love Foundation Honored by JAINA

Kathleen Price and the Mission of Love Foundation was honored by the Federation of JAIN Associations in North America (JAINA), in association with the Federation of Indian Community Associations (FICA) at a dinner held on December 6, 2002 in Cleveland Heights, Ohio. Mission of Love volunteers Dr. Jaya, MD, and Ramesh Shah were hosts for the evening.

Mission of Love was honored for "humanitarian work for the poor, sick and disabled of India".

The Appreciation Award presented to Kathleen Price at the dinner represents Mission of Love's efforts in providing India's poor, disabled and earthquake victims with airlifts of medical supplies, wheelchairs and clothing over the last 5 years.



*Ramesh Shah delivers a wheelchair donated by Mission of Love to Meeta Barot at Bidada Medical Camp, Kutch, India*

## Connecting The Dots

-Dr. Kathie Nelson, MD

I have traveled on three occasions to Mexico with Mission of Love to serve in Mayan Indian villages in the Yucatan. A question that I am sometimes asked is, why don't I help people locally, rather than traveling so far. After all, aren't there plenty of suffering people right here at home? The answer lies in "connecting the dots".

We are always called to love those close to us, including family, friends, neighbors and anyone that God puts in our path, right here at home. It is always our duty, or better, our opportunity. God calls us to love Him and one another. By loving others, especially in times of need, we form strong bonds, connections of the heart.

There are some places where people live as forgotten ones. They have little food, housing, medical care, nutrition, and little hope. No one comes, no one cares. No one unless YOU show up. Just show up and show that you care, to help in small ways. When you do, that same connection of the heart comes into being. A connection of love is formed. Having looked into the eyes of a smiling child, or an elderly man grateful for medication, a bond is formed that will never be broken.

During those trips to the Mayan villages, to some of the forgotten ones, we had the opportunity to form these awesome connections. The clinics, which have been started, are now giving many Mexican doctors, nurses, dentists and others the opportunity to make that connection for themselves. Once they, too, have held the hand, looked into the eyes, or shared a laugh, the connection is made.

It is almost like "connecting the dots". Once we connect, we begin to see the real picture, once represented by only random appearing dots. We are meant to be connected to one another by these lines of love, going near and far.

Love one another--connect the dots--see the big picture of God's love.



*Dr. Kathie Nelson visits with Nita Bald Eagle the morning of Nita's surgery at St. Elizabeth's Health Center, Youngstown, Ohio*

**The following letter was written by Mission of Love volunteer Michael Bryan, of Cleveland, Ohio, to other volunteers and friends in November of last year:**

As we will soon be celebrating Thanksgiving Day, let us remember all the American Indian people living both on and off the reservations and what the "war" on them resulted in. Even to this very day, many are still suffering its effects. Please say special prayers for them and all indigenous peoples around the world. Consider fasting for a day as well as the money you would have spent on food--donate it to someone or an organization that directly helps indigenous people.

An organization I have volunteered with, have seen in action and that works directly with the people on Pine Ridge Indian Reservation in South Dakota is the Mission of Love Foundation. Their address is 2054 Hemlock Ct., Youngstown, Ohio 44515. You can check out their website for more information at [www.missionoflove.org](http://www.missionoflove.org).

*In the spirit of peace, love, justice, equality and gratitude,  
Michael Bryan*

## Mission of Love Upcoming Building Trips

**Xhualtez, Mexico**

**Pine Ridge Indian Reservation**

**Tulum, Mexico**

**June 28, 2003**

**September 2003**

**October, 2003**

**Man did not weave the web of life. He is merely a strand in it.**

**Whatever he does to the web, he does to himself.**

**-Chief Seattle**





## In Loving Memory of our friend, Robert Ryan

This world was a little diminished when the New Year broke this year. Last year, we lost Bob Ryan.

Mission of Love volunteers are very familiar with Bob and his bride, Terrie. These two were a couple of grown kids who married late in life. They honeymooned on a Mission of Love trip to the Mayan community of Francisco Madera, Mexico. They slept on cement bags and found comfort in them. Anyone who spent time with Bob and Terrie walked away smiling. The couple made numerous trips with Mission of Love and gave back to the world much more than the world gave to them. Though Bob's last years were spent in frail health, he never lost his smile.

