

# Rehoboth Jail & Prison Ministry

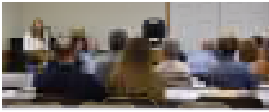
## Newsletter

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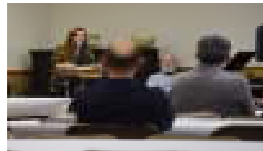
### Changing Lived From the Inside Out

#### Sharing about last years the banquet.

One of my favorite things about the banquet are the



testimonies. Some from volunteers who have started writing inmates. Here are some picture to remind you of the volunteers who write to the many pen pals from this ministry. These volunteers shared how much they were blessed by the mail



they received from inmates, who were so thankful for some Christians to show the love of God to them,

when society have cast them aside.



Here are some pictures the offenders who have been blessed by God though various prison ministries. Some of these people have been out for many years and are now and are productive members of society because of changed hearts and minds through Christ. Below is Ron with three inmates who attend all the ministries celebration and have been blessed



by the Holy Spirit through this and other prison ministries.

In case you are wondering about food there is always a great mean provided at the banquet as well as the Jubilee.



There will an update on the success of this ministry and plans for the future as well. We hope you will join us I assure you will not go away sorry you came.

#### Please be aware of the Bible Reading Outreach Ministry we partnered with last year.

In 2018 this ministry sent out 520 Bibles and some other materials from Christian Book Distributor amounting to \$8402.09. In the same year they also sent out 71 Christian Book, Bible dictionaries and commentaries from Amazon totaling \$809.07.

This totals \$9211.14 just for these materials. This does not counting the mailing cost for the Bible lessons they mailed out plus the stamped addressed envelope they mail with the Bible lesson since many inmate are indigent and can not even afford a

stamp. There address is Barbara Holmes 3152 Glenn Huskey Rd Sevierville, TN 37862 . Checks need to be made out for support to Bible Reading Outreach Ministry.

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**Ministry Outreaches Available:**

**In-Prison Ministry**  
**After Care**  
**Support Groups**  
**Pen Pal**

**(letter writing)**  
**Mentoring**

**Family Ministry**  
**Youth Ministry**  
**Restoration House**

**Ministry training seminars are available for local churches.**

## What are we doing to develop a more intimate walk with Jesus?

Are you spending any quality time with Jesus? I am not speaking of a quick prayer while rushing out of the house or a short one right before you fall asleep at night. If you want to have an intimate, loving, relation with your spouse you need to spend quality time together. Many families are falling apart for a lack of quality time. Perhaps eating at least one family meal together each day, where everyone actually speaks to each other with out any electronic devices involved in the communication. I have a hard time getting people to write letters since text and other electronic devices make

letters, calling someone, or visiting someone almost obsolete. But texting does not develop intimately between those communicating.

To have the Bible on tape to listen to it is great, to have it on your phone to read or to receive a short Bible text of certain verses is great. However, this will not develop a close relation with Jesus any more than that families who do not spend any actually time together will become closer.

I can only speak for me, but I found when I set a time to talk to God through prayer, the first thing each morning and

developed a list of people and things to pray for, then spent quality and quantity time studying His Holy Word, we got closes. I hear Him more clearly, I feel His presence more deeply, and get a feeling of elation as I read His Word, as if He is speaking directly to me. I wonder today why this took me so many years. Each year I try to redevelop my prayer and study time, to have the time I spend with God to be the very best time possible, and even though I take this time away for other things I have to do, they all still get done and much better had I not spent that time with the Father.

## Wooding cutting can be fun

This ministry with lots of help from my church and Tim and other friends went well in the beginning of the season. However for the last 3 months of 2018 and the first month of 2019 it has been so wet it is impossible to get wood without rutting up someone's yard. We were able to get wood for everyone on the list this year and even a couple who were not on the list but they helped cut and split wood so they certainly deserved some and they took so little. I still have an abundance of cut up logs in my back yard. We started working on them and were doing great until it either rained on Saturday when I could

get some help, or it rained the Thursday and Friday and it was to wet to work the wood. Thanks to God I still have dry wood and I am stayin good and warm. If the ground stays frozen for a few days on the weekend I can get down there with some help or if it does not rain for a while and the ground dries up, I will get started on it again. It is nice the Lord helped us get those needing wood their wood before this extremely wet spell.

