

# Rehoboth Jail & Prison Newsletter

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Changing Lives from the Inside Out

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## Ministry Outreaches Available

In - Prison Ministry

After Care

Support Groups

Pen Pal (letter writing)

Mentoring

Family Ministry Youth

Ministry Restoration House

Ministry training seminars available for local churches.

## 2010 Day of Jubilee Celebration this September 25th

Here are a few pictures of



the beautiful day we had last year (even though we had to postpone the celebration one week because of rain). We do have a backup this year of a place inside in case of bad weather. It will still be important for anyone who has any



doubt about the weather to

call no later than the day of the celebration. Since we know people sometimes fix the food the night before we will try to make the decision as soon as possible. If the weather permits, we will have the celebration at Ron's; however, if the weather does



not permit we will try it at Tim Miller's where he has a building large enough for the number of people who usually attend the celebration. Of course, people will need directions to Tim's house; that is the reason to call, so no one will show up at Ron's and not find anyone there. It



is always our wish for anyone interested in prison outreach to come and learn more about prison ministry, for those who support us both financially and prayerfully, and of brothers and sisters who have been released from prison to come and bless us with their presence. You are invited to come and enjoy. Contact information:



## Do you have software skills or computer skills that might be helpful to this ministry?

From time to time Rehoboth Jail & Prison Ministry could use some technical assistance with the computers, copiers, and printers, as well as the software used for various programs we use. I have a friend who will make himself available to help in such situations, but he is a very busy person and it would be great to have alternates to help if he is out of town or occupied with his busy schedule. If you have such skills as understanding better use of certain software or any technical knowledge for when Ron runs into difficulties and if you would be willing to be a stand by to assist, I am sure it would be a great help. We request volunteers often in these newsletters; one reason is we want to keep down costs to use our finances wisely, and another reason is it will give the volunteers a firsthand view of how much work this ministry is doing for the Lord.

## Would you like to be a contact person for your congregation?

The last time I put out this request I got a couple of responses from members of congregations who get the newsletter. They agreed to be sure to place the newsletter in a common place for the congregation and to keep the people aware of this ministry's outreaches. I would still like to have some more volunteers to be contact persons between this ministry and the churches. Too often someone finally gets in touch with me about a loved one who is incarcerated, and they tell me they did not know anything about our outreaches. Instead, someone heard their need and told them about us and they finally contacted us. I cannot help but think that if we had contact people in all of the interested churches to keep the congregation abreast of goings on in the ministry and reminding new members of our work, we could help more people.

Are you one who might say things could not get any worse?

Please pray for the men and women being released to have a good home church to be involved in where they are received as children of God and not convicts.

These are a few pictures I was able to obtain from a missionary friend of mine in Haiti. I have been waiting to get some more pictures that actually show the deplorable living conditions of the jails in some countries. When I mentioned these conditions at one prison, one of the men told me he was from the Dominican Republic and he confirmed the conditions there were much like Haiti.



I mentioned the fact if someone got locked up and sentenced he or she wore what they had on throughout their entire sentence unless some family



member or friend brought them clothes. These pictures do not truly give a real concept of the actual conditions; like many such places, the administration does not want the public to know how bad conditions really are. I am told that food is another thing that must be brought into the prisons if the inmates are to get a proper diet. I am sure the jail has to feed them something, but how often and how much or what would surely

be much outside the realm of what one would think of as being sustaining.

The reason I bring this to your attention, is that without our concern for those incarcerated, our prisons could also become just as deplorable. Another reason is for inmates who have a habit of murmuring and complaining all the time to see how truly well they have it, even being incarcerated, God has not abandoned them. Pray for those jails and prisons not as blessed as some others.



On Jan. 29, 2002 This thought came to me.

Oh, the joy I feel in Your presences, thank you Lord for your forgiving mercies for a sinner like me.

We are approaching the end of 2010: have you had an more intimate walk with God this year?

If you made a decision to walk a closer walk with God and receive a more intimate life in Christ during this past year let this ministry know how you did. Did you accomplish your goal, and if so, how? If not why not? Either way we will not use your name; however, we would like to know if anyone who is reading

this newsletter might be able to identify with your story. My goal each year is to study more and apply more of what I am learning to my own walk. No one has arrived to the point they can sit back and be satisfied with where they are in the Lord. If you are just attending church and perhaps a Wednesday evening ser-

vice from time to time, and you think that is all that is needed from you, I feel you are missing out on the blessing of having God know you, as well as your knowing about Him. I continue to pray for and mention the need to be more intimate with the Godhead; the Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

Things are changing and not for the better in the prison system.

In the past, a man would go to jail and either await trial or be on bond awaiting trial. Then after the trial, if this person got time, they would be sent to prison if the time they had to serve was over a year. If the prisons were pretty full this could be longer than if there were empty beds. Once you got to prison you would serve your time with good time and a chance of parole. Certainly unless a man had

to go back to court he would not go back to a jail. Not so any more. Now with men doing 85% of their time and not being paroled, those men who have little time left are actually being sent back to a jail to complete their sentence in order for men who have been sentenced to a longer period of time to have room in the prisons. Does this save the tax payers money? NO! The state has to pay the counties

for the bed space, and the men who were getting ready to go home now have to reenter overcrowded jails, and in general, they do not have the ability to get programs or even the physical movement in the jail that they were used to in the prison environment. In my opinion this should be considered cruel and unusual punishment. Something that used to be considered illegal.

