

CHANGING LIVES FROM THE INSIDE OUT

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What have you done for the Lord lately?

Matt. 11: 28– 30 28 “Come unto me, all [ye] that labour and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. 29 Take my yoke upon you, and learn of me; for I am meek and lowly in heart: and ye shall find rest unto your souls. 30 For my yoke [is] easy, and my burden is light.” Jesus has a general call to all who listen. Some, anointed by the Holy Spirit, are given the ability to discern spiritual things while others wallow in the lust of the flesh, the lust of the eyes and the pride of life which the evil one is happy to supply. 1 Cor. 2:14 “But the natural man receiveth not the things of the Spirit of God: for they are foolishness unto him: neither can he know [them], because they are spiritually discerned.” So if you have been given understanding of Scripture and feel the presence of God working in you, are you allowing Him to also work through you? Or are you just allowing God to work in you and not sharing

anything He is doing with others? If Jesus is abundantly blessing you spiritually, are you sharing those spiritual blessings with others to allow them to know how great your God is? If God is blessing you financially, are you seeking a way you can bless others less fortunate, or are you hoarding, afraid to trust God for your daily needs? God promises in Phil. 4:19 “But my God shall supply all your need according to his riches in glory by Christ Jesus.” Does this promise mean anything to us? I am sure by reading through the Bible year after year that God wants us to share the abundance of

His gifts to us with others, especially the good news of Jesus coming soon. If you speak of His soon coming, you will face ridicule, persecution, and even potential physical harm. Are we willing to take up our cross and follow Him? Luke 9: 23 “And he said to [them] all, If any [man] will come after me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross daily, and follow me.” We can never repay God for the gift of His Son, and He does not expect us to. He does however expect us to be obedient to His Words. As He told His disciples so it goes for us today. Mark 16:15 “And he said unto them, Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature. 16 He that believeth and is baptized shall be saved; but he that believeth not shall be damned.” What have you done for the Lord lately? Serve Him today by sharing His love with some lost soul.



Let's Not Forget the Upcoming Day of Jubilee

The 29th annual Day of Jubilee will be at Tim Miller's house on [Sept 24th](#). As usual there will be testimonies, songs of praise, renewing of fellowships, and good food. I would change that to say, "As I have mentioned in the past, since we have a building in which to hold the festivities, we can enjoy

this celebration come rain or shine. We start out with men and women who have been incarcerated sharing how God got their attention and how He began changing their lives through various jail and prison ministries. If you have never come to one of these events please join us and see how God worked

in these lives. If you know of a person who was incarcerated, bring them. All are welcome! Those of you who have had any part in the work of Restoration House through physical labor or financial gifts PLEASE come and let us show our appreciation to you.

What Will You be Celebrating on the Fourth of July?

2 Chr. 7:14 If my people, which are called by my name, shall humble themselves, and pray, and seek my face, and turn from their wicked ways; then will I hear from heaven, and will forgive their sin, and will heal their land

Matt. 25 40-46 40 And the King shall answer and say unto them, Verily I say unto you, Inasmuch as ye have done [it] unto one of the least of these my brethren, ye have done [it] unto me. 41 Then shall he say also unto them on the left hand, Depart from me, ye cursed, into everlasting fire, prepared for the devil and his angels: 42 For I was an hungred, and ye gave me no meat: I was thirsty, and ye gave me no drink: 43 I was a stranger, and ye took me not in: naked, and ye clothed me not: sick, and in prison, and ye visited me not. 44 Then shall they also answer him, saying, Lord, when saw we thee an hungred, or athirst, or a stranger, or naked, or sick, or in prison, and did not minister unto thee? 45 Then shall he answer them, saying, Verily I say unto you, Inasmuch as ye did [it] not to one of the least of these, ye did [it] not to me. 46 And these shall go away into everlasting punishment: but the righteous into life eternal.

Most of America will celebrate the Fourth as a holiday on which we received our independence from England, and for that I say praise the Lord! However, as I look around at what used to be a more godly nation, I see we need to be freed again. This time it is a more serious deliverance we need. America, like many nations, needs their freedom from materialism, pride, moral corruption, and a lack of the fear of God. Rom 3:11-18 11 "There is none that understandeth, there is none that seeketh after God. 12 They are all gone out of the way, they are together

become unprofitable; there is none that doeth good, no, not one. 13 Their throat [is] an open sepulchre; with their tongues they have used deceit; the poison of asps [is] under their lips: 14 Whose mouth [is] full of cursing and bitterness: 15 Their feet [are] swift to shed



blood: 16 Destruction and misery [are] in their ways: 17 And the way of peace have they not known: 18 There is no fear of God before their eyes." As we join America in celebrating, let's remember to pray for our nation and our leaders as they seem to be taking us further and further from the spiritual freedom those of us who are born again celebrate each day. Ps 111:10 "The fear of the LORD [is] the beginning of wisdom: a good understanding have all they that do [his commandments]: his praise endureth."

