

# **Divine Love Newsletter**

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## FROM THE EDITORS

Dearly beloved friends, and devotees of the Master, welcome to the May 2024 edition of the Divine Love Newsletter – a newsletter dedicated to the Divine Love community. We are pleased to bring you inspiring articles and member updates from around the world.

Greg Boster shares quotes from the Padgett messages on the twofold mission of Jesus, accompanied by beautiful Alcreated images of Jesus.

Debra Taylor has a story of faith and guidance in travelling to the Divine Love Prayer Retreats in Trinidad and Barbados after a painful injury that left her unable to walk unassisted. She considered cancelling her trip but after prayer, was guided not to change her plans. All her needs were abundantly met on all five flights and during the retreats. What a wonderful example of how faith and trusting God can result in wonderful blessings.

Steffanie Beale describes her experience at the Big Island, Hawaii retreat. The retreat took place at the residence of Danielle Gardling in <u>Waimea</u> and afterward at <u>Kona</u>. In Waimea the participants were blessed with lush landscapes and so many rainbows due to the constant mist at higher elevations that they would "rainbow watch" during their daily walks. On the flight over, Darlene shared Divine Love truths with a gentleman named Will who ended up joining the group for several prayer sessions! This is a beautiful example of "being in the Love" and sharing the love and truth with others.

Lorraine Borchers announces a September 2025 retreat at her Happy Days Farm in Dallas, Oregon, USA. Located on five acres a few miles from a small town, the farm is a <u>sacred place of peace and healing</u>.

Terry Adler gives an update on the Children's Sanctuary Namibia Society Annual General Meeting. The meeting not only focused on the achievements of 2023, but also the progress from their humble beginnings in 2016 when thorn-tree-covered land was allocated to CSN. Since that time, they built a safe and loving home for 18 orphaned and vulnerable children thanks to the dedication of Helge Mercker, Theresa Matengu, and Chief Ita Kambases. Their dream to build the sanctuary became a reality through material donations, individual efforts, and prayers of people from Drimiopsis, surrounding communities, residents of Namibia, and international supporters, including some readers of this newsletter.

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Past issues of the newsletter can be downloaded from the <u>Divine Love Community portal</u> or from the <u>Divine Love Sanctuary Foundation website</u>. Contributions can be emailed to the editors at editors@fcdt.org (Eva Peck and Michael Nedbal)

# THE TWOFOLD MISSION OF JESUS (GREGORY BOSTER)

Jesus says he wants the Divine Love gospel message to fill all people's soul longings. He states his purpose and mission very clearly throughout the Padgett messages. As his follower, I hope to walk in his footsteps and do as he would do, if he were here. The following quotes have inspired me and I hope they may inspire you too as you read them and contemplate your own spiritual journey.

When I commenced to get this divine love into my soul, I became very close to the Father, and this relationship resulted in my realizing that I was sent by God with a mission to perform and a great and important truth to declare; and, at last the voice in my soul told me that I was my Father's true son and I believed it, and commenced to teach and preach the truths of His love bestowed and the salvation of men. [Jesus of Nazareth, TGRABJ, Vol. 1, p. 8]





The mission was twofold, namely:

to declare to mankind that the Father had rebestowed the Divine Love which Adam or the first parents had forfeited; and secondly, to show man the way by which that love could be obtained, so that the possessor of it would become a partaker of the Divine Nature, and Immortal.

Jesus had no other mission than this ... [St. Paul, TGRABJ, Vol. 1, p. 229 - 230]

Only a knowledge of the Truth of the Plan for men's salvation will enable them to seek in the right way to obtain the Gift of the Father. ... that knowledge ... which shows to man that the Father is a God of Love, and that this Love may be obtained by man through earnest prayer for Its bestowal. This is all that is necessary, for the response that will follow will cause the New Birth, which when experienced by a man will place him in that unison with the Father, that will lead to a knowledge of the other Truths that form a part of the Plan of Salvation. [Jesus of Nazareth, TGRABJ, Vol. 1, p. 310]