We did not have anyone extra to cut for this year since no one requested wood at first but when a few needed wood the volunteers jumped in and we

supplied their needs by the grace and mercy of God. So each year people need wood and when they do people volunteer to help cut and split it.

Of course since wood is the only heat I have I will be cutting, with help each year. It is so great when younger people come along and take up some of the slack, from one of the older fellows (smile) and the fellowship is great just like when we make cider at Tim's shop in Oct. We have a great crowd of people who came and enjoyed the fellowship and the ladies fixed a great meal, and everyone got some fresh cider.

## I know I mention the Pen Pal outreach a lot!

I have 51 volunteers writing inmates both mail and female at the time of writing this article. They are writing over 149 inmates. I appreciate that help very much and I try to show them appreciation as often as I can. I try to keep in touch with the volunteers checking on how things are going for them. Some of the inmate writing them still write me which adds to my growing list of pen pals I am writing until I get volunteers for them. As I am writing

this article I am writing 108 inmates and we get new request for pen pal from inmate, inmate's mothers for the inmate and sister asking to write inmate who want Christian pen pals.

I share some of the letters from time to time about inmate who have written numerous outreach for a pen pal and never hear back or if some did they were told it would take many months to get them a pen pal. When I write

them back on the day after I get their letter they are amazed and most appreciative they heard back so quickly. This is why I know the pen pal ministry can be as rewarding to the volunteer as it is for the person incarcerated. Even if I get to the point I can not longer travel as long as I can sit at my desk I can write inmates seeking a closer walk or a brand new walk with the Lord.

I would sure love for others to join me.

# A word from Bible Reading Outreach Ministry.

Daily the ministry receives request from those who want a bible and to start the lessons. A recent precious letter was from a lost man seeking information on how to be saved. God is working and we are so thankful. Another man wrote who said he read the message on our envelope which stated "The moment you are ready to quit is usually when the miracle happens" and he decided not to quit! Some of those who have gone home are still doing the lessons and will write to say they are living for the LORD. On average there are 400 active participants who are learning more about our Lord. We are sad to report bibles and lessons sent to the VA jails are rejected at this time but

we know God is in control and we pray about this situation. God has blessed the ministry with a two ladies that are willing to help from their homes and some of the task that we have been unable to get done are being finished. Please pray for this ministry that we will serve the Lord in His will and we give Him the glory.

Mrs. Barbara Holmes uses about 5-6 rolls of stamps a month (just for the return envelopes with the lessons coming from the inmates back to them and the ministry uses 400-500 of the .71 cent stamps which it takes to mail out the lesson envelope. I got this note from Mrs. Holmes Thursday. God has blessed us over the past 3 days, we have

received back around 90 lessons and precious letters from the inmates being blessed and from the lessons I can see some are growing in the Lord. To God be the glory and praise. If you have a friend or loved one incarcerated in a prison not a jail and you want to give them Mrs. Holmes' information she will be happy to start them on some lessons.

Like all ministries this ministry needs funds to do all of the mailing they do

Reading OutReach Ministries C/O Barbara Holmes at the address below. Make all checks payable to Bible Reading OutReach Ministries.

## Bibles / Concordances / dictionaries

Christian Books			Amazon		
Dec	971.94	59	Dec	28.95	2
Nov	746.84	43	Nov	44.41	3
Oct	589.9	34	Oct	108.36	8
Sep	543.61	34	Sep	103.12	8
Aug	517.34	33	Aug	44.3	4
Jul	465.12	29	Jul	48.98	4
Jun	1166.91	61	Jun	56.84	4
May	517.46	34	May	27.42	2
Apr	682.4	55	Apr	117.61	11
Mar	633.52	47	Mar	37.31	4
Feb	738.09	45	Feb	82.7	9
Jan	828.96	52	Jan	109.07	12
2018 total	8402.09	526	2018 total	809.07	71

Two the left is the cost of the Books and Bibles mailed out in 2018 from Bible Reading Outreach Ministry.

