

# REHOBOTH JAIL & PRISON MINISTRY NEWSLETTER CHANGING LIVES FROM THE INSIDE OUT

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Ministry training seminars are available for local churches.

## MERRY CHRISTMAS

Each year I try to remind everyone Who it is we as Christians celebrate during this special time of the year. I know many of you already see all around us how little society thinks about Jesus during this time we celebrate His birth.

Rather than repeat what I have been sharing for so many years, let us do all we can to exalt Jesus every day. If Christians spend the entire Christmas season lifting up Jesus and then are silent the rest of the year about God's Son, no wonder no one wants to listen to these people during the Christmas holiday. The saying is that Jesus is the reason for the season, but He is the reason for life itself for a Christian.

**Acts 17:28** "For in him we live, and move, and have our being; as certain also of your own poets have said, For we are also his offspring."

Living for Jesus should be reflected in a true Christian's life every day, 24/7. The Jews were encouraged to live God's truth also: **Deut. 6:6-9**  
6 "And these words, which I command thee this day, shall be in thine heart: 7 And thou shalt teach them diligently unto thy children, and shalt talk of them when thou sittest in thine house, and when thou walkest by the way, and when thou liest down, and when thou risest up. 8 And thou shalt bind them for a sign upon



### The reason for the season

thine hand, and they shall be as frontlets between thine eyes. 9 And thou shalt write them upon the posts of thy house, and on thy gates." Likewise let us share the love of God in all we say and of course in all we do! Do not let anyone ever leave your presence broken-hearted when you know the love Jesus offers them.

## MINISTRY PRAYER REQUEST

Thanks for your prayers for additional help with the editing of the ministry newsletter. Several months ago you may have noticed we added two editors to our list of volunteer help. This has lightened the burden on Artis and is a true answer to your prayers. Please pray for

the re-entry programs that have been developed to help inmates get a good home plan and a possible job at the time of their release. Unfortunately, this program does not seem to be much help to the inmates still going up for parole year after year under what they call the

old law. Pray that our governor and the parole board will do something for the men and women who have already served a much longer sentence than they were ever meant to serve. Pray that they might be given a chance and granted parole with a clean prison record.

## THE COMING OF THE LORD IS IMMINENT!

At least once a year I try to remind everyone that Jesus could be here at any moment. By the way, since I am typing this article in April it might never get published, if the Lord comes. In fact, on the radio while I am typing this I am listening to, "I'll fly away." One day those who belong to God will go to be with the Lord for ever. There will still be many like the five foolish virgins who will still need to do something to prepare to meet the bridegroom, and for them it will be too late. I hear more and more Godly ministers sharing this similar message of the soon coming of our Lord Jesus, while mockers say the same thing: if he was coming why is He waiting so long. Others complain why is He allowing things to go on as they have

been for so long. They talk about the suffering of the world, an never acknowledge how God warns that those who ignore His commands will reap what they sow. Man is encouraged to read God's word and study it so we will not be ignorant of what is to come and so we see the sign of it's coming. **Rom. 12:1-3** "Now concerning spiritual [gifts], brethren, I would not have you ignorant. <sup>2</sup> Ye know that ye were Gentiles, carried away unto



Another look at some of the animals Ron enjoys at his home; a blue heron.

these dumb idols, even as ye were led. <sup>3</sup> Wherefore I give you to understand, that no man speaking by the Spirit of God calleth Jesus accursed: and [that] no man can say that Jesus is the Lord, but by the Holy Ghost." **2 Cor. 2 10,11** "To whom ye forgive any thing, I [forgive] also: for if I forgave any thing, to whom I forgave [it], for your sakes [forgave I it] in the person of Christ; <sup>11</sup> Lest Satan should get an advantage of us: for we are not ignorant of his devices." Satan would have us blind to Jesus' coming. Will we believe God's Word or Satan's lies?

### Thought for Feb. 10, 2002

What is the word you have for me today, my God? If I hear your voice and obey I will be blessed, if I do not listen I will miss a blessing.

## KEEPING CHRIST IN CHRISTMAS

Keeping our thoughts centered on Christ and His mission on earth as we move through the Christmas season is of the utmost importance. Celebrating the holiday can be either a wonderful time to think of Him or a distraction that keeps us from thinking of Him. Reading about and meditating on the events surrounding Jesus' birth is a good way to keep focused on "the Reason for the season". This is a two-week Christmas season Bible reading plan:

Dec. 12 John 1:1-14; The Beginning  
 Dec. 13 Luke 1:5-25; John the Baptist Announced  
 Dec. 14 Luke 1:26-38; The Annunciation  
 Dec. 15 Luke 1:39-56; Mary Visits Elizabeth  
 Dec. 16 Luke 1: 57-79; John's Birth  
 Dec. 17 Matthew 1:18-25; Joseph's Dream  
 Dec. 18 Luke 2:2-21; The Birth and Shepherds

Dec. 19 Luke 2:22-38; Simeon and Anna  
 Dec. 20 Matthew 2:2-12; The Wise Men  
 Dec. 21 Matthew 2:13-23; Fleeing to Egypt  
 Dec. 22 Luke 1:80, Luke 2:40; John and Jesus Grow Up  
 Dec. 23 Luke 4:18-21; Jesus' Own Explanation of His Ministry  
 Dec. 24 John 16:7-28; Jesus Returns to the Father  
 Dec. 25 Isaiah 9: 6,7; Jesus' Government