Then the only way to the Celestial Kingdom being by the New Birth, and that birth being brought to men only by the inflowing and working of this Divine Love, and whether or not a man shall experience this birth depending in its initiative on the man himself, the question arises how or in what way can a man obtain this Divine Love and this New Birth and the

Celestial Kingdom. ... The only way then is simply this: "That men shall believe with all the sincerity of their minds and souls that this Great Love of the Father is waiting to be bestowed upon each and all of them, and that when they come to the Father in faith and earnest aspirations, this love will not be withholden from them, and in addition to this belief, pray with all the earnestness and longings of their souls that he open up their souls to the inflowing of this Love, and that then may come to them the Holy Spirit to bring this Love into their souls in such abundance that their souls may be transformed into the very Essence of the Father's Love." [Jesus, TGRABJ, Vol. 1, p. 24 - 25]



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# TRINIDAD RETREAT REVISITED: HOW GOD PROVIDED IN A TRIAL (DEBRA TAYLOR)

December 31, 2023 was not only the final day of a spiritually challenging year, it also marked the first day of an unexpected injury that continues to challenge me.



This painful injury robbed me of my ability to walk unassisted and caused me to contemplate cancelling my plans to attend the Divine Love Prayer Retreats in Trinidad and Barbados. I took this situation to prayer, and more blessings and support than can be shared in this summary poured forth for me.

On New Year's Day, I was able to connect with my travel agent who arranged wheelchair support at all airports for the five flights I was scheduled to take. Seats were upgraded to provide me with extra leg room, and vacant seats appeared beside me on flights that were supposedly full.

Our Divine Love sister and earth angel, Lisa Ramsumair, picked me up from the Port of Spain airport at 5:30 am and escorted me to Karen Swanson's San Salvador Estate in Gran Couva, our venue for the retreat, held January 4 - 10.

During my seven-day stay, I was treated with loving care, compassionate support, and more food, lovingly prepared by Sita and others, than I could possibly take in.

More than 20 beautiful souls attended the formal retreat weekend. We prayed for Divine Love, were enlightened during presentations by Karen Swanson and Matt

Delano, and a Q&A session by Al Fike. Both Karen and Matt used flip charts to explain, in clear and simple terms, the journey of transformation in Divine Love.

Many messages were channeled by Al Fike. The most notable were from Jesus who brought the power and glory of God's Love to bless the group, Confucius who bestowed the blessing of portals to all members of the Trinidad and Tobago Circle of Light, Barbara Davies who gave personal messages, and Kevin O'Neill who spoke of his regrets while on earth.

Several attendees had their first experience in Divine Love. At least two of them had profound experiences that I'm certain will keep them on the path. One even flew to Barbados to join in the retreat which followed.

Just as happened in Laurelville, PA, I was overwhelmed by love, joy and gratitude, causing a torrent of tears during each prayer. This caused Karen's husband to ask her if I'd recently lost a loved one. We laughed, knowing that the reverse was true – I'd been embraced by many new loved ones.

We also had much laughter as we often misheard what was being said, even though everyone was speaking English!

Despite feeling stalked by termites and geckos and frightened by a tarantula, I felt absolutely at home and in awe of God's creation in Trinidad. I now have memories I'll cherish for all time, and look forward to visiting again when my mobility is restored. Thank you, thank you, thank you to all who participated in this revelatory adventure in Divine Love.

# BIG ISLAND, HAWAII DLSF RETREAT 2024 (STEFFANIE BEALE)

The retreat began on February 26, when we landed at Kona Airport, on the Big Island of Hawaii. Joan and Holly had their accommodation in Kona, while Al, Jeanne, Cliff, Darlene and I travelled an hour up the Island to the lush, green, agricultural area of Waimea where we were welcomed at the home of our gracious hostess Danielle Gardling.