Let's look at the Banquet we had back in March



In March 2016, we had our first banquet fundraiser to seek funds for the Restoration House we had begun to remodel. It was a wonderful success and we were able to pay to have professional roofers put a new roof on the house. Since then we have received other gifts toward the repairs of the house and Mountain View had a contest during VBS to see who could



raise the most money, the male or female students. This money is designated for new windows for the house. We certainly praise the Lord for all of the blessings He has bestowed upon us through so many generous people. Here are a few of the pictures we took at the banquet. On March 4th, 2017, we plan on having another fundraiser at



Mountain View Mennonite Church which we pray will hopefully become an annual event. With the Day of Jubilee on Sept 24th, 2016, and the banquet being on March 4th, 2017, that divides the year so we have at least two events for people to enjoy, and to have updates as to what the ministry is doing with their generous gifts. We pray many of you will come to both of these events and enjoy the way we celebrate the goodness of the Lord and show praise toward Him for the starting of the 30th year of this work of the Lord. March 2017 will mark 30 years.

Let's Talk More About Restoration House Now

As of May 12th we had most of the inside remodeling done and a lot of the brush is cleared up, although some more of it needs to be hauled away. Most of the inside painting is done, but all of the carpets need professional cleaning. Joe Arbaugh installed all of the windows with the help of Robert Cason. They also built a deck on the front of the house since the front door is five feet off of the ground, and since the old deck rotted away before we started the work. We are waiting on the man who is going to do the siding. He is almost finished with the church he is build-

ing, which will be LWCF's new place to worship. We need a stove, refrigerator, and a washing machine for Restoration House, and of course beds. We will need pots and pans and other household items but mainly we need the appliances and furniture for when we get the men moving in. Right now we are on hold, trying to find a Director of Operations. We have money for the siding and for the labor for the siding installation. All of these blessings are from the giving of so many saints wanting to give a second chance to the men and women who need someone to care and give a helping hand.



Here is the kitchen before and after some of the remodeling was done.



A thought I had back in **July 2, 2002:** Lord today I was angry and I sinned in my anger. Forgive me

Lord, but with that forgiveness deliver me from the unruliness of my self-will. To want my way and when I do not get it I become uncontrollable. Yes I need your forgiveness but more that that I need to change and not to continue to sin in that way.

Our Main Need for Restoration House to Become a Reality

Although God has been very gracious with the construction work on the house we still need a Directory of Operations to actually see to the everyday running of the house activities. This position is very important since he will be the one to watch over the House and the residents as they work jobs and follow the Spiritual

Guidelines and House Rules. He will need to see they pay their rent and begin paying any fines and court costs they owe the court. Of course the board will be at his disposal for advice, and the Executive Director, Ron Baker, will work with him on a daily basis with any needs he has and to help him see that the

residents abide by all of the rules to ensure the house is a Christian program presenting Jesus as the way for residents to live a better life, and that without Him there is no life. Pray for this important need for the ministry and we are sure God will provide His choice in His time.

There is still a great need for pen pals if you are interested.

In the last month I have received several female inmates wanting a female pen pal, and 20 men from other states wanting someone to take a few minutes once a week and write a letter. In the last several months when I got requests for pen pals, I sent them the introduction letter; some of them did not write back, and some wrote a couple times, and I have not heard from them in several

months now. This is why I like to respond several times to an inmate before I actually give them a volunteer pen pal. This way I can try to reassure the pen pal this person is actually looking for correspondence and not the things I tell them in the first letter that we do not supply. I am able to keep up with the letters I am writing personally so far, but with new requests weekly, it is good to have

others to take over some of the inmates since I have inmates to replace these as soon as I turn them over to someone else. Some still write me as well as their new pen pal. How would you like to join this outreach? Contact me!!



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Red numbers on Mondays, Wednesdays, and Sunday are evenings I minister at Dillwyn and Buckingham prisons. The blue numbers are the days I preach at a local church. Special events such as the Day of Jubilee and the annual banquet will be clearly displayed as will other special events.

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 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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Here are some more pictures of the banquet back in March

Here are some of the people responsible for the delicious food which was donated by Mountain View Mennonite Church.



Mr. Joe Driver and his son Paul provided and cooked the barbecue chicken and it was great; Mr. Driver and his wife are pictured below.



Music was provided by Kathy Allen, who, along with her sister and mother, has joined me many times going into the prison to share songs and testimony with the men.



There was also a Bluegrass Gospel group who sang praises to the Lord. They were called Cousins 4 Christ.



We had a very good turnout.



It seems like everyone had a very enjoyable time. I sure did! All and all it was a great success, which we are making into an annual event. It will be



a two-part event. First, it will raise awareness of the working of the ministry and display the accomplishments of

prison ministries and the success of God's Word in changing the lives of people that society has given up on. Society does not tell much of men and woman who have made a success out of their lives after their incarceration through the power of the Holy Spirit. We do. The second reason for the banquet will be to raise funds to continue the work of our Restoration House Program. So pray for us, as we hope to serve the Lord for many years to come and see "lives changed from the inside out."

