

# Rehoboth Jail & Prison Ministry

## Newsletter

Changing lives from the inside out! May / June 2013

### Greater is He that is in us than he that is in the world.

**1 John. 4:4** "Ye are of God, little children, and have overcome them: because greater is he that is in you, than he that is in the world." What a blessed hope and promise it is to know there is no power on earth or in the heavens greater than the God Christians serve. In Aug. of 2012 this power was revealed once again to this ministry and to me. Of course, I could go on and on about the times God has renewed my understanding of this promise, but instead I want you to allow God to remind you of the times He has revealed this truth to you. As the time grows closer to Jesus' return I know His children are going to need to be strengthened through the promises of God toward His faithful ones. **Isa. 40:31** "But they that wait upon the LORD

shall renew [their] strength; they shall mount up with wings as eagles; they shall run, and not be weary; [and] they shall walk, and not faint." The promises of God are for those who wait on Him, for His promises in His timing. Those who tire of waiting never put all of their trust in the Lord. These people lose faith that He (God) is greater and stronger than any power or force that might come against Him. When trouble comes and we have no power of our own over the circumstances, we lean on the power available to us through the indwelling Holy Spirit Jesus sent to comfort true believers who fully trust in God's promises. If God said it, it is true, for He cannot lie. I for one am glad there is no principality greater than God. **Col. 2:8-10** "8 Beware lest any man

spoil you through philosophy and vain deceit, after the tradition of men, after the rudiments of the world, and not after Christ. 9 For in him dwelleth all the fullness of the Godhead bodily. 10 And ye are complete in him, which is the head of all principality and power." **Eph. 1:19-21** "19 And what [is] the exceeding greatness of his power to us-ward who believe, according to the working of his mighty power, 20 Which he wrought in Christ, when he raised him from the dead, and set [him] at his own right hand in the heavenly [places], 21 Far above all principality, and power, and might, and dominion, and every name that is named, not only in this world, but also in that which is to come:" Great is our Lord and greatly to be praised!

### What am I doing to allow the gospel to be seen in me?

There is a question I have heard many times and I would ask it of all who read this newsletter. If you were accused of being a Christian would there be enough evidence in your life to convict you? Simply said - do people around you know you belong to Christ? Is your life reflecting a new creature that is formed in the image and likeness of Christ? I remember once I asked a fellow if he wanted to go to a Bible study when I was in Staunton C.C. and he responded

by asking me if I was a Christian. He lived in the same dorm with me, but I guess I had never made a very strong impression on him of my faith. It was not that I had made a bad impression on him, it was just Christ had not been manifested enough in my life to show a difference between me and many other men in the dorm. After much soul searching, I came to the conclusion I needed to allow Jesus to shine through my life even if it meant ridicule

and persecution from the men who would oppose any Christian values I would exhibit. I knew it was worth more to be seen as a child of God and suffer here and now, than to be ashamed of Jesus here and have Him ashamed of me in eternity. **Luke 9:26** "For whosoever shall be ashamed of me and of my words, of him shall the Son of man be ashamed, when he shall come in his own glory, and [in his] Father's, and of the holy angel."

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Ministry training seminars are available for local churches.

My thought on:

**Jan. 1, 2002**

God has blessed me by allowing my vehicles to be repaired, God has provided a man to help me in this area and he works as if he works for the Lord himself. I am truly blessed among men to have friends like this. I was able to unstop my drain and I can now use my sink, my washing machine, and take a shower. Today the Lord gave me 4 new pigs even though he took one back right away.

My thought on:

**Jan. 2, 2002**

I am blessed to be reading through the Word one more year. God blessed me by allowing me to read through the Bible three years in a row now. The blessings of these readings are beyond numbering. At the prison tonight I was blessed by a message from Fred and God confirmed to me yet one more time that He is producing the messages I am sharing.

## Inmates' Corner

We used to have a section where we would put poems or short articles sent in by inmates or ex-inmates, but for some reason we do not receive them anymore. Several of these men moved to other institutions and lost interest, and some went home and are busy serving the Lord on other ways. So I put this out as a reminder for articles not to exceed 350 to 400 words, unless we know how long it is ahead of time. We do not use inmates' names in the articles. We do this in case a reader has something against the inmate writing

the article. We had an inmate doing the trivia corner which is now the prayer corner. We were blessed to have one inmate do it for 2011 and another inmate finished all of 2012, but he is out now and busy with his readjustment to society so we turned the trivia question and answers into the prayer corner. Some of you who enjoyed that might want to send us some questions and answer and where you find the answers, for a future article. Since the newsletter only goes out every other month and we generally use 10 questions, we

would only need 60 questions and answers for the entire year. It would be best for us if we have enough questions and answers for the entire year at once so we would have the year's supply ready. We can always use testimonies of how a man or woman came to the Lord through a prison ministry. These testimonies are a great blessings to all of the many readers to help them see how God is working in the jails and prisons as much as He is out here on the other side of the bars and fences.