Photo supplied by Jeanne Fike

Al, Jeanne, Cliff, Danielle, Darlene and I prayed twice daily. This contributed to an existing portal of light as our prayers were powerfully received. Joan and Holly travelled to Waimea for a few prayer circles. Two young men, Luke and Will, both truth seekers, also joined us in prayer and fellowship. Luke was a friend and colleague of Danielle, and Darlene had met Will on the plane and invited him to join us for prayer. Will attended three prayer circles, two at Danielle's home and one at Al and Jeanne's villa at the Kona Coast Resort.

Doves, Nene Geese, Cardinals, and Saffron Finches were abundant in this glorious area of the Big Island. Their songs woke us each morning and gifted us with Iullabies each night. Waimea is greener than coastal Kona due to its cooler and wetter climate. There was a constant mist at this higher elevation creating rainbows that graced each day of our stay. We would "rainbow watch" during our daily walks, and enjoyed their magnificent beauty.

On March 1, we left Waimea and drove down to Kona. The changes in environment were dramatic because we were travelling to a much warmer and drier area of the Island. Lava fields bordered the highway, and many small black-and-white feral goats feasted on the grasses that grew on the lava rock fields.

The Kona heat, blue, sunny skies with intermittent clouds, and tropical breezes warmed our bodies and encouraged us to enjoy the aqua waters of the ocean and the pools at our resorts.

We continued with our twice-daily prayer circles at Jeanne and Al's villa. The love bonds wove even stronger, and the divinely beautiful messages from our Celestial angels and Stellar friends helped us reach higher for the gift of the Creator's Divine Love to fill our souls.

We gathered each evening in Cliff's villa for dinner and enjoyed the ocean view and the magnificent Hawaiian sunsets from his lanai. Our times together brought much laughter, joy, and peace. The growing awareness of blessings and healing energies that we were constantly receiving filled us all with gratitude.

The days sped by, and March 5 came too soon. After the final prayer circle, hugs and farewells, we all went on our own separate journeys with many happy, soulful memories, and photos to enjoy. We were thankful we could spend this special time together.

Lani Domaloy created a short video for each of the Hawaii / Australia retreats as follows: <u>Big Island, HI, Queensland, Australia, Sydney, Australia.</u>

# SAVE THE DATE: DIVINE LOVE CELEBRATION IN SEPTEMBER 2025 (LORRAINE BORCHERS)

A Prayer Party will be held at Happy Days Farm in Dallas, Oregon, USA, September 12-14, 2025. This will be a wonderful opportunity to gather and celebrate Divine Love in a relaxed rural environment — sharing time in prayer and conversation, enjoying food and fun, seeing old friends and making new ones. Located on five acres a few miles from a small town, the farm is a sacred place of peace and healing, a place to pause for connection and contemplation, and to walk and sit in nature. Please reserve those dates and perhaps add a few days during one of the most beautiful months in this area to travel to the Oregon coast, visit local wineries, farmers' markets and fruit fields, or hike in our northwest parks and mountains. Although the farm cottage has limited sleeping space, there are open areas for tent camping at the property. Details about local lodging and activities will become available closer to the event.



# LIFE AT THE CHILDREN'S SANCTUARY NAMIBIA MOTHER HOUSE (TERRY ADLER)



The CSNS (Children's Sanctuary Namibia Society) Annual General Meeting on April 6<sup>th</sup> was a celebration not only of the achievements of 2023, but also the progress from humble beginnings in 2016 when 4.5 hectares of thorn-tree-covered land was allocated to CSN. Now, on that land, a safe and loving home for 18 orphaned and vulnerable children flourishes. This heartwarming accomplishment is the result of the vision of Helge Mercker, Theresa Matengu, and Chief Ita Kambases. These women envisioned a sanctuary for the many homeless, hungry, and neglected children in their community of Drimiopsis. Their dream became reality through the material donations, individual efforts, and

prayers of people from Drimiopsis, surrounding communities, residents of Namibia, and international supporters, including some of the readers of this newsletter.



The Mother House opened on March 5, 2022, so 2023 was the first full year of the children residing there. Understandably, they were anxious and fearful when they moved in – this was a radical change in their lives. For the first time, they had a place to call home and experienced predictable routines through which every basic need was met: their own bed to sleep in, three daily meals, fresh water to drink and wash in, as well as study and play time.

