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Changing Lived From the Inside Out

Rehoboth Jail & Prison Ministry Ministry Newsletter

Update on March's Fundraiser Banquet for Restoration House

The banquet was a wonderful success. We see in the first two pictures the



preparation of the food and the people enjoying this wonderful meal prepared and donated by Mt. View, and the barbecue chicken



prepared and donated by the Driver family. Above is Joe speaking of



the work on Restoration House, both what is needed and what has been done. Below is the silent auction which was a blessing. We had music praising



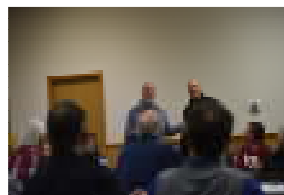
God which everyone enjoyed and we were invited back by Mt. View to do this annually even before this banquet was over. We could not have had a better turnout and we thank all



who participated in preparing for this event. Below a man is giving a testimony of the work God is doing in prison. Funds will help



put a roof on the house. As soon as we get some more money we will continue.



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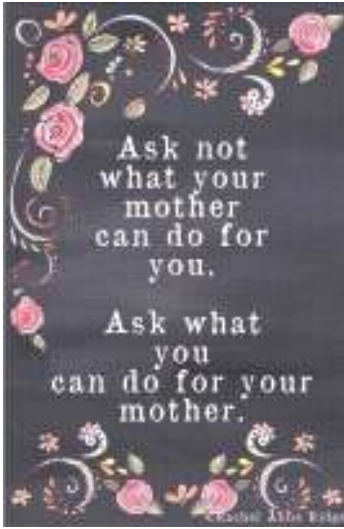
As in all outreaches, Restoration House will need financial support.

As we try to succeed in developing a 12-month Christian program, we will need lots of prayer, and some volunteer help, as well as some additional financial assistance to keep the program going. I have seen many such programs shut down after a few years, not wanting to take government financial help, since that nullifies making

the program a mandatory Christian program. They do not continue to have the support to keep the house running so they have to shut the doors. I have also seen some called halfway houses that are nothing but flop houses where inmates do as they please and are not accountable. This will **not** do for Restoration House. Then there are the

places that use the money inappropriately and the residents do not get the proper care, and the program ends up being a scam. We do not want that either. So we want to remain totally accountable and would welcome someone outside the board to keep the activities of the Restoration House Program accountable. That

way everyone would know how their donations are being used. For more information about the actual running of the house go to our Web site and check out all of the information on the Restoration House Program We look forward to it being pretty much self-sufficient after a couple years.



Let's remember our mothers while they are with us.

There are many things we think of saying once someone is gone, which we wished we would have said while they were living. That is a fact most people realize too late. So if your mother is still alive, show her all the love you can possibly show her while she can appreciate it. Putting flowers on a grave is done to show honor or love for someone no longer with the person giving the flowers. How much more would the love be appreciated if it was received while they can truly be en-

joyed. So many children take such advantage of their mother, especially these days. Mothers raise their children only to then have to raise their children's children. Adult children come back home to be taken care of by the aging parents instead of the other way around. I know in many cases families need the special care of a nursing home for parents who need special medical care. "It's very sad to go to a nursing home and see elderly folks isolated from their family, whether

their family comes to see them once a week, or not at all. In thinking about honoring your parents this Mother's Day, I challenge you to increase the contact your family have with your mother, or even to consider the possibility that, with enough sacrifice, you could bring her closer to home to live. **Ex. 20:12** "Honour thy father and thy mother: that thy days may be long upon the land which the LORD thy God giveth thee." This was not one of the 10 suggestions.



Father's day, does it bring warm thought or nightmares?.

Some people have a very warm relationship with their father, while some have no thoughts at all except, "where was he all of my life?" If you happen to be one of these fathers, perhaps this would be a good time to try to make amends for past absences. If you have bad memories of your relationship with your father, perhaps it is time to make a move to forgive. In past years I

have used this article in a general sense, representing perhaps a very small portion of the population: the happy Father's Day group where the father is honored for being the best dad possible. However, in many cases the father/child relationship either never existed, or was a very sad time for the children because of the actions of a father laden in sin. I am not suggestion this is the

unforgivable sin as some treat it. I am suggesting that we have a merciful, forgiving God who loves the sinner. **Rom. 5:8** "But God commendeth his love toward us, in that, while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us" Let us not be like the Pharisees looking down our noses at sin we have not yet practiced, since we have our own sin to be forgiven for.



Rolling out vinyl the less expensive way.

Update on Restoration House and the work we are doing.



Here are a few pictures of the beginning of the work. As you see, here is the old bathroom fixture ready to be hauled away. Next is the remains of the back porch that had fallen down years ago, which has been hauled away. We burned it

during the Jan. snow, along with some of the brush and small trees we cut away from the house to be able to paint and do other work in the outside



walls. These pictures are of the early stages of the work and as we progress we will show more work being complete. Here Pastor Oscar is helping to pick up trash from inside and under the house.