## Don't forget Mother on May 12th.

I get prayer requests all the time from men praying for their families. Many of them want to home and "take care" of elderly parents or other family members. The one thing I see for most all of these men is that they regret a lot of time they spent in foolishness rather than with these same family members. My prayer is that when these men are released they will honor their prayers to help these elderly family members,

to truly honor their wives who have stuck by them, and spend both quality and quantity time with their children and grandchildren. So be sure to send your mother a special letter of godly encouragement, thanking her for all of the times she was there for you, for all the times you thought her discipline was too harsh only to find it very reasonable when you had your own children! It's funny how all the things you did that

irritated your parents comes back to haunt you through your own children. If you send your mother a card, write her a letter and tell her how much she means to you. Don't let the card say it all. Mention things to her that she did when you were a child, that you now appreciate much more than you did then. If like me your mother is with the Lord let's thank God for that as well as He is out here on the other side of the bars and

## Let's not forget good old Dad on June 16th.

It's great to have special days to honor our father and mother. Some of us whose parents are with the Lord wish we would have honored them more while they were living. Not that we necessarily disrespected them, just that we might not have told them we loved them enough. So those of us whose parents are no longer with us, would like to encourage the men whose parents are still living to

honor them and be sure to do it every day, not just on Father's Day or Mother's Day. When they are gone it is too late. Just ask someone who missed the opportunity to make up with a parent who was estranged and later passed away before things were rectified. We sometimes have bad feelings toward a parent and when we come to the Lord we say, "When I get out I will make this right, or later on I

will set this right." Then before we get to do that the person in question has gone into eternity. So as I said with your Mother's Day card, if you send a card do not let a card someone else wrote say it all. Remind your dad how much you miss him, and if that is not the way you feel about him pray God will change your heart and help you show your father the same love you now show your heavenly Father.

Thank you Waynesboro for your invitation to share.

Each year Waynesboro Mennonite Church invites Rehoboth Jail & Prison Ministry to update them on the work of the ministry. Their faithful love offerings each year is a great benefit to the ministry. Here we see Tim and Lisa who shared the update with the congregation. This loving congregation always gives this ministry a gracious welcome and we are blessed every time we visit. If you



live in the Waynesboro area I know they would welcome you. Brother Howard Miller is the pastor and they have much to do within their congregation assisting inmates and their families. Brother Joe Arbaugh is the Missions Pastor involved with the missions to Haiti. We shared something



earlier about Haiti in one of our articles. I try to visit each congregation who supports the ministry and thank them face-to-face for their support, along with a thank you letter, which goes out with the newsletter. God bless such loving children of God.



Everyone enjoys the Day of Jubilee as Samson can confirm.



No, Ron, the hot dogs and hamburgers are not ready yet. Day of Jubilee

Thank you Greenmonte for your invitation to share.

Greenmonte Mennonite Church added Rehoboth Jail & Prison Ministry to their 2013 budget and took up a love offering for the ministry in Oct 2012. Tim and Lisa shared some update information with the congregation. Pastor Hankee forwards our newsletter to everyone on his e-mail list, which allows the people to be aware



of new things going on in the jails and prisons. Greenmonte is active in Family and Aftercare Ministries. They welcome new members from troubled backgrounds and this congregation is a true example of the love of God in action, as is Waynesboro. If you live in the Stuarts Draft or Sherando area perhaps you might want to visit.



You can find their information online and in the phone book. When we visit a church we set up a display, give a short presentation, and answer questions and pass out outreach brochures after the worship service. We try to get the church involved with all of the outreaches since it impossible for us to do it all.



Some of my brothers and sisters who attended the 2012 Day of Jubilee listening to testimonies.



A good look at how much room Tim's shop provides to enjoy the celebration if the weather is questionable.

A lot to be thankful for: 26 years of service to the Lord .

How can I praise the Lord sufficiently for the blessings He has provided in my life, much less in the ministry He ordained me for. One way I can do this is by sharing His love with everyone, espe-

cially those I have a hard time liking. I need to serve Him with all of my heart, not just to impress people around me. I need to glorify God with every breath I breathe, and many times I

fall short, which people who know me realize. I pray when the Lord returns He will not only find me faithful, but serving Him in the blessed ministry He has prepared me to do.

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There are many inmates in very poor health. Please pray for the DOC to provide the means for proper medical care of those seriously ill and dying.

Families are being broken apart because of sins like alcohol and drug use. Pray for the men and women in prison who have earnestly realized their sin in these matters, that their families and the people they hurt can forgive them and give them another chance.

Pray for the families of inmates to be able to cope with the economy the way it is. So many charitable organizations seem not to have the resources to help everyone in need. Perhaps the churches need to step up in many cases.

Pray for the non-profit organizations who might have to close their doors because of lack of funding. While you are praying for that, give God praise & glory for the ministries that continue to serve the Lord through faithful giving.

Pray for church members who do not want to hear the truth, and who have authority in the church and refuse to allow a pastor to stay if he insists on preaching a convicting message to the congregation. Pray also for congregations whose pastors do not preach the full truth of the Bible.

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

DCC stands for Dillwyn Corrections Center; all services 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 11:30AM. Held by Chaplain Ron Baker, RJPM.

Sunday service and 5th Monday is a worship service. The other services are generally a Bible study.

Food Bank—pass out food to needy in Schuyler, where Ron lives, every third Thursday between 4:30 PM & 6:00 PM.

## 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.

## Offerings & Donations

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