

Sept/Oct 2020

Rehoboth Jail & Prison Ministry Newsletter

Changing lives from the inside out!

Day of Jubilee will be held Sept 26th at LWCF again

We are planning if it is the Lord's will to celebrate year 33 at this years Jubilee. Lots of things have happened during the first part of this year. The jails and prisons were put on lock down and no volunteers were allowed to come in for any Christian programs, but even worse the families were not allowed to visit their loved one for many months for fear of this virus be spread even more that it had been. At first the volunteers fussed a little but as the virus got worse most of us realized it was best for the inmates there I the prison and for us as volunteers. So on Mondays and Wednesday evenings I felt lots not being able to share the Word with the inmates in the prisons I serve the Lord in. We have not been

able to attend church either but praises the Lord we got the banquet in before everything was shut down. So as of the writing of this article we are still on mandate to stay home as much as possible and we are praying that this virus is a thing of the past before long and the Jubilee celebration can go on as planned.

Each year we set aside two events to show our appreciation for all the Lord is going in the various prisons ministries, we do a lot of other things to make people aware of what the ministry is doing but this is mainly two days to praise and celebrate with brothers and sister all God has done, is doing, and will continue to do as long as this ministry puts Him first. Praise His Holy Name.



Pictures of the 2019 Jubilee

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Joe Faus our newest board member



What are the needs of the Ministry and how can you help?

God has blessed us with wonderful prayer and financial support to allow us to keep a moderate budget which keep us in office supplies and reimburses me for my mileage when traveling for the ministry. Thanks to you all. Several thing I mention in most every letter or newsletter is the need for

another board member and someone who is qualifies to take over the preaching and teaching Bible studies in the prisons I go into after I am not longer able to do that. I am not planning on quitting but God might have other plans for me. So please keep these needs in your prayers. I would thing a

young man of God ready for the ministry would appreciate the opportunity to serve in a well established ministry would jump at that chance, but with no money for a salary maybe a retired ministry who has his finances established might even work better. Pray and keep your eyes open for this



Four of the other board members at the 2020 banquet. Left to right Rhonda Via, Steve Via, Lisa Miller and Tim Miller

Some of the things to expect at the 33rd Day of Jubilee.

Each year we try to make the banquet and the Jubilee something that is not boring or repetitious as to what we share. At the Banquet we have a Minister from Hope Aglow Ministry from Thomas Road Church share about some of the need for prisons to improve how they are treating the Christian programs, the medical care for inmates, and the food served in most prisons in the USA. The federal prison are not

much better and some of them are even worse than the state institutions. We will have testimonies from Inmates who have been out of prison for a period of time and show the way they were truly transformed by the Love and grace of God, Who used various prison ministries to help these men understand the need for Jesus in their lives. Hopefully the ladies from the Bible Readers Outreach Ministry will be present id

health allows them to make the trip, so keep them in prayer. They are doing such a wonderful job getting bible studies in inmates all over the USA and even to Thailand. They are still mailing Bibles, concordances, and bible dictionaries to inmates who do a certain amount of Bible studies. As they finish some they get a new Bible later after they finish more they get other resource materials. Come and hear this story.

A thought I had on May 3, 2002

Today will be like no other in some way. Yes many things will happen just as before, but never does a day go by that something new happens and we need to be aware of God's blessings in disguise. Be thankful for the newness of the day and the many blessings it holds for each of us.



Jon Freivald another board member

Jesus yesterday, today, and forever.

It is strange what it takes for some of us to feel we need the Lord. It took prison for me twice to realize what I wanted and what I needed were two much separate things. Some might say that was God's will for you, to go to prison in order for Him to get my attention. I know that is what it took, but as I look back in my early life I see many times Jesus showed my calling to come to Him. Had I not refused for the lust of the flesh, the lust of the eyes, and the pride of life, perhaps I would never had to go to prison. But God showed me how much He loved me by never giving up on me, as rotten as I was He saw what I would be after His Spirit came upon me. Some of my family gave up on me, not my immediate family, my mother dear, sister and her

children. Even when I started speaking about what I felt the Lord was doing in me, most people doubted. So I got out of prison, was on probation and went back to old friends, and old way thinking; I got caught but this time I will be more careful, famous last words of many inmates. Of course only because of God long suffering, grace, and mercy He allowed me to be put back in prison, and this time He more then doubled the time I would spend to get my attention. Which He did get and no playing around this time. I had to face may people I had witnessed to during my first incarceration and my testimony was of no value to them even when my heart was changed and I truly repented. I had made promises to God and share how

God had changed my life and then turned my back on Him. People did not trust my words this time.

So this time when I got out, I was assured God had put a call for me to serve Him during my first incarceration. He had not changed that call. For many years many people did not say it to me, but among themselves they took odds I would get back into my old ways but so far so good, praise the Lord!

I share all of this for you who have known me as a man of God. Other wise the pen pal I am giving you could be just like me, hard headed, a repeat offender, guilty of terrible things, but though the Christian love you share and the gospel, He or she might still be saved. Get a pen pal!

I have learned not to limit the actions of God!

Bible Reading Outreach Ministry

As we have hunkered down during COVID-19 and the stay-at-home mandate, we are thrilled to see growing new enrollment for the bible lessons and those who are already participating staying true to the course. Many have heavy hearts as they worry about their loved ones and the effects of the grinding halt to life's routines, finances, jobs, businesses, etc... their loved ones are dealing with. Moreover, from the correspondence we have received, the prison facilities are impacted in lockdown type environments. We know our prayers are vital at a time like this and we pray for God's comfort and peace for those who cannot be with their loved ones. I have always said and believe, "praying for someone is the greatest gift you can give

someone."