All the children attend school, from kindergarten to high school, except for Sophia, a six-year-old with Cerebral Palsy who moved in six months ago. Loved by all, she has started to walk and speak, which the staff attribute to the interaction with the other children. They include her in their play, sit beside her, and help her groom, eat, and walk. The staff believe that being surrounded by children is part of her healing and vice versa — the children and staff thrive in the love and joy that Sophia brings to the Mother House.

Daily routines have resulted in each child's markedly improved health. They are taught life skills, such as caring for themselves and others, doing household chores, and tending the gardens. From Grandmother Ita, they learn San cultural practices and values as well as new songs and dances. They celebrate birthdays and holidays. Having fun is very important to life at the Mother House!

A 13-year-old boy who came to the Mother House in March 2022 at age 11 shared how his life has changed: "Before I came here, I had to work. My mother is not working. I don't know where my father is. I went to school on a hungry stomach and to sleep on a hungry stomach. The only way to survive was with homeless kids. Now I am happy. I sleep on my own bed. I am eating three times a day. And I love all the people here. I love also all the people looking after us."

Mother House staff member, Victoria Jebbes, wrote this message specifically for our AGM: "I am the matron and boys' caregiver. Working for CSN is such a blessing, to see the children that came in with so much pain, trauma and fear because of abuse or neglect turned into healed, free beings. It is so overwhelmingly joyous! What an honour to be part of a team that can turn around children's lives and make their dreams reality. I worked for the Soup Kitchen since 2014 and in 2022 started working at the Mother House. I am now living there and taking care of the very children I had been feeding at the Soup Kitchen for the last seven years. Wow! I am grateful for all those who help us with their donations to make this work easy."

We are thankful for the commitment and loving efforts of all eight staff members working at the Mother House: Manager, Ouma/Grandmother, two House Mothers, two relief House Mothers, and two Handymen/Gardeners.

Together with our sister charity CSN, our vision is to expand this project to six satellite homes around the Mother House, housing eight children each, and for the Mother House to become an admin building with a dining hall, kitchen, classrooms, and offices. Each additional home will cost 700,000 NAD, which is about \$51,000 (CAD). Belinda will prepare and submit proposals on behalf of CSN to African agencies and governments supporting such projects.

Shorter-term goals include enlarging the garden with an orchard of fruit trees, shielding it from excessive sun with shade netting, and, as soon as possible, installing a solar-driven water pump capable of providing enough water from the well to nourish the expanded garden. The money for the solar water pump has been raised; the CSN board is awaiting the availability of the installer. CSN also has funds for the installation of a flat-top greenhouse with drip lines to serve the

vegetable gardens. Additional funds for seasonal purchases such as seeds, fertilizer, and gardening equipment need to be raised.

The CSNS board is committed to raising the \$35,000 CAD (\$26,500 USD) required for operating the Mother House, supplying the Soup Kitchen, and providing food for the kindergarten. While we are very grateful for the donations that have enabled this wonderful progress at the Sanctuary, we would like to encourage our financial supporters to consider becoming monthly donors, since predictable donations, whatever the amount, ensure the budgets for the Mother House and food programs. Together, we have accomplished much, and so much more is possible!

For further updates and the President's Report, please visit our website.

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Jordan Kuyvenhoven, the young woman who created the website, attended a November fundraiser for LITA organized by Rickie Avitan. She introduced herself as the owner of <u>PowerHaus VA</u>, and volunteered her services when she noticed that LITA had no online presence. True to her word, she gifted us with a new website!

The site crosslinks to <u>videos</u> that Catherine created over the years – simply click on the YouTube icon on the right-hand side of the home page. (The other icon links to LITA's <u>Facebook page</u>.) The videos tell moving stories of Catherine and LITA's contributions to the lives of needy children and their families.

Let us together carry on Catherine's legacy and continue to make a meaningful impact in the lives of these deserving children. We are making a difference. Thank you for your support!

