

REHOBOTH JAIL & PRISON MINISTRY NEWSLETTER

Changing Lives From the Inside Out

2012 Jan / Feb.

Happy New Year! Open your heart to the Lord for the new year.

The board of Rehoboth Jail & Prison Ministry wants to thank all of the churches and individuals who continue to support this ministry and its outreaches even as the economy seems to continue to spiral downward. We realize it is only by the grace of God we are able to accomplish what we accomplish while still having such a very small budget.

I spoke recently to several ministries which have a budget of 1 1/2 to 2 million dollars a year and I see what they are accomplishing, and I praise God we are able to do what we can and that these other ministries, better financed, are able to do the things we are not able to do yet. One of the ministries I am speaking of is the

Good Samaritan Inn in Richmond and I did not see any waste in their spending when I visited them on May 25th 2011. Their rehabilitation program is everything we want Restoration House to be and much more. Until we get the funds to do a Restoration House Program in a manner which will be a long term blessing and not fail, we will be recommending inmates to the Good Samaritan Inn.

Look around you at those who are not doing as well as you are and reach out to them. God blesses a cheerful giver, not someone who is afraid to give because they do not trust the promises of the Lord to provide their needs. Give to the local



food pantries and to soup kitchens and homeless shelters.

If you do not have funds to share, give of your time. You cannot out give God, whether it be in time or finances. Above is a small food pantry that this ministry is affiliated with as we help pass out food in our local area. Have you ever visited a nursing home and seen the smiles on the residents' faces to have someone show them some attention, and share the love of God? After Jesus comes for the church we will not get to experience this kind of outreach.

What is on your agenda for 2012?

Each year I wonder what kind of promises or resolutions are being made and how many will actually be followed through on. In 2011, I have seen more natural disasters than in the 5 years prior to 2011. I would like to encourage

everyone to truly seek the Lord as if He could come before you finish reading the newsletter. I often wonder if He might come even before I get the next newsletter published. I do these newsletters sometimes up to four

months prior to the time to mail them out. If Jesus has not come before this newsletter is out and you are reading it, PLEASE seek the Lord with your whole heart. Do not get ready; be ready whenever He returns. Deut. 4:29

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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

The Good Samaritan Inn



Tommy Crute and Ron standing outside the Inn while Tommy takes a break from roofing. RJPM recommended Tommy to the program, and we are blessed that he has done so well.



Brother Tim (far right) stands with three residents during a break; to the far left is a staff member.



Two of the residents prepare mailings in one of the computer classrooms; the men do all of the work and maintenance for the Inn.



Below is first stage dorm.



On May 24th Tim Miller, the chairman of Rehoboth Jail & Prison Ministry, and I visited the Good Samaritan Inn in Richmond. We are dedicating these two pages of this issue to the wonderful work they are doing in the rehabilitation of ex-inmates, homeless, those who need spiritual focus, as well as children who need to be founded in the Word before they get to a point of feeling they are hopeless. This is one of the best spiritual programs I have seen thus far in the 24+ years of this ministry. The spiritual aspects of the program are mandatory. At the Commonwealth Christian Academy Bible study is mandatory for the children of all ages as well. Bible teaching and Scripture memorization is mandatory in both the male and female programs. Residents are taught household skills and personal hygiene is mandatory for someone who may have been homeless. They are taught to schedule their days, and use their time wisely.

With all of the great things going on in the program I feel I would also warn anyone applying to read the phase 1 and 2 rules of the program and take them seriously, because the staff does. There is not much give when it comes to obeying the rules, something men coming out of prison should already be aware of. Since many of the men are sent to the program as an alternative to going to prison or remaining in jail, a more stringent disciplined program is necessary. This is definitely not a flop house as some halfway houses seem to be. It is not a place to lay back and get a free ride, and for anyone who thought the House Rules and Spiritual Guidelines for Restoration House were strict, 'You ain't see nothing.'

I believe only those who are truly seek God with their whole heart will succeed in this program, and not the light-hearted.

There are lots of things going on at the Good Samaritan Inn such as the auto repair shop (in some of the pictures) and landscaping. You can see the excellent workout equipment in one picture and the computers for that type of training. The men and women work 5 to 8-hour days and all Christian activities are mandatory. This is one of the points I appreciate about this program the most.

If you happen to question the methods of this program remember it has existed for 24 years and has a budget of 2 million dollars.