## ANOTHER BENEFICIAL RELATIONSHIP FOR THIS MINISTRY

There are a lot of things we want to do in the upcoming year. In Aug. 2012 we started working with a local church to get a Celebrate Recovery 12-step program in the Schuyler/Faber area. We contacted the state representative and it sounds like we will be able to have a local Celebrate Recovery Program in this area, maybe before this newsletter is published. Now when someone in a certain area has any kind of addiction, even a sexual addiction, we can get

them in touch with one of the programs already established. What got us started in seeking out this program was a request from a mother whose son was having a problem getting from the Esmont area all the way to Charlottesville for three court ordered meetings each week. Since many



Many men who are incarcerated have addictions.

of the men ordered to go to these programs have lost their license to drive, it is hard for them to continue to depend on friends and family members to get to meetings. So if your church wants to start such a program please contact: Adam Rodriguez at [cri.virginia@comcast.net](mailto:cri.virginia@comcast.net) or Kim Rodriguez at [krod0911@yahoo.com](mailto:krod0911@yahoo.com) May each of you be blessed.

## A LETTER OF APPRECIATION FROM AN INMATE WHO HAS GONE HOME

April 30, 2012

Mr. Ron Baker,

Thanks for learning me the Word of God, while I was incarcerated at DWCC. When I came to DWCC in November 2010 I was one lost person. I gave my life to the Lord while in receiving at Powhatan in October 2010. Then listening to you and our Chaplin Armstrong, I have learned a lot about my salvation. Other people who spoke at DWCC while I was or am here also spoke good about the Word, but I seem to be drawn to you and our Chaplin. You can step on toes and kick them,

but still be full of the Word.

I didn't agree with everything you said, but after looking up the passage in the Bible you was right on cue. Right of course. I enjoy listening to you and talking to you. You know what we (inmates) feel like. You have wore the blues and fought God as we have. Satan can take over your life if you allow him to. But by praying and speaking verses of the Bible, remembering verses, you can send him a running.

You have made a difference in me and I want to thank you for it, you are a word of God, you are the mes-

senger of God, you can hear it in your voice when you preach. I enjoyed Bible Study a lot also. I have my studies that I am taking with me. I will continue to do them.

Again, thanks for everything you have done for me. Keep praying for me and my family. Thank you for the Word and being a friend. I'll remember you forever. Thanks for being there when I was at my lowest, you picked me up and helped a lot.

Thank you,  
God Bless

Name Withheld

## REHOBOTH JAIL & PRISON MINISTRY REACHES OUT TO NY

In July 2012 I got a call from a pastor in NY asking for any helpful information I could give him on starting a jail ministry. His daughter, who works in FL in the criminal justice system, had found the ministry's Web site and shared it with her father and he in turn contacted us. We spoke on the

*Thought for Feb. 2, 2002 This morning when I woke up I was tired and did not want to rise, I heard your call and opened my eyes and praise you for your closeness. You knew I desired to rise but sleep was drawing me back, you over rood the sleep and caused me joy and peace as I rose.*

phone, and since he did not have access to the Internet, I mailed him a copy of several of our outreach brochures pertaining to the cautions of starting a jail ministry and how to be careful as you choose volunteers. Because of the Web site we have been able to help several other ministries in other states to establish

ministries with a head start as to things they need to be careful about. The House Rules and Spiritual Guidelines for our future restoration House program are being used in another halfway home in another state. We thank Artis Mules, editor and board member, for her idea to put the ministry on the Web many years ago, and Lynette Rambo who actually designed the Web site. I thank God He has allowed me to be able to keep the Web site information updated for the most part. See page four to find the Web site address.

## DAY OF JUBILEE ANOTHER DAY OF PRAISE TO GOD

In 2011 we decided to have the Day of Jubilee at Tim Miller's house because of the possibility of rain. We did not want to put the celebration off a week, since many people who planned to come to our celebration on the day scheduled, might have had other plans for the next weekend. It worked out well, so we decided to have it there in the future since we could say come rain or shine and we would have it. The very large

building Tim has as a body shop has plenty of room for all who have been coming and we can be inside or outside and not be crowded. I always enjoyed having it at my home, but the suggestion was made and it sounder like a



Listening to the testimonies.

good idea, so we will try it out for a while and see how it continues to work out. We will be showing pictures and giving more information on 2012's Day of Jubilee in upcoming issues. Keep watching and if you can make one of these events the contact information is on the newsletter. If you come you will be blessed.

# NOVEMBER 2012

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## Questions for Nov/ Dec

1. Which King is believed to have written Ecclesiastes?
2. What two Kings are mentioned as the authors of Proverbs?
3. Which King had the Apostle James executed with a sword and had Peter arrested?
4. What fat King of Moab was murdered by the Judge Ehud?
5. Which King ordered Daniel thrown into the lion's den?
6. Which King was referred to by Jesus as "that fox"?
7. What son of Saul was made King of Israel by Abner?
8. To which King did Paul tell the story of his conversation?
9. Which King gave his daughter as a wife for David?
10. Which King built the first Temple in Jerusalem?

## Answer for Sept/Oct

- 1.Soul (Matt 16:26); 2. Hearing (Ecc. 1:8); 3. Heaven (Matt 6:20); 4.Paul (Colossians 3:2; ) 5. House (Proverbs 15:27); 6. Demas (2 Timothy 4:10);7. Rachel (Gen 31:19); 8. Achan (Joshua 7:10 – 26) 9. Isaiah, Isaiah 61:8); 10. (Proverbs 9:17)

BCC stands for Buckingham Correctional Center; all services held between 6:30 and 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 to12:00AM; held by Chaplain Ron Baker, RJPM.

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

The Food Bank is held every third Thursday in the Schuyler 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 body of Christ.

# DECEMBER 2012

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