## **COMMUNITY NEWS**

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- **Eva Peck** has published a small book entitled *Spiritual Realities in a Nutshell*. It covers 35 topics, as the title suggests, "in a nutshell" briefly and including just the basic facts. A PDF version can be downloaded from <a href="Eva's website">Eva's website</a>.

## **DIVINE LOVE RESOURCES**

For details on how to receive a free box of FCDT books for distribution; where to find foreign language translations of the Padgett messages; and a listing and accessing messages of all our contemporary mediums, go to the <u>FCDT website</u>. This webpage also has a comprehensive Resource Guide of Divine Love websites, forums, you-tube and audio ministries, book authors, Facebook groups, and more. Please email Holly directly for information on books for distribution.

To request a flash drive of all the scanned Padgett messages, please contact the <u>Foundation Church of the New Birth</u>. The 64G flash drive contains both autographs (originally written messages), as well as manuscripts in Padgett's handwriting and sometimes in Dr. Stone's handwriting. Donations to help cover costs are welcomed.

# POETRY CORNER (BILL FRASE)

## My Love for You



My love for you is like the air. Take a deep breath and feel my life moving within you!

My love for you is like a bird's song. Let us dance together in the rhythm of joy.

My love for you is like the sun's warmth upon your body. Do not hide from me. Let me kiss your tender soul.

My love for you is like water. Drink from my stream. Delight in my springs. Feel the waves and tickling foam of my vast ocean and rejoice.

My love for you is like the light that shines in all directions from every star throughout the cosmos. Let my lights reveal your path.

My love for you is like a flower that never fades. Savor the fragrance. Take in the beauty. Let me grow your bliss. See and feel the beauty of your precious soul.

My love for you is like the fruit of a tree. Let me satisfy your hunger. Eat your fill. Show others how to find me so I may fill their bellies too.

I long to bless you greatly in all ways. Receive my love. Come home to me where our hearts shall beat as one.

## Praying and Sharing across the Miles

## DLSF / FCDT Circles of Light and Other Opportunities for Prayer, Sharing and Learning

Click <u>here</u> for the DLSF-sponsored Circles of Light information. If you would like to receive weekly information about new and upcoming programs as well as regular online prayer circles, please sign up for the weekly calendar which is sent out on Sunday morning via Mailchimp. For any questions, please contact Jeanne.

Information on other activities, including additional online prayer groups, Divine Love healing or learning, as well as gift or leadership development can be found on the LightBringers Calendar administered by Bill Frase.

## The Lightworkers Circle and BYS Healing Circle

The Lightworkers Circle takes place on the 1st and 3rd Mondays of each month at 4 pm PT / 7 pm ET. It is a 30-minute, service-oriented prayer where participants ask to be used as channels of love and light according to God's Will. This circle complements the BYS (Befriend Your Soul) Healing Circle which is held on the 2nd and 4th Mondays of each

month. On BYS Mondays, participants pray for those attending the circle (group 1), as well as for healing (group 2). On Lightworkers Mondays, participants pray to be used as channels, i.e., God's choice (group 3). All are welcome at the Lightworkers circle – it is not necessary to have a healing gift. There will be separate Zoom links for each circle that will be posted on the WhatsApp prior to each meeting.

## **Other Groups and Circles**

Tim Foley -- daily at 6 pm Pacific Time offline prayer for Divine Love / silent contemplative prayer. <u>Artto Aunap</u> is hosting a group in Estonian.

#### **New Circle**

The Barbados members of the Divine Love Community have recently begun an in-person Prayer Circle of Light every Sunday at 10:00 am AT (6:00 am PT / 9:00 am ET). The Starpoint Circle core members, David, Michael, James and Patricia, are asking for prayers to bless their Prayer Circle with the Father's Love. For any inquiries, please contact James Tudor.

# PADGETT MESSAGE EXCERPT

TGRABJ, Vol. 2, p. 85

Why man must receive this Divine Love in order to be admitted to the Kingdom of Heaven or Celestial Kingdom.