I found myself thinking at the beginning of this event that I should have heard something to the effect of, "We interrupt this program (your life) to bring you this important message," or perhaps the Emergency Broadcast System with a message of, "This is the Emergency Broadcast System. This is NOT a test." In the beginning I listened to those around me, such as siblings, children, co-workers, friends and others, who would make statements such as, "Is this tribulation?" or "Is this the end of days?" or even "I think someone's trying to tell us something." I was surprised that people would make such comments and yet their lives didn't change. If I didn't know the Lord, had not accepted Him for my salvation, then I promise you I would be shaking in terror. There will be a

day when much worse than this virus will be in place and it is my prayer you are ready for eternity.

On a fun note last year the ministry started sending Birthday Cards to those participating in the bible study lessons. It is amazing how many notes of thanks we receive for the cards. So many say it was the only acknowledgement they received for their birthday. Also, we have had a few who seemed to have quit the lessons to start doing the lessons again after receiving their card.

Our smallest gesture of kindness can reach a lonely heart. Let our mindset and our focus be to forever be empowered to do a "greater work" and our faith be so grounded that we pray every morning and give thanks every night.
Beke Keltner



Rev 5:3-5 3 "And no one in heaven or on the earth or under the earth was able to open the scroll, or to look at it. 4 So I wept much, because no one was found worthy to open and read the scroll, or to look at it. 5 But one of the elders said to me, "Do not weep. Behold, the Lion of the tribe of Judah, the Root of David, has prevailed to open the scroll and to loose its seven seals."

Let us watch for His return!

Please pray for Rehoboth Jail & Prison Ministry to find a minister to travel into Buckingham and Dillwyn prison for Bible studies.

As my health issues do not seem to be getting any better, we are in need of someone willing to be willing to teach at these two prisons on a Monday and Wednesday from 6:00 to 8:30. We will be happy to provide reimbursements to travel. No one in the ministry get a salary, but if it is necessary to provide someone to fill this position we would be happy to discuss

it with anyone interested. Of course we would want someone sound in Biblical doctrine, agreeing with what this ministry has been presenting for the last 33 years in in various jails and prison we have brought the Word of God to. We are not sure when the prisons in VA will open back up for volunteers to come back in a present Bible studies and other programs, there has

not been any update as of this writing. If anyone is interested he will have to go through a hour of training at the prison and a background check. Even if someone was incarcerated it does not eliminate them unless if was very recent or of a certain nature, Please contact us through the address, phone number or e-mail provided here on the last page of this newsletter.

A thought I had Sept. 1, 2002

How much I truly love the Lord is determined by how obedient I am to God the Father. How can I say I love Him and ignore His will for my everyday life.

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Red numbers on Mondays, Wednesday evenings I ministry Dillwyn and Buckingham prisons.
Blue is the day I preach at the Holiness Church in Schuyler.

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.

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Inmate corner quizzes and answers and poems from inmates

Answers to July/Aug

1. Foxes and birds (Matt. 8:20)
2. Sleeping (Matt. 8:24)
3. Two (Matt. 8:28)
4. The cemetery/Tombs (Matt. 8:28)
5. Pigs (Matt. 8:30)
6. Leave (Matt. 8:30)
7. Forgive him of his sins (Matt. 9:2-3)
8. His mat (Matt. 9:6)
9. A tax collector's booth (Matt. 9:9)
10. Tax collector's and sinners (Matt. 9:10)

- what?
4. Jesus told the Pharisees He did not come to call the righteous but the what?
 5. Jesus said people do not sew what kind of cloth on a garment?
 6. According to Jesus, what shouldn't people pour new wine into?
 7. What religious title did the father of the dead girl hold?
 8. How many years has the woman been bleeding until Jesus healed her?
 9. What did the bleeding woman want to touch and knew she would be healed when she did?
 10. What instrument were the mourners playing when Jesus entered the dead girl's house?

The next poem is from one of the inmates who writes us.

I CAN SEE

I can clearly see,
 The you in me.
 I want you to know
 There was a time
 When I was you
 But now, you are me.

I know of your wondering
 Reasoning for ideas, and
 solution
 Seeking and searching rest-
 less.

I can see.

The misery, sadness
 The loneliness, sorrows
 And tears deep within
 Your eyes.

I know of your days,
 Which are dark, Such black
 Nights. Shattered dreams
 Low of hope,
 Nothing in sight.

I feel the intensity of your
 pain
 Remember, I once was you,

But now you are me.

The thoughts and doubts
 Going on in your mind
 Slowly tearing you apart
 Inside out.

I can see you,
 As I once saw
 Myself.

I know how it is,
 To be the unacceptable
 Me inside of you.

With all unanswered
 Unsolved, and unexplainable
 Questions, and problems in
 my life.

But someone came along,
 And help me out,
 So that I No longer
 Have to be.

So this is the reason
 That I want to help
 You out.
 Because now,
 I Can see.

Question for Sept/Oct

1. At whose house were Jesus and the disciples dining in Matthew 9?
2. What did Jesus tell the Pharisees the sick need but not the healthy?
3. Jesus told the Pharisees He desired mercy but not