

# FLEURIEU EDGE

## A "Yes" Of Love

On August 21, 2016, Carissa posted photos on social media of a devastating flood on Louisiana. The next morning she included a note from someone in the flooded area pleading for help. Five hours after that, she and her husband, Bobby, sent out a call for others to join them on their 1600 kilometre trip to provide help. Less than twenty-four hours later, thirteen people were on their way to serve those whose homes had been severely damaged.

What motivates people to drop everything and drive seventeen hours to move appliances, do demolition work, and provide hope in a place they've never been before? It's Love.

Think about this verse, which she posted along with her call for help: "Commit your way to the Lord; trust in Him and He will do this" (Psalm 37:5). This is especially true when we follow God's call to help. The apostle John said, "If anyone ... sees a brother or sister in need but has no pity on them, how can the love of God be in that person?" (1 John 3:17). It may be a daunting task, but we have God's promise of help when we "do what pleases Him" (1 John 3:22).

When a need arises, we can honor God by being willing to offer a "yes" of love to what we sense He is asking us to do for others. We show God's love when we are willing to help others; we show His strength when we take on the task He gives us to do.

*Dave Branon*

**1 John 3:16-24** <sup>16</sup>*This is how we know what love is: Jesus Christ laid down his life for us. And we ought to lay down our lives for our brothers and sisters. <sup>17</sup>If anyone has material possessions and sees a brother or sister in need but has no pity on them, how can the love of God be in that person? <sup>18</sup>Dear children, let us not love with words or speech but with actions and in truth.*

<sup>19</sup>*This is how we know that we belong to the truth and how we set our hearts at rest in his presence: <sup>20</sup>If our hearts condemn us, we know that God is greater than our hearts, and He knows everything. <sup>21</sup>Dear friends, if our hearts do not condemn us, we have confidence before God <sup>22</sup>and receive from him anything we ask, because we keep his commands and do what pleases Him. <sup>23</sup>And this is his command: to believe in the name of his Son, Jesus Christ, and to love one another as he commanded us. <sup>24</sup>The one who keeps God's commands lives in Him, and He in them. This is how we know that he lives in us. (NIV)*

**"Doing Life Together"**



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