Our thoughts and prayers go to Terrie, and we will always cherish the memory of Bob Ryan.

## **Mahoning County Career and Technical Center Sends Love to South Dakota**

The students and faculty at the Mahoning County Career and Technical Center collected over 1,200 cans of canned goods in November and December, 2002. Mission of Love volunteer Debbie Heberling and her Senior and Junior Hospitality classes initiated the food drive. The canned goods were sent on by semi-truck to the Pine Ridge Indian Reservation in December along with 28,000 pounds of aid. All was distributed to needy families in the Pine Ridge districts before the Christmas holiday.

Special thanks go to Deb and her classes for collecting and packing up over 1,200 cans of food!



*Karoline White and Linda Terlesky of the MCCTC Senior Hospitality Class ready a shipment of canned goods for South Dakota*

**"The best portion of a good  
man's life is in his nameless,  
unremembered acts of kindness  
and love."**



*Terrie & Bob*



*Mission of Love volunteers Bill Trigg and Vickie Eisenbraun loaded donations and Christmas presents for Pine Ridge Reservation last December 2002. Vickie's donations to her sponsored family were part of 28,000 pounds of aid which was delivered to Pine Ridge Reservation in December just in time for the Christmas holidays. This shipment of aid, clothing, food, and Christmas presents helped over 150 sponsored Lakota Sioux families living on the reservation have a happier holiday.*



# Letters of Gratitude

## From Pine Ridge

*(The Mission of Love Foundation sent a semi truck with 28,000 lbs. of Christmas "goodies" to Red Shirt Table and Cuny Table on the Pine Ridge Indian Reservation in December, 2002)*

Dear Mission of Love,

Well, I am getting caught up on my thank you letters, and I want to send a BIG Thank You to Mission of Love and to you, Kathy, a BIG Thank You. I wish you could have seen the kids' faces—they were so happy as this is all they have to look forward to. Thank you so much for all the hams—we passed them out with the candy bags and candy canes. I know you worked so hard packing this truck to send to Red Shirt. It's a good thing it was delivered to Nellie Cuny's place—it would have never fit here! I could not believe all of these big boxes! Even Nellie had a good time! The weather was good for all the unpacking and we had a lot of help. When I saw all the things you sent, all I could think about was how hard it was to pack up all that stuff! We are so thankful and even the children helped to unload the truck. They all had a big Christmas dinner and handed out the gifts. All the children are doing good, and we love you all.

Take care and God bless, **Mary Fast Wolf**  
Red Shirt, South Dakota

## California

Dear Mrs. Kathleen Price,

I am a 7<sup>th</sup> grade student at Our Lady of the Assumption school. This week we are celebrating "Catholic Schools: Make a World of Difference". I wanted to thank you and your organization for helping third world countries that need food and first aid. I went to Mexico where they also need help. You probably have the best feeling when you are working on a new shipment being sent to the needy.

When I went to your website and saw the pictures of what you were sending, it made me want to thank you even more. You send so many great things that are essential for living and some things that are extras. I want to thank you for making a "World of Difference".

Sincerely, **Elizabeth Stradford**

## Peru

Dear Kathy,

We have immense feelings of gratitude for the enormous amount of work you have done. We feel you working in solidarity with us to help those who are in the most need begin to grow and flower on their own.

Most of your wonderful donation was flown to Iquitos with the help of the Peruvian Air Force. We have sent the water to a desert region where there has been a severe drought. The warm coats will go to a very cold mountain area. The school furniture was divided and sent to schools in various regions. Some of the wheelchairs stayed in Lima to transport very poor children with AIDS so that they can receive treatment at a local hospital.

We will send pictures to you soon so that you can see all the great good this donation will bring to so many of our poor. We look forward to working with you in the future, Kathy. Please receive all our love and deepest thanks.