This is an average year for the ministry however now with us sharing their information on the Web site the cost could greatly increase. As Mrs. Holmes was sending in Bibles to one of the VA prisons they stopped allowing them in after she had already send in a number of Bibles and then she got requests for 60 Bibles from this jail. Pray for this ministry and if you want to help financially that will be greatly appreciated.

## Forgive us our sin as we forgive others!

After Jesus freed you from the penalty of your sins are you still harshly judging someone else for past sins and not trying to see the new creature Christ could be creating in this person. I hear many Christians ready to judge someone else



as unworthy of salvation because the sin they committed was in their eyes horrendous. I think of my live and all God has forgiven me of, and wonder how many, if left up them with would not show this same mercy and grace to me. Although my crimes might be more acceptable to some that others, God has forgive me all of my sin. Those who see someone else's sin as be unforgivable might need to look at some of the saints who were forgiven for adultery,

murder, and even worshiping other gods. Paul even writes to the church in Corinth (1Cor. 5) to put out two member of the church for sexually immorality which was not even practiced among the pagans around them, so that: 1 Cor. 5 <sup>5</sup>deliver such a one to Satan for the destruction of the flesh, that his spirit may be saved in the day of the Lord Jesus. The idea here is for sinners to be restored to the church after true repentance and forgiven.

## MARCH 2019

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## APRIL 2019

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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.

I do preach other places when asked to, but it is usually on a short notice and I cannot get it on the calendar.

### 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 writings from some of the incarcerated pen pals.

### Pilgrims Pathway

Sometimes we don't understand  
The path God calls us to  
Yet we know all He planned  
His spirit guides us through  
His ways are not like our own  
He cannot fail nor err  
Jesus prays at Heavens throne  
We're sheltered in His care  
Often we think like life should lead  
To worldly wealth and fame  
Yet our Savior did succeed  
Through suffering and shame  
We must walk by faith not sight  
Though trials come our way  
When we focus on God's light  
His grace will fill each day  
Soon our pilgrim's path will end  
On heavens golden shore  
We will join our Lord and friend  
To live forever more

### Trip to Heaven

I took a trip to Heaven  
But only in my mind  
I ask myself what it would be like  
To leave everyone I loved behind  
So I closed my eyes  
And I imagine seeing  
Just how beautiful  
Heaven already can be  
I could see the pearly gates of white  
And behind them was the most radiant light  
I saw a beautiful Angel  
That passes by me so incredibly  
That a tear fell from my eye  
Everyone looked perfect and with the Angels  
They did sing there  
There are no earthly words  
To describe the beauty of their wings

As I sat in this incredible garden  
I asked God  
Please forgive me for all my sins  
I took one last look at all of the beauty  
Around me and when I opened my eyes  
There was peace in my life  
God is truly good!

### Life's Recipe

1 cup of Good thoughts  
1 cup of Kind Deeds  
1 cup of Consideration for others  
2 cups of Sacrifice for others  
3 cups of forgiveness  
3 cups of Well-Beaten faults  
Directions:  
Mix above ingredients thoroughly. Add tears of joy, sorrow, and sympathy for others. Flavor with little bits of love. Fold into daily life and bake well with the heart of Human

kindness. Serve with a big smile.

### Tarry Awhile

I came to the Savior, my life only dross,  
Claiming His promise, accepting the cross.  
In His blood I was washed as I talked with Him there,  
I have hope in my heart since I tarried in prayer.  
Why go on in defeat when there's victory for you?  
Why lonely be? You've a friend that is true.  
And not for a moment need any despair.  
There's a store house of blessings; tis opened  
By prayer...  
God see's all the sorrow that's breaking your heart,  
Dark clouds of anguish He'll cause to depart.  
For He care when your sin drives you on to despair  
And He'll come to your side as you tarry In prayer