## More about Haiti and the disasters it is undergoing.

Pray for all of the wonderful volunteers who go into the prisons, those who help those going into the prisons, and those who work behind the scenes for such ministries.

On Jan. 28, 2002 This thought came to me.

Blessed are those who will submit and humble themselves to the mighty God Jehovah.

We are in prayer for the many brothers and sisters in Haiti. I have shared a couple of times how much worse off the inmates in countries like Haiti are than in the US. The people of Haiti have not even gotten over the last year's several hurricanes, one right after the other, and still have much debris and damage that needs to be repaired; now this earthquake. I got a report from James Arbaugh, who works at Hospital Albert Switzer in Deschappelles, about 20 miles from Port-au-Prince, whose father, Joe Arbaugh, is a member of the ministry board. He said he was unharmed physically and there was no major damage to the buildings in the town where he lives; however, the lack of food, water, and medical supplies in the country will affect everyone eventually. The fact that the airport had to limit incoming aircraft, some with volunteers, was a hindrance to getting in help at first.

Pat Roberson was said to have made a statement, which is being criticized by some people, much like statements in the past, about God causing disasters to warn people about and to punish sin. The statement about Haiti was that they made a covenant with the devil in order to get the French out of Haiti years in the past and that this could be punishment from God. Why is it that no one wants to allow God to be God? The Bible is very clear that

God punishes the unrighteous; the country of Haiti is, of a greater percentage, into voodoo, and it has been the number one religion in Haiti many years. Do we as Christians want to redefine God as a God of only mercy on those who would defile a country with such worship? How are the people living in sin ever going to understand that these warnings to repent are from God, and repent before it is too late, if the true reason for these events are not preached? Satan is using the ungodly media to suppress these warnings by joking about whether such warnings are from God. Why is it, when a Christian leader exclaims that 9/11 was a warning from God against the ungodly practices of the USA, he is ridiculed? Or, if he says that a deal with the devil might actually be real, and that such a deal from a country might actually be a reason for God to cause calamity and destruction to the generations following in the same path (which is voodoo) that he is considered a radical? Why is it that instead of true Christian leaders being allowed to discern God's purpose of these warnings to others; that society will let people who live ungodly lives say that someone who says such things is an uncaring and ignorant nut job? I am tired of so-called Christians turning a deaf ear to anything that draws a little controversy from people who are on their way to

Hell and want company. I agree that when nations for any reason are willing to live contrary to God's will, either in putting their comforts and finances above a good, Godly, moral life, or making a pact with the devil to deliver them from a temporary situation such as occupation by another country there will be consequences!

The Bible gives many examples of even God's people in being greatly punished for their disobedience; and the destruction of such great cities as Sodom and Gomorrah and Nineveh.

**Gen. 18: 20** "And the LORD said, Because the cry of Sodom and Gomorrah is great, and because their sin is very grievous; 21 I will go down now, and see whether they have done altogether according to the cry of it, which is come unto me; and if not, I will know."

**Nahum 3:7** "And it shall come to pass, [that] all they that look upon thee shall flee from thee, and say, Nineveh is laid waste: who will bemoan her? whence shall I seek comforters for thee?"

God is a jealous God, not just a God of mercy; if your God does not have all of the Biblical attributes of the God of the Bible then you are not serving the God of the Bible.

## Have you got a farm that you cannot run alone or that is not paying for the taxes on that property?

Rehoboth Jail & prison Ministry is still wanting to get a place for inmates who have been incarcerated to parole to. As mentioned many times in these newsletters, it would be totally spiritual and men would have jobs and eventually the program would hopefully be self supporting. If we could lease a farm and raise cattle, hogs, chickens, and other

livestock there are so many ways we could pay for the lease on the property. If a farmer already had animals on a large farm, but could not afford to pay help and was not able to run the farm alone, having a Restoration House Program could be just



Joe & Ron look for a Restoration House

what God desires to help both parties. In a year we could prove this to either be a prosperous program spiritually or a failure. In two years we could be ready to start a new program in another location. How would you like to be in on the ground work for this program?



# SEPTEMBER 2010

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12 DCC/ RJPM	13 BCC/ RJPM	14 CBS	15` DCC/ PF	16	17 Food Bank	18
19	20	21 CBS	22 DCC/ RJPM	23	24	25 Day of Jubilee
26	27 BCC/ RJPM	28 CBS	29 DCC/ PF	30		

- What was the name of the city Joshua destroyed as the Hebrews entered Canaan?
- Which of the books in the Bible does not have the word God in it?
- Who was the father of Saul, the first king of Israel?
- What is the primary river in Egypt?
- What is another name for an Israelite?
- What was Jesus' favorite tactic when He was asked questions to trick Him?
- It was said this Jesus is a priest in this order. What order was this?
- What was the hill called where Jesus hung on the cross?
- What did the name of the answer above mean?
- Who was the wife of Felix and the daughter of Herod Agripa?
- Psalms 17,86 & 142 were written by who?
- Who was Rome's first emperor before the Birth of Christ?
- Who unjustly held Paul in prison for two years?
- What is the most quoted Psalm in the New Testament?

Here are the answers of the last newsletters questions.

1. Hades Matt. 16:18 (Strong's 86)
2. Absalom 2 Sam 13:22
3. Apostle 652 apostolos {ap-os'-tol-os}
4. Abigail Sam. 28:3
6. Ahab 1 King 16:30
7. Eli 1Sam. 3:1

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

DCC stands for Dillwyn Corrections Center all services heal 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 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 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.

# OCTOBER 2010

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