Sincerely, **Martha Betty, Iquitos, Peru**

## Xhualtez, Mexico

Dear Kathy,

We just came back from the last Mission of Love together, and I feel really good. So many things happened in 5 days! I let my thoughts fly back in time and I can see a wonderful team of 19 people working together on the communities of the Yucatan. Kathy, Bob, Ron, J.C., Susan, Daniel, Fernando, Francisco, Uba, Dalia, Fabiola, Chely, Cintia, Ak, Ux, Chano, Cesar, Francisco and Maria Jose—dealing with cement, putting floors in the poorest houses in Xhualtez.

Do you remember their smiles? Their bright and happy eyes? And Chano's little boy singing, "I am very happy, now I have a floor to play on!" And then there is the house built for Dona Luce with 2 bedrooms and 3 lights. She says all this was not even ever in her dreams.

45 kilometers away from Xhualtez there is the village of Kunche where Veronica, the deaf-mute and crippled 6-year-old girl lives. You brought a very nice wheelchair where she can be seated taking in air, sun and rain. Now she is out of her hammock. I still can see her smile—what a way to show her gratefulness! After 6 years, she can be seated by her-self on a "throne" with an umbrella as a roof. This was a great day! And in the town of Valladolid, at the end of a crooked road, there will now be a shelter for malnourished children. When you saw it, you said, "And you want to inaugurate this place in 2 weeks?" I said, "Yes" and you said, "Let's do it!" Immediately, there were 19 pairs of hands starting to paint 300 meters of wall, cleaning, fixing doors, putting in electricity, plumbing and bathrooms. And oh!—the filthy kitchen that Bob left shining! Thank you, Kathy. Thank you for the Mission of Love. 500 children will have a better life this year.

With much love, **Maria Jose Medina-Diaz**

## Wanblee, South Dakota

Dear Kathleen,

I am so lucky to be one of the recipients of Mission of Love's help. On October 31, 2002, I was in St. Elizabeth Hospital in Youngstown, Ohio, for a surgery that I had needed for the last 5 years. I was unable to convince Indian Health Services that I actually needed the surgery. They continually told me that my condition was all in my head and that my pain was nonexistent, and that I would just have to live with it.



**Nita Bald Eagle with daughters  
Brenna, Carrie and Emmie**

There were wires inside my right chest cavity that had broken and were migrating in different directions. Eventually, one of the wires would have hit a major organ and then it would have been too late. Indian Health Services only approves life and death situations...where would my daughters be right now, if Kathy Price and Mission of Love had not intervened on my behalf? I now have my good health and long life ahead of me, because Mission of Love is LIFE-SAVING! Mission of Love is about people who care for people!! I have seen with my

eyes what Mission of Love has done for my hometown, and the way their giving was just GIVING!...with no expectations and no prejudice...that is something new to me, as I have dealt with this all my life, so I am very surprised! I am so thankful—I am now pain free and worry free, I have no wires to worry about. I will now help where I can, and give when I can. I learned this from Mission of Love—there should be no suffering in this world if we all did our part in making this a better world to live in. I will be here to raise my three beautiful daughters and see them become fine young Lakota women. Thank you, Mission of Love!

With all my love, **Nita Bald Eagle, Wanblee, South Dakota**



**Nita Bald Eagle visited with the 2<sup>nd</sup> grade class at Willow Creek School, Poland, Ohio, the morning before her surgery**



## Helping to Mend a People's Dream

Bruce Williams has a vision...he is a man who saw a need, started a program to address that need, and has asked the Mission of Love Foundation for help in fulfilling his dream.

Bruce is a registered nurse who came to the Pine Ridge Indian Reservation in 1991 from Ohio and began working for the Indian Health Services. After a profound experience with one of his first cancer patients, Ellen Stephen, Bruce started a Hospice program in 1994 for the Native American people. Hospice services had previously been available only off the reservation prior to the beginning of Bruce's program. Bruce didn't know it at the time, but he was making history by initiating the first Hospice program on an Indian reservation.

"Ellen Stephen Hospice and Home Health Care" is presently located in a house trailer in Yellow Bear Canyon, about 6 miles from Kyle, South Dakota. Bruce uses an RV to travel to patients' homes in the reservation's districts to provide end of life care. But conditions in the homes are often difficult, and Bruce saw the need for a facility where Native Americans with terminal diseases could be cared for in a medical setting, and still have family members near by for comfort. The idea of a Hospice facility began to take shape in Bruce's mind.

