

# Rehoboth Jail & Prison Ministry

## Changing lives from the inside out.

### **July/Aug. 2012**

### What have you learned from your mistakes?

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Ministry training seminars are available for local churches. Many people continue to commit the same sin over and over. Since their consequences are sometimes not severe enough to cause repentance, they fail to see a reason to stop. God always wants man to discontinue sin from the earliest warning. Look at a sin in your own life that took a long time to give up. Why did you continue to practice that sin for such a long time? What caused you to repent? I am convinced that there has been no sin in my life that I was not warned against several times before I received the chastisement of the Lord. This shows me how very much God loves me, even when I am being rebellious. However, I am not exempt from God's punishment through His chastisement. God being a merciful, compassionate, loving God, wants us to heed that still small voice of conviction, coming from the Holy Spirit before God has to release His punishment for rebellion. Punishment mostly comes after warnings that have either been neglected or ignored.

I know if I have habits in my life that are displeasing to God, I can pray to God and receive help to replace that sinful habit with a Godly activity. However, I find some people, walking in the flesh, willing to continue practicing sin even after their first or second warning. Somehow they think they will avoid any consequences. God is also a just, holy, righteous, God and He will not ignore His children's disobedience.



If you are saved live like it; prison is not the worst thing that could happen to you.

**Num. 32:23** But if ye will not do so, behold, ye have sinned against the LORD: and be sure your sin will find you out.

# **Ministry Prayer Requests**

#### Pray for:

At least one more board member.

More churches to offer places for inmates and their families to serve the Lord and make them feel welcome.

Prayer for the health of the board members, several are in very poor health and need much prayer. Pray for Ron's travel, that God will give him traveling mercies and keep his pathways clear from any obstructions that may cause an accident.

Pray for God to open the door for a Restoration House.

Thank God for approval of our tax exempt status!

Thank God for our success in

fully paying our monthly expenses, after a large decrease in giving for 2012.

Thank God for the faithful men and women in prison as well as on the street for their prayers and their giving over the years.

Thank God for the inmates who send me stamps to support the 10 to 160 letters being mailed out every month.





Members of the community listen to testimonies during the 2011 Day of Jubilee celebration.

## Are you ready for the 2012 Day of Jubilee?

As you see there are several pictures of the 2011 Day of Jubilee in this article. They are to remind those of you who have come in the past and those of you have not made it in the past that our 25th annual celebration of this ministry will occur on Sept. 29th. If weather permits, we will have the celebration at my house. If the weather does not permit, we will have it at Tim Miller's shop like we did last year. Even though it was held inside ,we had a great turnout and everything went great. Some aspects even went better than previous years. Please contact us if you

need directions. If the weather is questionable, ALWAYS call Saturday morning for any last minute changes as to where the celebration will be held.

As always, we will provide the meats: hamburger, hot dogs, or perhaps chicken and some drinks and buns. If you want to bring drinks, chips, and side dishes we will have a wonderful meal. We have never had anyone go home hungry. If you are not able to bring anything come and enjoy anyway. We should have between 40 to 60 people.

This is a perfect opportunity for

you to get a firsthand look at some of the success stories of men who were ministered to by various prison ministries and have been released from prison as well as from the life of sin. Men who, through the power of the Holy Spirit, are living a blessed born-again life. If you are supporting the ministry financially, you can see how your resources are being used. If you have not yet made a commitment to support us, this is a chance for you to evaluate us to see if our work is of the Lord or of the flesh.

Come either way and enjoy.

#### Thought from Jan. 31, 2002: Let me spend the length of my days in service to the Lord, let not my heart desire anything that does not glorify you my God, my Father, my Lord, and my Savior.

### Are you willing and able to work for this ministry?

I want to thank God for my ministry board, as they continue to serve the Lord through this ministry. They bring more credibility, and accountability to this ministry. They keep me accountable for all my actions, so this ministry never becomes a dictatorship, or a loss of focus which is the gospel of Jesus. We have attained our individual tax exempt status with our 501 (c) (3) as of Dec. 2011. We want to expand the ministry with a Restoration House Program. We would like to get some people together who would be willing to dedicate as

much time as possible to seeking ongoing support for such a program. The leader would be a board member who could choose people to work with him or her and answer to the rest of the board, seeking funds strictly to start and support a Restoration House Program. This support would have to be ongoing, so the program would not get started only to have to close for lack of funds. I know of a place selling for 1.4 million dollars at the time of this writing, and it is an excellent place for this program. It has a big house and outside buildings

where men could work right on the property, perhaps doing small engine repair. We could have a landscaping business operating from this property. There is enough room in the various buildings to house around twenty men which would be a good number. Not too many to supervise, but enough to help support the ministry. However, we do not have any funds that we could ever make an offer for the property. Come join us if you are up to the challenge.



More people sharing and listening to testimonies at 2011 Day of Jubilee.

## For my active Pen Pals, a joyful thanks.

Thank you for past and present pen pals. I am surprised at the people who say how much they love the Lord and their fellow man, but have no desire to do anything for God and their fellow man (inmates). For those of you who have been pen pals thanks, and if you are no longer involved in the pen pal ministry, would you like to get back to writing? If you are presently an active pen pal, and for any reason your inmate pen pals stop writing let us know and we will get you another pen pal. Two inmates in one correctional facility could not stop thanking me for their pen pals, since they were previously not getting any visits or letters. I did have one lady tell me her pen pal asked for money and of course I told her that was not what the pen pal ministry was all about, and I suggested she not start down that road.

## "Sunday Saint - Monday Ain't" From the Bunk

For many years this title fit me perfectly. Yes, I was serving God on Sunday, but Satan on Monday. I was a Wednesday night prayer warrior, and other nights a hell raiser. I guess you could say that I was a wolf in sheep's clothing. I was among a flock of good Christians, who carried their Bible to church on Sunday, and sang when we all get to heaven. But I would leave and live like the devil here on God's green earth.

