



# Rehoboth Jail & Prison Ministry Newsletter

## Changing lives from the inside out!

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## What can you do differently for Christ this Christmas?

Have you every thought about doing an Angle Tree project either through the Salvation Army or through Prison Fellowship? It is not hard to do, instead of just making Christmas about your own family, perhaps a less fortunate family could be blessed by your giving. How about instead of indulging in watching football all day and then overindulging in a meal, volunteering to bring some food to a local soup kitchen and helping feed people less fortunate than your family. This could be a wonderful lesson for adults and children alike. To see the faces of those living on the street while you serve the least of God's children, at least in the eyes of some they are considered the least. You could be blessed beyond you wildness imagination, serving in such a way. How about making this a monthly activity, going somewhere to serve the Lord to

someone who could never pay you back. How about going to a nursing home and getting to know some of the patients and then around Christmas you could get a group and visit and pass out gifts that you have carefully chosen because you know the need of the patients after getting to know them.

Many of these elderly people do not have family member visiting very often, perhaps the family lives out of state or these elderly people may have out live their children.

Is there an orphanage you might assist in giving out gifts and helping to provide for the children. Matt. 25:35 For I was an hungred, and ye gave me meat: I was thirsty, and ye gave me drink: I was a stranger, and ye took me in: 36 Naked, and ye clothed me: I was sick, and ye visited me: I was in prison, and ye came unto me. If everyone really though about the gift

God gave mankind through the birth, death, and resurrection of His beloved Son. We just might find a need to serve other through the year and especially during seasons where we celebrate the love of God to mankind.

What can you do differently for Jesus this Christmas?

**Snow is beautiful if you do not have to travel.**



## Jesus is the reason for the season.

A reminder of winter and the beauty it brings.



I remember the first time I heard that statement and was given a pin stating that. It was very profound to me and since then I have heard it and stated it many time. As we see Christmas going the way of all Christian holidays, by this I mean to be celebrates by the world in a very perverted way, it sickens me more each year. To see our Savior left completely out of

the celebration of His birth. This is done even to the point as I have said in years past, that shopping centers do not allow the sales clerks to wish patrons a Merry Christmas. Instead they are forced to wish a Happy Holiday. Then there is all of the fuss about and manger scenes being displayed on public or even government property. Heathens going to the extent as

to sue Christian organizations to keep there reminders of the birth of Jesus out of sight. Then I hear very foolish people say what is wrong with the world today, it did not used to be like that. God used to be allowed in our government, in our schools, in our work place, and now he is told by the majority of society we have no place for you, and then they wonder WHY.

# What about those left behind?



Recent wedding Ron was a part of it was out in the woods in a very small log cabin



Getting things ready for the wedding

A while back I visited a jail I had not been to before. Usually I go into a prison or a jail on days other than the visiting days of family members. As I sat and waited for them to call my name as a ministerial or professional visit for two men, I saw visitor, after visitor enter the small space to sign in. Young and old women with their children, men wanting to see their son, daughter or wife or a friend. Most if them knew the drill, go to the window, sign in and wait for your name to be called for a visit. Some came to leave money on the inmate's books so they might have some of the small comforts allowed through the commissary, or for stamps and paper to write home. They came in and left there money and left. All of this brought back lots of very sad and unpleasant memories.

I knew that many of these visitors were making great sacrifices for their family member or friend they were coming to see. Not only through the rising cost of fuel, but for a 15 to 30 minute visit they might have to spend over a half of a day in a small room with limited space for sitting down. The more visitors who show up the less time most of the men will have for a visit at least in some cases, since all of the visitors will need to get their visits in before the cut off time. I think most jails allow as much time as humanly possible for these visits, but they have so many variables to take into consideration.

