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Newsletter

Changing lives from the inside out!

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The present Ministry board in prayer for one of the board meetings at Brother Joe's house. We still need three more members.

Our Old Farm Cat

"Meow." Our old farm cat was sitting at the door, asking for her breakfast of goat milk. On her bad days she hides under the porch and skips breakfast, but on her good days she will have some liquid broth or milk. This morning she stared at me in earnest; a serious, concerned, slightly worried expression on her face. She was hungry, and it was a very important matter to her. Would I remember that she used to hunt for me? That in her youth she had single-handedly cleared the yard of moles? Did I care that she needed breakfast? Would I mind that she had asked again, after she had asked so many times before? And was there enough milk to spare some for her?

I got quite a chuckle out of the serious expression on her face as I went to our 'fridge which had several quart jars of goat milk in it. The needs of one elderly cat in no way reduce our supply. As I took a clean bowl and splashed in far more than I knew she could drink, I reflected on how much she imitates me. I sit before God saying, "But God, these needs are serious!" Two years ago, as bills from my chronic illnesses climbed into the tens of thousands of dollars, my husband pulled his retirement fund, paid part of the bills, and went to work at a new, more dangerous job which paid almost triple what he had been earning. In two

months we began to make headway against the bills. Eleven weeks into the new job he had a severe work accident that left him handicapped for life. Now neither of us could work. Five days later, sitting next to my unconscious husband lying in the hospital bed, I learned that neither worker's comp, nor our insurance company would pay, and that the fight to get Social Security could take years. How would we live? As we went without any regular paycheck for the next year, God has supplied our needs; sometimes through friends, sometimes through family, sometimes from strangers, and in various other ways; somehow, we always got through each month with the bills paid. We never had to turn to Social Services, or a food pantry. We never faced a utility shutoff. We still live in our house. We still have electricity, telephone and food. The farm is in great shape too. Our neighbors and some younger people we know came over and have kept the place in better shape than when my husband was working - the entire farm. Is there enough for the needs of a retired hunting cat? Is our Master big enough to provide for us? Our bowl was splashed full. Thou openest thine hand and satisfiest the desire of every living thing... Ps. 145:16 And even to your old age I am

he; and even to hoar hairs will I carry you: I have made, and I will bear; even I will carry, and will deliver you. Is. 46:4

They shall still bring forth fruit in old age; they shall be fat and flourishing...Ps. 92:14

For God is not unrighteous to forget your work and labour of love, which ye have shewed toward his name, in that ye have ministered to the saints, and do minister. Heb. 6:10

By Artis Mules



Here is Artis Mules who has been the main editor for many years now. She and her family have made many sacrifices and given much to the furtherance of Rehoboth Jail & Prison Ministry. She has also been a pen pal along with her family. She and her family were instrumental in this ministry receiving the color copier, color printer, lap top, and new desk top computers we now enjoy and have made the color newsletters possible.

As the economy gets worse there is a need for churches to get more involved.



Brother Tim Ross who is in charge of the local food pantry. Rehoboth Jail & Prison Ministry assists with passing out food.

The church needs to truly show concern about our surrounding communities as God commands. When Scripture says, as we do it to the least of these, it does not only mean to do for brothers. Jesus encourages us to feed even our enemy and give them water. Once a month in the small Schuyler community, through the work of New Faith Methodist Church and some local volunteers, food is bought from the larger food bank in Charlottesville and boxed up and given to needy in the community.

Few of them attend any of the local church, even though we do encourage them to visit a church of their choice. **There is a group of local churches that work together called the Schuyler Ministerial Association (SMA) and they hold joint services twice a year to raise funds for the needs in the community.** The collection from these services goes into a emergency fund for needy people who have lost their job, or whose electricity might be in danger of being turned off, or their rent is

overdue. It is a honor to be a part of God's work for the lost in this way. Are your community's churches doing anything similar?



Usually we pass out from 30 to 40 boxes of food once a month.



Brother Ron passing out food on the third Friday .

Spiritual father and mother of many inmates through the years.



Here you see Keane and Ann Pugh two original members of the Staunton Prison Fellowship They were fundamental in getting Ron started in prison work.

In the years I was incarcerated at Staunton C.C. the Friday group who came into preach the Word was from the Prison Fellowship group called the Staunton Community Cares group. I remember a couple who would come in holding hands and continued to hold hands throughout the entire service and left still holding hands. No, they were not a newlywed teenager couple, but instead the couple at the left. When I was released from prison Kean and Ann were there for me, and they fixed up a car and gave it to me so I could get a job. When I wanted to get involved in prison work they were there for me, and I began to minister with them at the very prison I was released from. They assured the institution that even though I had been incarcerated at SCC I could be a

blessing as a witness to the men of a changed life. They were instrumental in being two of the first major financial supporters of Rehoboth Jail & Prison Ministry even before it had a name. I was not the only man Keane and Ann helped out with a car at the time of their release. I know of several men who got a vehicle to help them from Keane and Ann. Keane would get a car and fix it up, choose the best car, and give it away, keeping the second best for himself. They also taught me to give back to God without sticking to a tenth (tithe). They were always giving much more than anyone would think they could afford to give. They lived very meagerly, so they could afford to assist many people who were serving the Lord. They would have a gigantic garden and give over half of the vegeta-

bles away, even delivering some. Then they would can vegetables and grapes and give over half of that away. They would go to the local apple orchards and pick apples that the workers would not pick because of poison ivy or for other reasons. The owner of the orchard would give them permission rather than let them rot. Then they would and give what they made from the apples away and most of the apples too. In watching them give so much and still never do without themselves, I learned not to limit God to a legalistic tenth of what He gave me. This couple has been instrumental in my being who I am today through their love of God. Keane is 90 now and Ann is 80 and their health is failing so PLEASE pray for them as they have been and continue to be a blessing to so many people.

