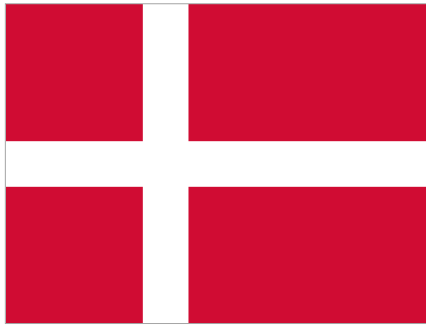


Great Acts of Love



In April 1940, Nazi Germany invaded Denmark. There was little resistance because the Danes felt it would be hopeless. A puppet Danish government got on as best it could. Danish people made the necessary compromises in order to survive.

But then, in 1943, German policy toughened. It was decided to impose on Denmark the same “final solution” policy of exterminating Jews as elsewhere. And suddenly, there was a remarkable transformation.

German officers leaked the plan to the Danish resistance. Escape routes were quickly organized. Complete strangers approached Jewish people in the streets with the keys to their houses so they could hide. Train guards and boat captains joined the plan.

Within a few weeks, all but a few of the 7,000 Jews had been whisked over the Oresund Bridge to safety in Sweden. Some even told how their escape boats were boarded and searched by German patrol vessels, yet the Germans let them through.

For many Danes, it eventually meant the concentration camp and death. But faced with the very human need of the Jews, it seemed that a whole nation and many Germans turned their backs on political compromise and performed true and great acts of love.

What remarkable demonstrations of care and compassion for one another!

And although not played out on a national stage – as were these sacrifices and humanitarian deeds – associates of Life Care, Century Park and Life Care at Home extend the grace, the mercy and the goodwill of Almighty God every day by their actions.

While few people outside of residents, family members and fellow associates will ever know, these “true and great acts of love” are being recorded in God’s books.

And I saw the dead, small and great, standing before God, and books were opened. And another book was opened, which is the Book of Life. And the dead were judged according to their works, by the things which were written in the books (Revelation 20:12).

– Beecher Hunter