Let me share one situation I saw when leaving this jail. An elderly lady had been ask to discontinue her visit wither son, in her mind she had come a very long way and she figured that might be taken into account as to the time she would be allowed to visit. However as

she was conveying these thoughts to the female officer behind the glass after she had come out of the visiting booth, the female officer had to call another officer to deal with this lady so she could continue taking care of the list of people still needing to have their visit. The very large male officer was being very polite and as he tried to explain why she only had the time she had for the visit, lets just says she was not as understanding as she could have been. Needless to say this kind of behavior affects the officers and their attitude toward the rest of the visitors as well as the inmates at least some what. The elderly lady finally left but everyone was affected by both her behavior and the deep sorrow she conveyed for not getting much time with her son.

Now I ask you, who's fault was this? Was it the officers for not allowing her situation, of a long trip to change the procedures that have been put into place for the benefit of the majority? Was it the lady's fault for not being more understanding? Or was it the fault of the inmate who is incarcerated, and if he or she had not broken the law none of this would have happen to his mother? I see no particular one to blame totally, it is just the way thing progress outside the will of God.

Then there are the little children who have to see one of their parents behind bars week after week at the jail, or should I say they speak to a parent through a glass on a phone, with another family speaking to their friend or relative on either side of them. There is no privacy in the conversation, and many time you raise you voice so your visitor hears you only for the others to do the same to speak over your raised voice.

Of course some jails are different and there might be more privacy than some of the older one, but visiting is much the same in general.

I remember when I got visits at the jail or prison. After the visit I was depressed for at least a week. Most of the time I did better without visits, but I had no wife or children wanting to come to see me. My sister and her children came regularly, but I never put my mother's name on my visiting list. I did not want to put her through the shake down process that everyone had to go there in the prison system. Some mothers deal fine with visits, and that is great so I am not trying to say men or women should not have family visit them. I made a choice that suited me, but everyone is not the same.

All and all what I am saying is Rehoboth Jail & Prison Ministry is a ministry who wants to get churches involved in family ministry, to help these families deal with such situations, while drawing the family to Jesus. We try to get church involved in all of the outreaches, since we deal mostly with the inmates in the jails or prisons, we need partners in the church to assist in these outreaches. I am writing 100 inmates most any time during a month, and although they seem to enjoy my letters many of them would love to have a church family as pen pals, perhaps a Sunday school class could take on a pen pal, like Mt. View did, and they are now following up after the inmates release, or Springdale or Waynesboro Mennonite as they provided pen pals and follow up and after care.

**Jesus is soon coming what will he find you doing when he returns?** God bless you all.

## I like that preacher he makes me feel good.

I doubt that statement will ever be said by anyone listening to any of my messages, or at least I hope not. Don't get me wrong I love to hear good words after I give a message; that the message touching someone who heard it. I love hearing that message blessed my heart and God really spoke to me, and I do hear those statements at some church, but not all of the time. I feel the churches need to be stirred up today, many of the churches seem to have become comfortable with the way things are and they want to feel good and not fall under too much conviction of any sin they might be involved in. I remember preaching a couple churches and when I finished no one even shook my hand as I walked toward the back of the church. Since I did not know the people personally the message came from God for the church in general, not specifically for them. However there must have been some heavy conviction in the congregation, which I always see as a "God" thing. Meaning God was lovingly showing them there needed to be some changes and He wanted them to know what they were. He used me as a messenger and for that I was blessed, even though I have not

been invited back. (smile) I have been told I preach a hard message, and I am too hard on the men with the messages I give especially in the prisons. I thank God for the courage and strength to do just that. It would be so much easier to just preach a prosperity, easy believism, message and have everyone love me like so many false preachers on the TV today. These ministers makes people feels good while filling there church with 70 thousand people wanted their ears tickled and willing to pay good money to come every week and hear that they are just fine just the way they are, as they get closer step by step to eternal damnation. I do not want to responsible for such a terrible thing.

