

# LOVE YOUR NEIGHBOR MINISTRIES

DWIGHT KINMAN EXPLAINS THE HISTORY



“Love Your Neighbor Ministries was founded in 1975 in Tacoma, Washington. I was a hospital chaplain in Tacoma and discovered that 90% of the residents in the nursing homes of the Seattle-Tacoma area did not have even one visitor in an entire year.

To meet this spiritual vacuum, my wife and I founded the Love Your Neighbor Ministries whose priority goal is to train chaplains and para-chaplains to visit the lonely and forsaken residents in nursing homes and care centers and to encourage, comfort, and share with them our Savior’s wonderful love and grace. Soon, retired pastors and missionaries began to join with us. Then I went to the churches, and hundreds of men, women, and young people responded to visit in the nursing homes and care centers in the Seattle-Tacoma area. In 1985 we moved our headquarters to Portland, Oregon. Now twenty years later the Love

Your Neighbor Ministries surpassed all our expectations. We now have 13 full-time chaplains, and we are constantly training para-chaplains from local churches to visit the nursing homes. We are now covering the greater Portland area, Vancouver, and Gresham. Three of these chaplains are in Spokane, Washington, and one chaplain in the Seattle area. Toward the close of 2004 we trained 43 new para-chaplains here in Portland. We give praise to our wonderful heavenly Father for raising up this ministry.

We thank you, Pastor and Mrs. Leffler, and all of you dear friends of Castle Rock Christian Church, for standing with us so faithfully.

Very sincerely yours, Chaplain Dwight L. Kinman

Director Love Your Neighbor Ministries, Emeritus



The Castle Rock Delegation attending Love Your Neighbor 30 year celebration  
in November 2004

From left to right, Lindarae and Lenard Hovde, Janie Damschen, Dwight and  
Marilou Kinman and Dorothy Pomeroy



Dwight with special guest speaker at the Love Your Neighbor Ministries November banquet



Dwight's  
new  
bride  
Marilou

They  
were  
married  
July 8th,  
2003

## **Some basic facts about residents who live in nursing homes according to Love Your Neighbor Ministries**

1. Three million people pass through hospital and nursing homes each year.
2. 60% of people who live in nursing homes are without a single visit each year.
3. More people pass through nursing homes each year than visits all of our churches.
4. People in nursing homes are most open to the gospel of Jesus Christ.
5. Love Your Neighbor Ministries has 13 full time chaplains who minister in Washington and Oregon.

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