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# Rehoboth Jail & Prison Ministry Newsletter

*Changing lives from the inside out!*

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## What about Christmas?

That's what I said, what about Christmas? What I mean is what are you and your family concerned about as Christmas approaches? As I write this article it is not even the middle of Oct. and the stores are already putting out Christmas displays, no not a nativity seen or anything having to do with the true meaning of Christmas. The displays concern the thought of giving gifts and spending money to make someone you love happy through gifts. I believe that if families spend more time together interacting in spiritual matters they would be much happier all year long rather than over spending with money they really do not have to make up for the 11 months they have ignored their loved one through making money in

order to provide wants instead of needs for their family. I praise God when we have extra money to give gifts to loved one, but are we giving these gifts out of love or a feeling of guilt because we are not spending quality or quaint time with our loved ones. How long are you going to be in debt for the gifts and how much are you putting yourself under the power of the one you feel you owe. Rom. 13:8 Owe no man any thing, but to love one another: for he that loveth another hath fulfilled the law. When we put great amounts of debt are credit cards we are slaved to the one who lends. Pro. 22:7 The rich ruleth over the poor, and the borrower [is] servant to the lender .

Instead of buying the love of



Present Board members and Artis the Editor at a by-monthly meeting

others let seek the will of God to minister to their spiritual needs giving God the glory of the coming of Jesus the true reason for the season. Be sure to mention Jesus throughout this time of the year not being ashamed that if it were not for Him we would be destine for Hell because of sin. When someone greets you with a happy holiday let's exalt Jesus in word and acts being joyful because of His love.



Albert, his son David and wife Velida, David and his wife came for the first time last year and said they were blessed.

## Inmates continue to give conformation of the need of a Restoration House program.

To Whom It May Concern:

God's children need your help! There is a real need for the support in and efforts in establishing a restoration house. There are brothers in Christ incarcerated and are going to be released that have nowhere to go and no means of support. Most of us have needed a hand up in our walk

with the Lord.

We are not asking for a hand-out. Please ask your brothers and sisters for aid in showing our love and support. Thank you and may God bless you.

To Whom It May Concern:

For those of us who have nowhere to go when we leave

prison, a restoration home would be a blessing from God.

Some people in here who have been down for a long time, family die off, and we are left with nowhere to go. And for others, family and friends abandon them.

This would be a great act of kindness and probably would help many.



Ingeborg and James enjoy the time of testimonies, she came from FL for this celebration.



Two board members Tim & Lisa listen to testimonies.



Fred and Jim members of prison Fellowship enjoy the Day of Jubilee testimonies.



Keane & Ann who ministered to Ron while he was incarcerated and have been a great encouragement to Ron and the ministry.

## More about the of Day of Jubilee

The idea of the Day of Jubilee was originally set up as a reunion of volunteers and the men who had been released from prison who had been blessed through the Lord through prison ministry. This has not changed however something some of the people who attend this celebration do not realize the meal is secondary to the actual praising of God for all He is doing and will do in various prison ministries and

the men and women who are sharing God's Word. The idea at first was to allow ex-inmates to share what God was doing in their lives since they had been released from prison, however we saw how God was also greatly working in the lives and others who had not been incarcerated and that their testimonies were just as valuable as the men who had been incarcerated. One year we had testimonies before the meal and

saved around half of the testimonies for after the meal but things worked out that many who waited until after either left before they had a chance to speak or other had to leave and they missed these testimonies. I have had many suggestion as to how the celebration should be done, and I will pray for God's direction to try to satisfy Him as to this effort being pleasing in His sight.

## Look at the sign of the times.

Are you reading the Word daily and if you are, are you seeing the sign of the return of Jesus to call His church away? I preach around 10 times a month between prisons and my local church and I must say I see very few people who are being made aware of the closeness of the end of days. It is time for people to realize that Jesus could come at any minute

and His children will be prepared for this, because He will see to it they are aware of the details of His coming as they obediently read and study His Holy Word. I also warn the men in prison about continuing to serve the Lord even when the men and women who are attending church on the street seem to be less aware of the coming of the Lord than the

men and women in prison. Perhaps it is because they spend so much of their time seeking the things of the world they ignore the spiritual warnings that would see to it they are prepared for Jesus. I pray you are not one who is seeking only the physical pleasures and not the eternal spiritual blessings.

