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## True Riches eNewsletter

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"So if you have not been trustworthy in handling worldly wealth, who will trust you with true riches?" Luke 16:11

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### Does Money Make You Happy?

*Excerpted from Yahoo News*

You've heard it a thousand times: Money doesn't buy happiness. Yet in spite of this axiom, people throughout history have tried mightily to accumulate riches. Are we suffering from some sort of collective delusion, or is it possible that money truly does buy happiness?

The evidence offers some surprising lessons:

- Rich nations aren't necessarily happier than poor ones.
- People at all income levels say they need about 40 percent more than they make.
- Feeling successful - not being rich - is most closely related to happiness.
- Capitalism is a vital ingredient in America's gross national happiness.

Let's take the global view first. Compare Mexico and France. In Mexico, most people live above the level of subsistence, but the average purchasing power is only about a third what



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it is in France. And yet Mexicans, in aggregate, are happier than the French. In Mexico in 2002, 63 percent of adults said they were very happy or completely happy. In France, only 35 percent gave one of these responses. [Read the rest of the article....](#)

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## Key Facts on Florida Foundations!

A recent report released by the Rollins College Philanthropy and Non-Profit Leadership Center revealed interesting details about charitable giving by Florida foundations, based on 2006 information:

- 3,874 independent, corporate, community, and operating foundations headquartered in Florida held assets of more than \$19.2 billion and gave away nearly \$1.2 billion.
- The top three fields of interest supported by Florida foundations were education (61%), human services (55%) and religion (38%). CLF allows grants to virtually any qualified tax-exempt U.S. organization or public charity, provided that its mission and activities are not antithetical to the Christian faith, helping donors fulfill their diverse giving priorities.
- There were 421 Florida foundations (11%) with assets ranging from \$5 million to \$50 million. CLF was within this range in 2006 with \$9.6 million in assets. Most (1,360 foundations / 35%) had assets ranging from \$1,000 to \$250,000.
- Only 137 Florida foundations (4%) made grants ranging from \$1 million to \$5 million. CLF granted \$1.7 million in 2006. Most (2,074 foundations / 54%) granted from \$1,000 to \$50,000 in 2006.

To summarize, CLF is among a select number of Florida foundations that ranks near the top in terms of total assets. As testament to our donors' generosity, CLF also makes grants representing an exceptionally high percentage of annual assets. In fact, since our inception in 2004, CLF has distributed an average of over 20 percent of its assets annually. The typical foundation distributes only a small percentage (usually as little as 5%) of its assets annually. In fact, CLF was recently highlighted by the *Chronicle of Philanthropy* ([article link here](#)) as the fastest growing donor advised fund organization in the nation!

Read the full report [READ MORE ...](#)

## Ministry Spotlight: *Meet the Need*

Most of us feel like we could do a little something more to

help those less fortunate. It may be when you clean out your house and find that "treasure" you know some other family could really use. Or it may be volunteering with a ministry working for a cause that is close to your heart.

Wouldn't it be wonderful to give that "treasure" directly to a family you selected or easily locate the ministry who needs your help? But how would you begin to find out who has those specific needs for what you want to provide?

Jim Morgan, Executive Director for Meet the Need, asked those same questions of himself about 6 years ago. He was working as a management consultant specializing in Business Intelligence solutions for Fortune 500 companies and suddenly realized that same type of software could help provide the answers to those questions, not only for him but for millions of others like him. At the same time, Business Intelligence software also could mobilize churches and ministries around the world to do much more to reach out to those less fortunate in their communities!

Most churches and ministries don't have the resources and staff to run day-to-day outreach programs and can't afford state-of-the-art technology to manage it all. So Jim and his team spent the next 5 years designing, building and piloting software that does nearly all of the work for them and are now offering it for FREE! Not only is Meet the Need giving away the software, but in order to provide a complete outreach solution, they also provide a 24-7 Christian-staffed Call Center in collaboration with Somebody Cares Tampa Bay ([www.SCTB.org](http://www.SCTB.org)) that takes calls from families in need.

Currently there are 15 churches who just began beta testing Meet the Need in Tampa Bay!

### **Meet the Need has two missions:**

*First*, help people who want to give but don't know how to find opportunities that match their skills and interests. At its core, Meet the Need is a database of requests from individuals and ministries worldwide. If you have time, talent or "treasure" to give away, you can log in at [www.MeetTheNeed.org](http://www.MeetTheNeed.org) and search for families, churches or ministries who need your belongings or abilities, *locally or anywhere in the world!*

*Secondly*, help churches expand their outreach and impact their community in ways we haven't been able to imagine before now. The goal of changing non-believers' perception of the church as "just a group of people that take care of their own" to a place that truly cares about others is a lofty ambition. But that's the vision. In fact, Meet the Need is content to remain behind the scenes. Jim just wants to help churches and ministries build bridges to earn the right to share the gospel with all the lost and hurting in our neighborhoods and around the world.

So when will Meet the Need be live? Soon. The beta testers are working now to iron out any kinks but funding is still needed. Jim and his wife have personally funded the ministry until now, but going national will require outside funding.

### How can you help?

Visit [www.MeetTheNeed.org](http://www.MeetTheNeed.org), tell your pastor or ministry leaders about the vision and mission of this ministry, pray and consider making a contribution to help them get Meet the Need launched!

## Local Ministry Events

Christian Legacy Foundation is now exclusively using the community calendar of [FaithTampaBay.com](http://FaithTampaBay.com), because of the strategic relationship between the two ministries.

### July 18 - Pinellas Kingdom Advisors Meeting

### Aug 14 - N. Tampa Kingdom Advisors Meeting

### October 23-25 - Generous Giving National Conference - Washington, DC

If your ministry event isn't listed, please go to [www.FaithTampaBay.com](http://www.FaithTampaBay.com) and sign up with them or let us know by emailing Angie at [angie@clfinc.org](mailto:angie@clfinc.org). We'd like to include all our ministry partners' events.

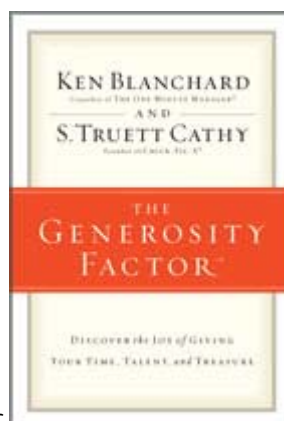
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## Recommended Reading

### The Generosity Factor

by Ken Blanchard & S. Truett Cathy

The Generosity Factor is a brief, yet powerfully thought-provoking parable for everyone who senses that there is more to life than the pursuit of self-gratification and greed. The book's story tells of an encounter between a young, self-made broker and a wise executive - revealing five memorable principles that will help you line up your way of life with the lavish heart of God. Read this book today and discover a wealth that continues to flourish the more you give to others.



Available through most online bookstores.

## A Laugh A Day...

### Ride To Church

A teenager who had just received her learner's permit offered to drive her parents to church. After a hair-raising ride, they finally reached their destination.



The mother got out of the car and said, "Thank you!"

"Anytime," her daughter replied.

As the woman slammed the door, she said, "I wasn't talking to you. I was talking to God."

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