Bruce contacted Kathy Price and the Mission of Love Foundation for help. In October of last year, the first shipment of building supplies was delivered to a small churchyard in Kyle, South Dakota, along with the promise of a medical facility where the Lakota people could come and live their last days or weeks of life—in comfort, with medical personnel attending to their needs, and family near by.

Mission of Love volunteers will construct the facility for the Ellen Stephen Hospice and Home Health Care in May 2003. In addition to the delivery of supplies in October 2002, the foundation was dug and preliminary plans for the building were presented to Bruce Williams by Mission of Love volunteer contractor/foreman Louie Fostvedt of Vermillion, South Dakota, and Kathy Price. Louie Fostvedt will oversee all aspects of construction for the building that will feature 5 patient care rooms, a kitchen, 2 family rooms, and staff offices. The Hospice will be the first of its kind on any Indian Reservation in the country.

The Mission of Love for a project of this magnitude always needs electricians, plumbers and construction volunteers. Building trip dates for the Hospice construction will be May 1-21, 2003, and crewmembers will rotate through the work site as needed. Additionally, monetary donations are needed with which to purchase building supplies. **Anyone willing to volunteer time and energy for this project should contact Kathy Price at (330) 793-2388 as soon as possible. Monetary donations should be directed to: Mission of Love Foundation, 2054 Hemlock Ct., Youngstown, Ohio 44515.**

The reality of having to die on a dirt floor on an Indian reservation will be a faded memory in the long struggle for dignity on the Pine Ridge Indian reservation with the building of the Ellen Stephen Hospice. Bruce Williams and the Mission of Love will see to it.....together.



Louie Fostvedt, Kathy Price and Bruce Williams break ground at the future site of the Ellen Stephen Hospice. Kyle, Pine Ridge Reservation

## Prayer to the Great Spirit

Oh, Great Spirit,  
Giver of all life,  
You have been always, and before you  
nothing has been.  
Look and smile upon us,  
your children,  
So that we may live this day to serve you.  
Watch over my relatives,  
The red, black, white and brown.  
Sweeten my heart and  
fill me with light this day.  
Give me strength to understand and eyes to see.  
Help me, Great Spirit,  
For without you, I am nothing.

*Beaded Prayer, by Paul War Cloud  
(Presented as a gift to the Crazy Horse Memorial)*

## Mission Of Love Foundation's "Morning Star" Quilt

Much has been written regarding the importance of Morning Star quilts to Lakota People. The Morning Star design was originally adapted in the late 1800s from the traditional Lone Star pattern. Lakota People were keen observers of the Morning Star and already used representations of it in paintings, hides and beadwork. Quilts became the primary replacements for buffalo hides as buffalos were being hunted to extinction. For over 120 years the Lakota People have mastered quilt design to an established art form. Morning Star quilts are made with an eight-pointed star that fills most of the quilt top. Numerous small diamonds are skillfully pieced together to create these stars. These beautiful quilts are used in many sacred ceremonies. Star quilts take center stage in births, weddings, and funerals, making the Star quilt important throughout life. The Morning Star quilt also represents the epitome of Lakota gift giving. To give a Star quilt is to show the utmost respect, honor and admiration to a person. It is given and received by both men and women. Birthdays, graduations, and all other celebrations of Lakota life involve the gifting of a Star quilt.

Mission of Love's Morning Star quilt was hand-made by Annamarie Between Lodge of Oglala, Pine Ridge Indian Reservation, South Dakota, and was donated by Nellie Cuny, Cuny Table, South Dakota.

To purchase raffle tickets for this quilt, please contact Linda Budd @ (330) 726-0547 or Kathy Price @ (330) 793-2388. Raffle drawing will be held April 26, 2003 at the annual Fiesta fundraiser dinner.

**PROCEEDS FROM THE SALE OF RAFFLE TICKETS FOR THE MISSION OF LOVE "MORNING STAR" QUILT WILL BENEFIT THE BUILDING OF THE HOSPICE ON PINE RIDGE RESERVATION.** Ticket prices are \$5.00 each or 5 tickets for \$20.00. Mission of Love volunteers can obtain tickets to sell from Kathy Price or Linda Budd.