## God's warning's need to be heeded.

What do you do when you feel you are not ready to be released from prison. Lately I have spoken to several men who were approaching the time they were going to be released, not on parole but under the new law which meant they had served their time and would be released. They mentioned to me they were feeling like they were

not ready to go home or that they were having dreams of doing things that would either bring them back to prison or that were ungodly and would hurt their Christian walk. As I thought these things over and asked God what should they do it seems he wanted them the trust in His promises and not allow the evil one to get his

foot into their lives. They needed to be praying to be separated from those things. Since God was using these bad dreams to allow them to know what their subconscious mind was contemplating. We need to see these types of things as a warning of what could happen if left alone, but not let the dreams dictating what

## Continue: God's warning's need to be heeded.

Is going to happen as if there is nothing that can be done. Satan will use the same dream to tempt and entice us that God is using to warn us. If not put under the power of God these thoughts will become deeds that will lead to disobedience and a breaking of fellowship with God. When I dream about going back to prison I know it is coming from the evil one who is trying to keep me from preaching and teaching the truth of

God's word in the jails and prisons. But the dream is also being used by God to allow me to remember how much I hated prison and being outside a strong fellowship with God while practicing sin which took me to prison. So instead of dwelling on the negative part of the dream I focus on the warning that sin lieth at the door. (As it did with Cain) How I handle the warning will determine the outcome of my walk. No matter how

strong I seem to be in my walk we must remember, 1 Cor.10:12 Wherefore let him that thinketh he standeth take heed lest he fall. No matter where we are in our walk with the Lord we are only one step away from going back into sin, without the warning and leading of the Holy Spirit. Be sure to not only speak to God be sure you listen for that still small voice.



My niece Kin and her boy friend and my great nephew enjoy fellowship and a meal.

**Jan. 12, 2002**

It is my desire oh Lord to remain until your second coming that I might serve you as long as possible. But my God if it is death I fear, and if I have not the faith to trust you through the valley of the shadow of death, forgive me oh Lord and restore a right spirit in me, to fully trust is your every decision.

## The Day of Jubilee Celebration 2008; 21 years of praise.

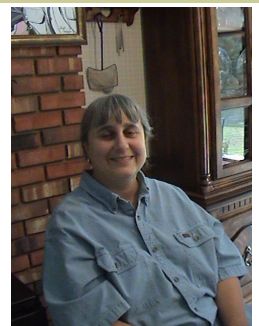
The Day of Jubilee was set to be on Sept. 27th this year but for the first time in 20 years the day was cloudy with rain on and off during the day. I met with the Chairman and Secretary/ treasurer and we decided to postpone the celebration until the following Saturday. Everyone was notified of the change and only one couple did not get the message and showed up on the original Day of Jubilee. We had a time of fellowship and enjoyed the time together, however they were not able to come to the celebration the following Saturday. Two men who had benefited from the ministry in the past while they were incarcerated who were planning on attending the 27th were also unable to attend on the Oct 5th. One couple who would not have been able to attend on the 27th was able to attend on

the 5th. So I see God working things out for those who wanted to come to be here and we enjoyed a most beautiful day. The rain on and off the week before would have certainly made a meal outside very uncomfortable. We had 35 people who attended and several were there for the first time. One lady came all the way from FL just to attend this celebration on the 27th and stayed a week in Northern VA just so she could attend the date when changed the date to. In this newsletter I am sharing some of the pictures of that time of praise to the Lord. We had many testimonies and two new men who had benefited from prison ministry were present. Even with the rain the Lord showed His approval of this celebration as He worked things out for His will and blessed us with one of the

most beautiful days the following week we have had so far in the past 21 celebrations counting this one. We prayed for Restoration House and the future of this ministry and for many souls to be saved this this and other ministries in the jails and prisons. Please continue to pray for Restoration House.



Brother Steve who enjoyed the celebration for the first time with Kean and Ann



Artis Mules the editor of this newsletter and editor of the constitution and other important ministry documents.

The thoughts in various sections of these newsletter are from Ron's thoughts in the past.



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Prayer for men who are falling under a new civil commitment process. That after a man has served his entire sentence as prescribed by the judge; a board of psychologist evaluate the inmate and can commit him or her as a sexual predator and incarcerate them indefinitely.

Pray for our government not to accept laws preventing a minister of God from preaching against sin that is becoming more acceptable; when only a few years ago sin like homosexuality was considered to be abominable.

Pray for God's mercy upon the USA and that we as a nation will come back to a right relationship with God.

Pray for the church in general to stop tickling ears, preach sin as being extremely sinful, make their congregation accountable to the church as well as God, and to refuse to compromise the truth of God's Word.

Pray for the gospel to continue to be allowed into the jails and prisons as society tries to shut out God's truth in any place they can, such as schools and our government.

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; held 2:00 to 3:30PM Held by Chaplain Ron Baker in home community 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 I live between 5 PM & 7PM

### 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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### 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

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