I recommended two men to this program and both of them have been accepted; there is however, a large turnover of men who do not make the grade. Most of them have probably been sent to the program as an alternative to jail or prison by the judge, and when they get to the program they are not ready to obey the rules.

I would certainly suggest one take a hard look at the rules and see if you are willing to really dedicate yourself to twelve months of submitting yourself to the Lord and to these authorities before you take that step.

When I was interviewing men for the Crossover Restorative Ministries before it closed I tried to convey to them the importance in obeying the House Rules and Spiritual Guidelines so that not just anyone would apply. If we ever get a Restoration House Program started for Rehoboth Jail & Prison ministry, I will be even more firm on these points so the men coming to the program will know it is not a free ride. Like the Good Samaritan Inn, work will be mandatory as will all Christian programs.

Please pray for all of the Christian programs for inmates and their families, they seem to be suffering a decrease in giving during these hard times.



Here is our welcome in the Good Samaritan Inn on their Open House on May 24th.



The Good Samaritan Inn works on the body as well as the soul of the residents with the modern exercise equipment.



Reading materials are not lacking for the residents' spiritual growth.



The vehicles are worked on by residents and they can buy them when they finish the program.



Some of the notes from daily Bible studies.

Commonwealth Christian Academy



This is yet another outreach of the Good Samaritan Inn. These children were as polite and well mannered as any I have ever met. I even met a man who had gone through the program who explained how intense the program is; but the children work at their own pace. When we visited, some of the children were at a state competition, because of their grades and scores for school. They have sports and the children enjoy competition in the field of sports as well. As you can see in these pictures each student has use of an up-to-date computer and is taught computer skills from the earliest ages. The teachers are available to help each student one on one

when necessary. The students pay what they can afford and there are scholarships available when the kindness of the community is shown through donations. Many of these children only have one parent, some live with a grandparent, but all are given the same love and care, and taught how very much God loves them through the love shown through the teaching staff and other members of the Good Samaritan Inn staff. If you live in the Richmond area or anywhere in VA, I would certainly suggest a tour to learn first hand more about these Godly successful outreaches offered through Good Samaritan Inn. Per-

haps you know someone needing help.



Good Samaritan Inn Women's Program



These are a few pictures of the downstairs of the House for women who need a hand up, not a hand out.



rooms clear and to share household chores so each lady can learn duties they might not be accustomed to doing.



To the upper left is the living room area where the ladies spend some time after their work and Bible study and Scripture memorization for the day and on weekends. Their families can come to visit

ing. For the woman's household residents everything in the program schedule is set and the meals are at the same time daily, the Scripture memorization is done together at the same time daily and the Bible studies are also done every day.



them after a time in the program. To the lower left is the dining area where the ladies have their supper meal together. Upper right is the kitchen, where a two-member team fixes the meals for the family. Everything is done in pairs, the washing of dishes, the clearing of certain parts of the house, and as I said, cooking of the meals. The idea of pairs is to try to match the women who have been in the program longer with the ladies who are new to the program. The ladies are taught responsibilities to keep the house and their

When Tim and I visited the ladies of the Good Samaritan Inn we had a wonderful tour. We were able to meet the ladies pictured above center and were able to ask questions about the program.



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Drew's Trivia Corner

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- Who was it that tempted the woman to eat the fruit of the Garden?
- According to Psalms 119:105, God's word is a _____ to our feet and a _____ for our path .
- In Luke 1:26-31, who told Mary that she was having a baby boy?
- What did Jesus promise the apostles just before the ascension?
- Who was the first man God made a covenant with?
- How many covenants did God make with His people?
- The period from Moses to Christ is called _____?
- When did God promise that He would never destroy the earth again by a flood (water)?
- Hebrew term "Serpent" means _____?
- How is Satan described in 1 Peter 5:8?

Answers to Nov/Dec Jacks Trivia Questions

1: Uz 2: Gopher (Genesis 6:16) 3: Mahershalabashboz 4. 2 Esther & Ruth 5. Pottage of lentils (Genesis 25: 29-34) 6. Ahab, king of Israel. (I Kings 16:18-31) 7. Zechariah 8. A sword and a spear. (I Samuel 17:45) 9. "so be it" or " let it be". 10. 12 (Revelation 21: 12 -21)
We thank both Jack for his questions last year, and Drew who is now taking over the trivia questions, for their contributions to the newsletter.

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 4:30 PM to 6:00 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 local body of Christ.

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