**Ezek.33:1-7** 1 "Again the word of the LORD came unto me, saying, 2 Son of man, speak to the children of thy people, and say unto them, When I bring the sword upon a land, if the people of the land take a man of their coasts, and set him for their watchman: 3 If when he seeth the sword come upon the land, he blow the trumpet, and warn the people; 4 Then whosoever heareth the sound of the trumpet, and taketh not warning; if the sword come, and take him away, his blood shall

be upon his own head. 5 He heard the sound of the trumpet, and took not warning; his blood shall be upon him. But he that taketh warning shall deliver his soul. 6 But if the watchman see the sword come, and blow not the trumpet, and the people be not warned; if the sword come, and take [any] person from among them, he is taken away in his iniquity; but his blood will I require at the watchman's hand. 7 So thou, O son of man, I have set thee a watchman unto the house of Israel; therefore thou shalt hear the word at my mouth, and warn them from me."

The preachers today are supposed to be a watchman of today. Through the anointing of the Holy Spirit they are to warn the people of God to be aware of the sign of the times, not that they might give a day or hour of the coming of the Lord, but that all who hear might stay ready for the Lord's return. Certainly it is not the minister's duty to give everyone false hope that they are find living as if Jesus will postpone His coming while people enjoy the comforts of this world.

So I will continue to serve the Lord for the good of His people not to be liked because I make everyone feel soooo good.



Who in the world is that?



John & Gene

## Rehoboth Jail & Prison Ministry Board Members

I would once again like to thanks my board members for their tireless efforts to make this one of the best prison ministries possible. We greatly miss brother Gene Lawson, even though Gene was far away physically he was just a pone call away when I needed someone to speak to about anything either serious or just someone

to listen to me go on and on about all my troubles. (smile) He always had great advice when it was needed, and would just listen when advice was not what the Lord ordained for his to share. I cannot say enough about Lisa, she keep all of the finances accounted for and makes sure everyone know where the money is going. Tim,

continues to be a strong faithful bother and chairman and John, Gary, and Joe are a great blessing. Artis is another one who out does herself , doing the editing to make me seem like I am a lot smarter that I am, as most of you know. (Smile) Thanks to each of you and God bless you and your family's.



Back left to right Gary, Joe, Tim Front left to right Artis Ron, & Lisa.



# NOVEMBER 2011

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1	2 DCC/ PF CBS	3	4	5
6	7	8	9 DCC/ RJPM CBS	10	11	12
13 DCC/ RJPM	14 BCC/ RJPM	15	16 DCC/ PF CBS	17 Food Bank	18	19
20	21	22	23 DCC/ RJPM CBS	24	25	26
27	28 BCC/ RJPM	29	30 DCC/ PF CBS			

# Jack's Trivia

## Jack's Bible Trivia XI:

1. In what land did Job live in?
2. What kind of wood was used to make Noah's Ark ?
3. What is the longest name in the Bible?
4. How many books in the Bible are named for women?
5. What price did Esau sell his birthright to his younger twin brother, Jacob?
6. In then Old testament , who was Jezebels husband?
7. What is the most common name in the Bible, shared by 32 people?
8. What weapons did Goliath carry when he was slain by David?
9. What does the word Amen mean?
10. How many pearly gates are there?

## Answers to Sept/Oct questions.

1. Miriam (Exodus 15)
2. Assur (Genesis 10:11)
3. 20 (Genesis 37:38)
4. Sheppard (I Samuel 16:11-13)
5. Hezakah (Isaiah 38:5)
6. Johnah (Johna 4:8)
7. Saul (I Samuel 13:16)
8. Ur (Genesis 11:27-28, 12:1 and Acts 7:2)
9. Bartimeus (Mark 10 46-52)
10. Ananias ( Acts 5:1-11)

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

DCC stands for Dillwyn Corrections Center; all services are 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; 10:00 to 12:00 AM; Held by Chaplain Ron Baker, RJPM

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

The Food Bank is held every third Thursday in the Schuyler community at a local church; from 5:00 PM to 7:00 PM

### 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

# DECEMBER 2011

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4	5	6	7 DCC/ PF CBS	8	9	10
11 DCC/ RJPM	12 BCC/ RJPM	13	14 DCC/ RJPM CBS	15 Food Bank	16	17
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