## Some Muscle behind The Mission

Behind the acts of kindness and compassion of the Mission of Love, there is a LOT of hard work. Getting airlifts and truckloads of supplies to third world countries takes much time and effort, planning and coordination. Sorting and loading supplies and donated items is a labor of love, though, for three men who work largely behind the scenes. They were honored in November 2002 for their efforts in getting Mission of Love "on the road".

George Axiotis, Daryl Mays and Mitchell Mays were awarded the Mission of Love Mission Statement Award at the Fall Fundraiser dinner held at the Gatsby Restaurant, in Austintown, Ohio on November 9, 2002. George, Daryl and Mitch have all played an important part in assisting Kathy Price and the Mission of Love to get goods wherever they have to go in a timely fashion.

George, owner of the Short Stop Truck Stop in Leavittsburg, Ohio is instrumental in finding trucks and drivers for Mission of Love shipments. Daryl and Mitch have volunteered on numerous building trips and personally delivered supplies to the reservation on several occasions. The two brothers often can be found at the Ravenna Arsenal, site of Mission of Love's warehouse, loading trucks and helping Kathy Price and volunteers ready airlift supplies.

Thank you to George, Daryl and Mitch for all their dedication and hard work in getting and keeping Mission of Love mobile.



George Axiotis, Daryl Mays, Kathleen Price, and Mitch Mays of the Mission of Love Foundation



## Mexican "Fiesta" Fund Raiser Dinner Set for Saturday, April 26, 2003 Come Join Us!

The Gatsby Restaurant, Austintown, Ohio will be the setting for Mission of Love's annual spring fundraiser, **Mexican Fiesta Dinner**, on Saturday, April 26, 2003 from 6-10 PM. A Mexican dinner will be served, and cash bar available. Mission of Love volunteer Tom Nelson will act as Master of Ceremonies for the event.

A Chinese auction will be held featuring gift baskets, gifts and restaurant gift certificates. A 50/50 raffle and Silent Auction will also be featured.

DJ Earl "The Duke of Earl" Goss will provide entertainment and dance music. The winner of Mission of Love's "Morning Star" quilt will be chosen at the dinner.

All proceeds from the dinner and quilt raffle will benefit the building of the Hospice on Pine Ridge Reservation.

Tickets are \$25.00 per person and can be obtained by contacting Linda Budd at (330) 726-0547 or Kathy Price at (330) 793-2388. Reservations should be confirmed by April 15, 2003.

Eleven year old Katherine Mark's desire to help women and children in Afghanistan is stronger than most children her age. Katherine has written and illustrated a book of poetry entitled "White Blue Light" and has raised \$160 for an Afghanistan medical clinic project sponsored by the Catherine Collective of Ontario, Canada. Katherine's mother, Carol Mark, is a founding member of the Catherine Collective which actively collaborates with the Mission of Love. Katherine's book may be purchased for \$5 through Kathy Price.

## This is what Love Looks Like...

Below: "For Life" Clinic, Mexico.



Above: "For the Love of Children" Clinic, Isla Mujeres, Mexico. Update: 40 students daily and a Cuban doctor to assist.



Truckloads of supplies



The joy of a big family—The Fast Wolves



Our Friend who offered his home because we gave him a ride.

THE CHILDREN

### WHITE BLUE LIGHT by Katherine Mark

White Blue Light all at night. All in spite of pretty petals, all in one, all the light is from the sun. Beetles flying in the sky, imagine if they would not die. Lovely things are good, but some things are bad. White Blue Light is an everyday thing that the earth will always always bring.





A picture is worth a thousand words.  
Our hopes and dreams are comin true...  
because of you.

"You are not here to change the world, but to touch the hands that are within your reach."

*Ralph Waldo Emerson*  
This is to have succeeded.  
because you have lived.  
To know even one life has breathed easier  
patch or a redeemed social condition;  
whether by a healthy child, a garden  
To leave the world a bit better,  
To find the best in others;  
To appreciate beauty,  
and endure the betrayal of false friends;  
To earn the appreciation of honest critics  
and the affection of children;  
To win the respect of intelligent people  
To laugh often and much,  
The Mission of Love Mission Statement

**SUCCESS**



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