

# Rehoboth Jail & Prison Ministry

Changing lives from the inside out!

## Newsletter

May / June 2009

### What we hope to accomplish through a 12-month post-release program .

Christians, especially those who have served longer periods of time, continue to tell me they wish they could be released into a program that would allow them to learn in a structured environment before they have to reenter society on their own.

These men want and need to have some help getting family matters settled, if they even have family who will be willing to give them a chance. Many times, before their families will trust these men, they have to prove themselves to them, and the families do not feel comfortable doing this by just allowing these men to come home right away. Being in a structured, 12-month program with counselors to work between

husbands and wives (or other family members) will make reconciliation possible.

Some men were master electricians or master plumbers, etc., but during their incarceration the codes have changed drastically, and these men need help to get a job from which they can receive a sound salary in their trade. A proper program could provide help in this area. Having companies and businesses willing to give an ex-offender a job is another benefit. Voluntary submission to 24/7 supervision would demonstrate these men's character and help them overcome the stigma of having been in prison.

The first phase of our vision is to locate a house to ac-

commodate 10 men. As the Lord proves this program and the fruit of His Holy Spirit becomes evident in the lives of these men, we will move into phase two. The best way to find out more about all the benefits of a 12-month program is to schedule a seminar or request the brochures for Restoration House.



### Another man confesses a great need of a program for men incarcerated for a long time.

28 February 2008

To Whom It May Concern:

As an inmate in the Virginia Department of Corrections, I see a need for post-release housing with a Christian values-based approach.

Many of us, due to our crimes, estranged family

relationships, or no family or friends, will have nowhere to go upon our release from prison. There are not enough organizations or houses to go to in Virginia. This is a set-up for failure and possible recidivism. Those of us who have attempted to live a life in Christ while in prison do not have options upon our re-

lease to continue our walk with Christ as we try to reintegrate into society.

I whole-heartedly support an effort to initiate and construct a Christian-based Restoration House. It is sorely needed and needs financial, spiritual, and physical support. God bless you all and good luck.

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Thank God for Tim our Chairman, left, and Lisa our Secretary/ Treasurer shown here.

Fred and Jim are volunteers from Prison Fellowship joining the celebration of Day of Jubilee.



**Jan. 5, 2002 Oh Lord let me start two new habits. Number one to spend more time in effectual, fervent, prayer for the year 2002 and all the years to come. Number two, I pray to spend a time of solitude with God every day, not speaking to Him or reading the Word, but to hear His will for me for each day and allow God to direct all my steps, all my words, all my deeds, and even my every thought.**

**This prayer answered.**



Two reasons I got into prison ministry: Keane & Ann Pugh, and the love they showed me while I was incarcerated.

## Inmates' Corner

In the past I have enjoyed inserting poems, testimonies, and stories from the men I minister to in the jails and prisons in my newsletters. These contributions have stopped coming other than the testimonies I have been sharing in the last several newsletters from the men who wanted to express the importance of having a structured program like Restoration House to parole to. I would like to take this opportunity to invite those who read and enjoy this newsletter to send in their articles in for future publications. I do not use names even

when I have permission to do so, it is a ministry guideline at this time. I especially like men to send testimonies of how they came to the Lord or how the Lord is working in their lives. So, if you have something to share - if you can type it up it is best, if not I can get someone to type it so I can scan it onto my computer.

### Spanish Translating:

I am also looking for someone who can read and write Spanish and English well enough to translate the English Bible studies and news-

letters into Spanish when we begin getting more men coming to the Bible studies who only read Spanish. At one time we had several men at Dillwyn and Buckingham who could not read English and one of the Spanish brothers at DCC would translate as I taught, but they could not read the copies of the Bible studies. Artis (my editor) took on the extra responsibility of translating the newsletter and the Bible studies for just a few men. If someone would like to take this responsibility we could have all the ministry information in Spanish.

## Don't forget Mother on May 10th

In most prisons, the Chaplain has cards available to send for Christmas, Easter, and even Mother's Day. So be sure to get one and send a card to show your love to your mother, if you are still blessed to have your mother with you. If you happen to be one of the men whose mother is not close for reasons that need not be mentioned in this article, pray that God can and will restore you to a right relation-

ship with her and other members of your family. I know that I brought much hurt and embarrassment to my family through my sinful life and incarceration, but thank God they never forsook me. I pray if you are one of the saved and sanctified who are reading this newsletter that you will use your newfound righteous life to exalt Jesus to all of your family who are still lost. Seek their forgiveness for

the hurt you caused them. Even if your crime was not directed toward them, your being incarcerated has caused them pain and embarrassment. Instead of letters complaining about everything and phone calls begging for money, praise the Lord in all things and let them see your salvation through your joy, even in the situation you are in. Then they might really believe God has changed you.

## Let's not forget good old Dad on June 21<sup>st</sup>

The same things go for good old Dad as far as a card is concerned or a letter praising God.

I remember a man who came to know Jesus as his Savior. I mentioned witnessing to families at one of the Bible studies - so he did. He constantly wrote letters and called home, praising the Lord. It made his mother and father angry, and they stopped writing

and receiving his calls. This man got so mad at me for suggesting this idea he stopped coming to the Bible studies. I asked about him and the men said he was still at the prison, but I had no idea why he had stopped coming to the services. Later on, he came to one of the services and asked if he could give a testimony. Since he had been away so long I was a little concerned, but I agreed. He told the

story I just shared, and then he told "the rest of the story." His mother and father came to visit him and shared that they had started to attend a local church. Because of his testimony and the conviction of the Holy Spirit, they both have accepted Jesus as Lord of their life.