Believe me, I know that a person who is a Sunday Saint, Monday Ain't. Their life is built on uncomfortable principles. Yes, this hidden danger was the cause of much stress and strain in my life and those around me, and it grieved God. As it is said in James 1: 8, "he is a double-minded man, unstable in all his ways." Can I get a witness? They are people who seem to have it all together on Sunday, but lose it all on Monday. On Sunday they seem to show a shepherds heart, and even give a servants hand. On the other hand, on Monday, they forget about Sunday, and get selfish and don't have a burden-bearing back. Inwardly they are very miserable, with a blistering heart. Some may even fill some guilt, and shame, but they are not of a repented spirit. Their prayers are just air, blowing bubbles in the wind, never reaching the heavens.

Their name may even be on the church membership roll, but not in the Lamb's book of life. Yes, man may very well have a life to live, but if the life he is living is not spiritually interpreted, he may be full of bread, yet starving to death. It has been said, that we grow like those we live with. But I say we also grow like those we hang around. Remember- "Evil company corrupts good habits." 1 Corinthians 15:33.

A man who is a Sunday Saint and a Monday Ain't will always be a Sunday Saint, Monday Ain't; until he realizes that the word of God is his answer. Jesus Christ is the way to overcome spiritual delinquency. David realized that when he wrote, "How sweet are your words to my taste, sweeter than honey to my mouth! "Your word a lamp to my feet, and a light to my path." Psalm 119: 103, 105.

Listen to me, the word of God is not meant to annihilate you, but to regenerate you. Remember – those who only sample the word of God will never acquire much of a taste for it. Jesus Christ is the way, the truth and the life. Nothing else or no one else can save mankind from himself. So... add to your faith, excellence, by the Power in the Holy Spirit. This can change your tomorrow, while its still today. Believe it or not! You say you want a new revelation, then get rid of the old one. Seek first salvation, be born again, and you will receive a new revelation in a new, and living way.

If we have faith that goes beyond what we know, it will reach who we know. After all that we can do, there still remains the moving question; what can be done with us? We all must be delivered from the endless wear and tear of our nursing grudges and remembering offenses. If not, then take a long look in the mirror. You might be a Sunday Saint, Monday Ain't yourself.

And finally Listen..... No one can know all he ought to know, or be all he ought to be. But by no effort at all can we finally make ourselves completely right or even completely justified. Not only, God can recognize an imperfect person as right; when he puts forth the right effort and attitude.

Amen..... God Bless You! Roger Dunlop



Thought from Feb. 3, 2002: I look at the children and I see an interest in everything that goes on around them. Then I hear God telling me, when they are young, teach them in the way they should go and when they are old they will not depart from it. Blessed be the name of the Lord

#### "What will it profit a man?" Text: Mark 8:36 - 37

"For what will it profit a man if he gains the whole world, and loses "his own" soul? Or what will a man give in exchange for his soul?" (NKJV)

"What will it profit a man?" I may not have the riches of the world at my command, I may not have the many things the world holds in demand, But I've received a promise that no one can take from me.

I'm a child of God, joint heir with Christ, with life eternally. (Romans 8:37) Oh, I like the gold and silver and the things that it can buy, But I'd rather have my riches with Jesus upon high. For the things of earth will vanish, they will rust and fade away, But a thousand years with Jesus, God reckons as a day.

So I cannot take the trouble to strive for wealth and fame, Even if I'm rich and famous, I must answer just the same. So I'd rather tell the story of a Christ who died for me, Souls that are called by Jesus Christ, will be His eternally.

Now the final thought..... Matthew 6: 21 says, "For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also."

The thought is in a question; Where is your there? If your "there" is "here" then you missed it. You may ask - "How do I die to my here and live to there?" Well it's simple.....Matthew 16: 24 "Deny yourself, take up your cross and follow Christ." God Bless! Roger Dunlop



Brother Leroy Johnson joins us for his first Day of Jubilee.

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Questions for July/Aug.

1. Who is the priest in the order of Melchizedek?

- 2. A wise man builds his house on a \_\_\_\_\_ and a foolish
- man builds his house on \_\_\_\_\_
- 3. Which king killed James with a sword?
- 4. We should walk after the \_\_\_\_\_ not after the

5. If we hope for things not seen we need to \_\_\_\_\_\_ for them.6. And now abideth faith, hope, and charity, of these three the

greatest is \_\_\_\_\_. 7. During King \_\_\_\_\_. Birthday celebration John the Bap-

tist's head was presented on a \_\_\_\_\_.

8. \_\_\_\_\_\_ betrayed Jesus for \_\_\_\_\_\_ pieces of silver.
9. Michael and his angles fought a war in heaven against \_\_\_\_\_\_
10. When the soldier pierced Jesus side what came forth?

Answers to May/June questions.

(1.) Isaac, Gen. 25:28 (2.) the Angles of God, Gen. 28:12 (3.) Israel, Gen, 32: 28 (4.) 147 years, Gen. 47:28 (5.) Samson, Judg.13:22-246. (6.) D an, Judg. 13:2; (7.) Delilah shaved his head Judg. 16: 18-20; (8.) Judas Iscariot, 30 pieces of silver, Matt. 27:3; (9.) Water & Blood John 19:34; (10.) Joseph of Aramathea, Matt. 27:57,58

The initials BCC stands for Buckingham Correctional Center; services held between 6:30 & 7:45 PM. DCC stands for Dillwyn Correctional 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 the 5th Monday are worship services; the other services are generally Bible studies.

Food Bank– passing out food to needy in Schuyler, where I live, every third Thursday between 4:30 & 6 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 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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