



**FATHER'S TOUCH - Mission Statement:** *Reaching out to our aging population with a simple message of God's love, forgiveness, hope, purpose and belonging – to serve as a reflection of our Heavenly Father - who continuously reaches out toward all mankind.*

**1. Many Christians remain unaware of the desperate loneliness of nursing-home residents.** Nobel Peace Prize winner Mother Teresa believed 'the most terrible poverty' is loneliness and feeling unloved.

**2. The Bible has much to say to us about the importance of honoring our elders.** Christians have an important role serving today's aging population because old age is ...

- a privilege and blessing (Isaiah 65:17)
- a reward (Deut. 30:19)
- a long life and grandchildren are a sign of favor (Psalm 128:5-6).
- Widows are to be provided for by the community of faith (I Tim 5:1-16, Acts 6:1-7)
- Elders are to be treated with the same respect as a father or mother (I Tim. 5:1-2)

**3. We are all on a life journey that will eventually bring us full circle** - back to where we existed before birth - embraced by our loving Heavenly Father. Imagine the joy of experiencing first-hand a fresh and growing relationship daily with the Creator of the universe, your loving heavenly Father.

**4. Quotables that may change your perspective and your life;**

*"The trajectory of our whole life is determined by one thing, the image of God we live our lives by."*

- Doug Sherman, [www.TradingUp.org](http://www.TradingUp.org)

*"Preach the Gospel at all times, and when necessary, use words."* - Francis of Assisi

*"Christianity begins not with a big DO, but rather, with a big DONE."* - Watchmen Nee

*"Only when we are eager to love can we see love and goodness in the world around us ... Integrity is a willingness to hold the dark side of things instead of reacting to them, denying, or projecting our anxiety elsewhere,"* - Richard Rohr

*"You matter...I hope you know you matter...I hope you know you're treasure"* - For King & Country

*"The two most important days in your life are the day you are born and the day you find out why."*

- Mark Twain

**5. The Simple Truth** - Love God, Love Your Neighbor As Yourself (Matt. 5:3-10 & Luke 10:27)

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