**Do you want to know more about Rehoboth Jail & Prison Ministry?**

In order to make churches and individuals more aware of what this ministry does and what it wants to do, we have produced a number of brochures that explain the individual outreaches. I also continue to share such information in these bi-monthly newsletters. If you want to learn how God lead Ron Baker into the jail and prison ministry read brochures #0871 & #0872. If going into the prisons is your forte there is the In-Prison Ministry brochure. The ministries more churches seem to be comfortable doing are the Family Ministry, Aftercare,

Mentoring, Pen Pal, Youth Ministry (especially to troubles youth), and Support Groups for people who have a family member incarcerated. We have the Outreach brochure that explains a little about each outreach. There is a separate brochure to explain about what we hope to do through the opening of a Restoration House program, and a Fund-raising brochure to help get some support for the program. Last, but not least, we have a Outreach Seminar brochure that explains how to get a seminar scheduled for your church and what it

consists of. I am more than willing to give a seminar that will explain in more detail each aspect of the ministry including time for questions to be asked and even help a church set up their own prison ministry. I am also able explain the various things one needs to be aware of when dealing with inmates and the staff working in the criminal justice system. Feel free to contact us for any of these brochures. We are reaching out to get churches to partner in these outreaches as we live in these **last days**.



Thank you Artis for your financial support and editing for this ministry.

**State Funding Cut for Aftercare Ministries!**

Recently, I have seen some already established halfway houses undergoing severe budget cuts from the state, which had been providing a daily amount per resident to those programs. I remember how well some programs were doing before they started taking state funds because the spiritual aspect of that ministry took a number one priority in the pro-

gram. After receiving state funds, the program could no longer have a mandatory Christian program in place. Even though these houses seemed to prosper at first because of the extra funding, I wonder how the lives of the men were affected after the Christian programs were no longer a mandatory part of their rehabilitation. I know when we move God's

Word from a number one priority we always suffer morally. This is why Rehoboth Jail & Prison Ministry is seeking support from Christian contributors who will stand behind Restoration House even in hard times because these supporters know souls are being changed by putting God first in every way.

**Jan.18, 2002** What is it in your heart that the Lord requires in order for you to come closer to Him? Whatever it is, give it unto Him and He will draw you closer to Him as you submit everything to Him.

**Bible Studies at Dillwyn and Buckingham**

I have been teaching for some time now at both prisons on "What Jesus Says About Salvation," with a few breaks during Christmas to review the birth of our Lord and Savior, Jesus. In this extensive study, we are seeing in detail the difference between one who says he is saved and one God has truly saved. It is easy for a preacher to say that some-

one is saved just because he spoke the right words. It is, also, easy for a preacher to discourage someone by saying he needs to stop something in order to be saved. However, when Jesus healed a man in Matt. 9:2: "And, behold, they brought to him a man sick of the palsy, lying on a bed: and Jesus seeing their faith said unto the sick of the

palsy, Son, be of good cheer; thy sins be forgiven thee," the people said he had no right to forgive sin. Jesus healed the man so proof could actually be seen that something had indeed happened. While we cannot say if someone will go to Hell or not because we do not know the end result of a life, we know there are going to be changes in the walk of a saved child of God.



Tim our Chairman is active in many aspects of the ministry.

# MAY 2009

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3	4	5 CBS	6 DCC/ PF	7	8	9
10 DCC/ RJPM Mother's Day	11 BCC/ RJPM	12 CBS	13 DCC/ RJPM	14	15 Food Bank	16
17	18	19 CBS	20 DCC/ PF	21	22	23
24/31	25 BCC/ RJPM	26 CBS	27 DCC/ RJPM	28	29	30 Memorial Day

Pray for the love of God to be manifested through this ministry even in the most difficult situations.

To make Jesus real to the men and women to whom this ministry ministers in the way we live as well as the way we talk.

For us to continue to preach the truth no matter how much persecution comes because this ministry will not compromise.

For churches to also not compromise the truth for numbers. Let God be magnified and only the truth be taught.

As we get closer to the rapture, pray for and be a witness to the lost souls around us. Watch and pray.

Be sure to pray to be ready when Jesus comes for His church; not about getting ready – be ever ready.

Pray for your worst enemy's salvation, for once you were like them.

The initials BCC stands for Buckingham Correctional Center; all services held between 6:30 and 7:45 PM

DCC stands for Dillwyn Corrections Center; all services held between 6:00 and 7:30 PM

RJPM stands for; Rehoboth Jail & Prison Ministry;

PF stands for Prison Fellowship

CBS stands for Community Bible Study; 2:00 to 3:30PM . Held by Chaplain Ron Baker RJPM

Sunday service and 5th Monday is a Worship the other services are generally a Bible study

Food Bank– pass out food to needy in Schuyler where Ron lives between 5:00 PM & 7:00 PM

### Mission Statement

To establish and strengthen the Christian life of inmates and their families by providing opportunities for worship, instruction, nurturing of children, fellowship, service, mutual aid, brotherly counsel, and to establish and strengthen the Christian life of evangelism.

To bring the Gospel to the unsaved and to lead them to faith in Christ followed by membership in the body of Christ

### Offerings & Donations

are tax deductible since Rehoboth is a non-profit organization. They can be sent to the address below and will be used to further of the Jail & Prison Ministry.

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