Jesus

In that Kingdom there are no spirits who have not received this Love, so that their natures are of the Divine Essence of the Father. I do not mean that any spirit is perfect in this Divine nature, but that the spirit has so much of this Divine Love in his soul as to make him in unison with the nature of the Father. There are different degrees of perfection, or rather there are different degrees of possession of this Love by the spirits, and their happiness and glory are dependent upon the amount of Love possessed by them. No spirit though, who is an inhabitant of this Kingdom, is without this Divine Love; and no spirit has in its soul any sin or error that may have been a part of it while in the earth life.

All the spirits know that they are immortal, just as the Father is immortal; and this knowledge comes to them only from the possession of this Love which is the Divine Essence that flowed into their souls from the great Divine nature of the Father. Should anything in the soul not be in unison with the Soul of the Father, that spirit could not possibly enter into that Kingdom; and as the soul of such spirit remains in such condition of inharmony, it can never be received into the Celestial Kingdom.

I know that among men, and spirits also, it is thought and asserted that the Father is all merciful and all good, and in His great plan for the salvation of men, and for establishing the harmony of His universe, no man or spirit will be excluded from His Heavenly Kingdom; but in this thought, mortals and spirits both are mistaken; and I am sorry to say that many of them will, when too late, realize this error.

God has certain principles which are fixed and which are necessary for men to know and obey in order for them to become at-one with Him and partake of His Divine nature; and if they fail to obey the requirements of these principles, they will forever be excluded from possessing that in their souls which will make them like the Father, and admit them to His Kingdom.

They, in such condition, or want of the qualifications, even though they were admitted to the Kingdom, would not be happy, for their condition would wholly fail to respond to those things in the Kingdom which give happiness to the true children of the Father; and they, of necessity, would be most unhappy, and heaven would not be a heaven to them. So you see, all spirits, in order to inhabit this Kingdom, must have the prescribed requirements of soul love and soul development.

As I said when on earth, "He that enters into the sheepfold in any other way than through the gate is a thief and a robber," and no thief or robber is fitted for this Kingdom of Divine Love.

Let man know, that no Mercy or Love of the Father will be given him to enable him to enter this Kingdom, unless that man seeks this Love and this Mercy in the way the Father has ordained that they shall be sought for. No special providence will be extended to any man, and if he comes to the marriage feast without his wedding garment, he will be cast out and not be permitted to enjoy the feast. Men may reason to the extent of all their reasoning powers to prove that the Father, being a loving and merciful Father, will not cast them out or keep them from entering this Kingdom, because they are all His children and the objects of His Love and favor, and that one is as dear to Him as the other, and that He is no respecter of persons, and, therefore, will treat all alike; but I tell them that they are mistaken, and if they wait until the Great Day when the sheep shall be separated from the goats, they will realize to their everlasting exclusion from this Kingdom, that what I say is true.

Of course, every spirit ever born is the object of the Father's care, and He makes no distinction between the spirits and mortals that He has created, and wants every one of them to inhabit His Kingdom and partake of those things which He has provided for them, and which are beyond their conception in the greatness of the grandeur and beauty of these things. And He calls to all His creatures to come and partake of these great provisions that He has made for them, and no creature is refused the gift of these things, or heard to ask and not be answered with their bestowal; yet, when that man or spirit who has this great boon, and the way shown by which he can receive these gifts, refuses or neglects to follow that way or to receive these gifts in the way ordained by the Father, then all these Great Gifts are withdrawn from him, and never, after the Great Day of separation, will he have the privilege of receiving them.

And men cannot say that the Father is unjust or unmerciful or unloving because He forever, thereafter, shuts the door to these privileges or the opportunity of receiving them. Men have rejected His Gift and neglected to search His plans for their great happiness, and, consequently, they will have no right to complain, when they, like the foolish virgins, find the door shut against them. So I say, men must realize the necessity of putting on the wedding garments and of filling their lamps with oil, in order to be admitted into the Kingdom.