As of March this ministry will be 23 years old.

As I am writing this newsletter we have not yet had the 22 annual Day of Jubilee, but we have plans for a wonderful time in the Lord this Sept. However, March is the anniversary of the when I got out of prison and began a prison ministry outreach which has now become Rehoboth Jail & Prison Ministry. In these 23 years I have learned a lot about ministering to people and I see firsthand a majority of people would rather be entertained than have the gos-

pel shared with them. For some reason many people today do not seem to be interested in the future; they like to think that if they do not hear about how to live for Christ then they are not responsible. Many preachers have turned from the truth to entertain, thinking the many who attend qualify the church as being successful. This a lie for Satan.

I thank God for allowing this ministry to continue for 23 years and I pray we will con-

tinue to teach the truth as long as God allows. With society becoming more critical and hostile toward true Christians who will not compromise, I see the day coming when true men and women of God will once again actually be incarcerated for their beliefs, as is happening in Canada and other countries already (and has been for many years). When I was young I would never have thought I would live to see this day when sin is celebrated and God is blasphemed.



Mike Mouly and wife Barbara. Mike was one of the early members of the Prison Fellowship group from Staunton. Mike also supported Ron's early ministry and still attends the Day of Jubilee.

On Jan. 4, 2002
The Lord reminded me today of a storm on its way and to get in plenty of wood and make sure all the outside work is caught up. God speaks to us if we will just listen to Him. Too many people are too busy talking and with their busy schedule to hear God or to even realize He is speaking to them.

I am writing an autobiography of my life before and after Christ.

Some of the men who are incarcerated might have read some of the Chaplain Ray books available in the jails and prisons about men and women who came to acknowledge Jesus as their Lord and Savior while incarcerated. Since so many people were blessed by these books I thought I might write one that shows how a man

who continues to live his own way without any regard for God, will always be miserable., and feel that something is missing even when this one has riches and health. I want to explain how everything in my early life was hindered as I continued to rebel against God's calling on me. How I even made choices which took precedence over follow-

ing God, and how I paid dearly for these unwise choices. I want people to see the struggles in my life, yet how God never left me nor forsook me ever. I want them to see how in His power and love He brought me back to Him over and over. I still have my ups and downs but I do not feel the emptiness I felt back then before I accepted the calling God had for me to follow Him.

Is your walk with the Lord a walk that pleases God, or are you a compromised Christian?

I have been thinking a lot about the shape of the church in general lately. I do not see the fire that should exist within the members of the true body of Christ. I also see so much compromise from Christians toward other congregants who attend church, but have no Christ-likeness in their walk. There seems to be a concern that if too much of the truth is revealed to these people and they get offended, they will not attend the church; making the believers responsible for 'running them off' and therefore, if these people are lost it will fall back on the believers.

John 8:32 "And ye shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free." Scripture states the truth will set one free, that means if we believe the truth it will set us free from the power and penalty of sin. However, if one does not believe the truth and act on that truth

they will be set free from God, thus they will have no part of God, Christ, or the Holy Spirit. So while the manner in which the truth is presented is important, the truth will never run someone away if the call of God is on their life. Some preachers offend in the way they preach; yet, some people are not offend by the method of presenting the truth, it is the knowledge of the truth of their sin that offends them. So they do not want to hear that the things that they enjoy doing are considered to be sin. Now if a church, for any reason, is fearful to present the total truth of the gospel in order to keep people attending the church, "in order for them to be saved"; what is it that will bring these lost people to the point of salvation?

They might as well be involved in a social club of some sort, since God has no part in these so-called churches. Without the presence of the Holy Spirit freely moving though the service, salvation will not occur. Man has a responsibility to share the good news, which is truth in it purest form. If that offends someone, that might be what it takes for them to be convicted of sin and repent. Certainly if someone understands all he is doing in life to be alright with the church they are attending, how will they be convicted of sin and ask God for forgiveness. God will make a way for them if they are of the called, but the church which refuses to hold these people accountable to the truth of God's Word will certainly be held accountable to the Lord.

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As you see on the front page picture of the board, we only have 4 board members; we need at least three more board members so please continue to pray for this.

I tend to repeat prayer requests until we see an answer; one is for a Spanish translator(s) to translate all the Bible studies, and newsletters and brochures.

Pray for more churches to see the need of Bible teaching of the gospel, instead of trying to entertain the people to get them into church.

That God becomes a number one priority in the USA and that the people would repent and turn back to God like Israel did in the Old Testament so many times.

For more home schooling and more truly Christian schools for our children to be taught the truth about the Bible being a true history book.

That more Christians would not allow compromise in our elected officials. That when they say they are going to do something before they get elected; they follow through after they hold office and not go back on their word..

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

DCC stands for Dillwyn Corrections Center all services heal 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 2:00 to 3:30PM Held by Chaplain Ron Baker RJPM

Sunday service and 5th Monday is a Worship the other services are generally a Bible study

Food Bank- pass out food to needy in Schuyler where I live between 5 PM & 7PM

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 of the Jail & Prison Ministry.

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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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