Reconciliation

In either case of our treatment of parents or of parent's treatment of their children there is a solution. It is called reconciliation. 2 Cor. 5:17-19 17 Therefore if any man [be] in Christ, [he is] a new creature: old things are passed away; behold, all things are become new. 18 And all things [are] of God, who hath reconciled us to himself by Jesus Christ, and hath given to us the ministry of reconciliation; 19 To wit, that God was in Christ, reconciling the world unto himself, not

imputing their trespasses unto them; and hath committed unto us the word of reconciliation." My question is to believers. Do you actually believe Scripture? If so if someone sinned against you and is now a child of God he or she is a new creature, and reconciled to God. You say "well I do not believe this transition is real." Matt. 7:1-3 1 "Judge not, that ye be not judged. 2 For with what judgment ye judge, ye shall be judged: and with what measure ye mete, it shall be measured

to you again. 3 And why beholdest thou the mote that is in thy brother's eye, but considerest not the beam that is in thine own eye." Matt. 6:15 "But if ye forgive not men their trespasses, neither will your Father forgive your trespasses." Let 2016 be the year of healing and forgiveness. Don't wait for the other person to make the first move, remember God made the first move toward you when He wrote your name in the Lamb's Book of Life.



Thanks for such a wonderful meal.

Would you like to write an inmate?
Read our Pen Pal Brochure on our
Web site.

How would you like to assist this ministry from you own home?

Do you have a lot of time on your hands after retiring from a full time job? Do you like to use your computer and do you like to read? If you like these things you might want to join Rehoboth Jail & Prison Ministry's editing staff. One of my editors has a full-time job and the

other one is having health problems, and as good as they are there are times when we could use an extra editor when they are having difficulties or they need a break. You would need Microsoft Word and Publisher to do the newsletters and other articles, e-mail, and time to do the

editing. I would send you the items to be edited as an attachment and when you are done you would send them back as an attachment. The main thing is having the time to do something if it might be needed in a hurry and the other editors were not available.



Just one of many inmate pen pals
we have written in the past.

More Work on Restoration House Banquet

We had a wonderful turnout for the first annual Rehoboth Jail & Prison Ministry Banquet. Thanks for all who attended, all who worked to make it possible, and all of you who contributed in any way to support the work still needing to be done on Restoration House. The money we took in was a wonderful help and blessing. It will pay half on the roof we

need to replace. Unfortunately, several of the people who volunteered to do the labor for the roof were not able to follow through and the roof will pretty much take the remaining funds in the house account. So that will stop the purchase of materials until we recoup some other funds to buy more materials. So far we have been blessed with some help, but if we

could find some people with carpenter skills to help some during the week, it would certainly be a great help to Brother Joe Arbaugh. Joe has been very faithful in his work. Ron, Tim, and some others from Ron's church have been faithful in doing some cleanup on Saturday and hauling away brush, old materials torn out, and trash left during the week's work.



Here is the board at the banquet
member minus Brother John Miller
and Cristy Horsley, as we listen to
Kathy Allen sing.

MAY 2016

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
8 <small>Mother's Day</small>	9	10	11	12	13	14
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JUNE 2016

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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19 <small>Father's Day</small>	20	21	22	23	24	25
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Red numbers on Mondays, Wednesdays and Sunday are evenings I ministry at Dillwyn and Buckingham prisons. The blue numbers are the days I preach at a local church. The green numbers are the of the (MOM) Monthly Outreach Meal at Living Word Christian Fellowship.

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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Overcrowded prisons and lack of staff.

I am seeing more and more there is a shortage of staff in some of the prisons. Since the parole board is still not releasing many of the men and women held under the old law, Virginia prisons are mostly overcrowded. Additionally, from time to time there is a change in leadership, and whenever a new warden comes on, there are bound to be changes, which of course takes time to get accustomed to. Plus, when the staff is short it affects everything in the prison. There has to be an officer present in order to hold programs, so if they are

too short-staffed, the program will be the first option cut in order to have a officer available for a place that needs to be secure, which always takes a priority over any programs. We need to be in prayer for this situation, because a program like a reentry program will not be as productive as it would be if it is run fully staffed by the appropriate number of officers. Also when the program coordinator stays so busy doing other duties that they do not have time to properly communicate with the volunteers for programs and getting new volun-

teers approved, the volunteers, inmates, and their programs suffer. I see this as well in the prisons I work in. The staff is overworked, taking on several job descriptions, and religious programs are never a priority in any prison over things considered a security concern. I am not so much blaming any one person for these issues, but if each prison were more accountable to follow DOC (Department of Correction) guidelines instead of just IOP (institutional guidelines) which may vary prison to prison, things could be run much smother. At

times we even have difficulty ensuring officers remain consistent with IOP guidelines; there can be variation among individual officers in how volunteers are processed into the prison, which directly affects the length and quality of a program. In my 29 years in ministry Satan seem to be making things even harder for Christian volunteers in the last several years. Please pray!