

# Rehoboth Jail & Prison Ministry Newsletter

Changing lives from the inside out

Jan/Feb 2022

## Have a blessed New Year!

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churches.

In 2022 I plan on increasing my prayers for the lost in this world and with the help and guidance of the Holy Spirit be show compassionate toward the people who want to pervert everything God's Word stands for. When I say showing compassion I do not mean compromising Godly values. I remember how lost I was and knowing God loved and forgave me, I know there is hope even for the most perverted, ungodly, disobedient, God hating, individual out here. You might say how could a God hated be saved, I say by repenting and loving God once the Holy Spirit clears up their understanding of Who God really is. I will not say Paul hated God but he showed much contempt for Christians and Jesus, until God changed his heart. I use to say these people will get what they deserve, and God showed me one time, suppose you got what you deserve. What makes you

worth of not be damned with all you have done. Well that has stuck with me and even though at time I slip back to thought of evil people suffering in Hell, my thought is cut short because of those people I love who never received Jesus spending eternity in Hell I repent and pray for the lost.

I look at how confused someone would have to be to be born a man or woman and go through so much surgery to become something they were never meant to be, only to have to live that way even if they realize too late it was wrong. I think of people who for reasons which I can never understand say although I was born a man or a woman I now consider myself a the opposite sex. I think of children having to go to schools when physical boys are allowed to participate against female athletes and dress like girls or vice versa

This is even happening in professional sports now.

**Luke 6:35-37** <sup>35</sup>"But love your enemies, do good, and lend, hoping for nothing in return; and your reward will be great, and you will be sons of the Most High. For He is kind to the unthankful and evil. <sup>36</sup>"Therefore be merciful, just as your Father also is merciful. <sup>37</sup>"Judge not, and you shall not be judged. Condemn not, and you shall not be condemned. Forgive, and you will be forgiven. "

Has your heart become harden to the point of being unforgiving? That is not the character of a true born again believer since we have the Spirit of God in us. The effective, fervent prayer of a righteous man avails much.

## In here is our Pen Pal ministry review for 2021.

From Jan 2021 till Dec 2021 we wrote ?? Inmates. During that year we received ?? Request for a pen pal and we were blessed with ?? Volunteers to write inmate. Presently we have ?? Volunteers writing ?? Inmate I am presently writing ?? my self. During the time of the pen pal ministry we have written to every state except 4. We are writing inmate in 35 States right now as well as one foreign country and we had pen pal in 11 other states and DC who have stopped writing or been released.

As you have been told in the past The Bible Readers Outreach Min-

istry is still very busy mailing out Bible lessons to inmates all over.

1. A new participant needs to complete the 4 lessons on John to receive a Bible

2. A person who has completed the New Testament receives a Study Bible of their choice (if possible) and a Strong's Concordance

3. A person who is starting 1st Corinthians can have a Bible cover if they choose.

4. A participating male (starting in the Old Testament) receives an article about a man of the Bible – one with each lesson – 100 men of the Bible is used.

5. A participating female (starting the Bible studies in the New Testament) receives an article about a woman of the Bible – one with each lesson – 137 women of the Bible is used. A couple of women help a couple of days each week, allowing me to have time to write encouraging notes, answer biblical questions, research for creating new lessons for Old Testament books.



## Do you really know God?

### The 7 Ups of Life

**Wake Up:** Decide to have a good day. "Today is the day the Lord hath made; let us rejoice and be glad in it." Psalms 118:24

**Dress Up:** The best way to dress up is to put on a smile. "The Lord does not look at the things man looks at; man looks at the outward appearance, but the Lord looks at the heart." (I Samuel 16:7)

**Shut Up:** Say nice things and learn to listen. God gave you two ears and one mouth so He must have meant for us to do twice as much listening as talking. "He who guards his lips guards his soul." (Proverbs 13:3)

**Stand Up:** For what you believe in, you should stand for something or you will fall for anything. "Let us not become weary in doing good, for at the proper time we will reap a harvest. If we do not give up therefore as we have opportunity, let us do good." (Galatians 6: 9-15)

**Look Up:** Look up to the Lord. "I can do anything through him who gives me strength." (Phil. 4:13)

**Reach Up:** Reach up for something higher. "Press toward the mark for the prize of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus." (Phil. 3:14)

**Lift Up:** Lift up your prayers. "Don't worry about anything; instead, pray about everything." (Phil. 4:6)

**Rom. 1:21** "because, although they knew God, they did not glorify Him as God, nor were thankful, but became futile in their thoughts, and their foolish hearts were darkened."

What does this verse mean to you? Judas walked with Jesus, ate with Jesus saw first had all the miracles Jesus did, but still did not glorify Him as God. The Jewish leaders were aware of prophecies of the coming of their Messiah but still rejected Jesus even though they could see many of those prophecies being accomplished before their own eyes. They refused to glorify Him as God. At trial before Pilate he tried to release Jesus, said he could find no fault in Him but after washing his hands of this matter still turned Jesus over to be crucified. Pilate knew there was something special about this man but with all of the evidence he still refused to glorify Him as God. It took a long time for His other disciples to really understand the true identity of who Jesus was, walking with Him day after day, but finally they realized as Peter

said to Him in Luke 9:20 He said to them, "**But who do you say that I am?**" Peter answered and said, "The Christ of God." However when things got serious even Peter denied knowing Jesus. Thomas when He was told some of the disciples had seen Jesus after His crucifixion said the only way he would believe was if he actually put his fingers in the wounds in Jesus' hands and side. All that Jesus had done even raising the dead before Thomas' eyes was not enough to have Thomas glorify Jesus as God until. John 20: 27-29 27 "Then He said to Thomas, "**Reach your finger here, and look at My hands; and reach your hand here, and put it into My side. Do not be unbelieving, but believing.**" 28 And Thomas answered and said to Him, "My Lord and my God!" 29 Jesus said to him, "**Thomas, because you have seen Me, you have believed. Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed.**"

So we look at a evil and corrupt society who see Bible prophecies of the end time being fulfilled culminating the

return of Jesus but they deny and ignore this facts, because like all evil generation before they do not want to admit God has standards to live by which man can accomplish only through receiving Jesus as Lord and Savior, and payment for sin. Jesus reconciles us with the Father. Col. 1:19-22 19 "For it pleased *the Father* that in Him (Jesus) all the fullness should dwell, 20 and by Him to reconcile all things to Himself, by Him, whether things on earth or things in heaven, having made peace through the blood of His cross. 21 And you, who once were alienated and enemies in your mind by wicked works, yet now He has reconciled 22 in the body of His flesh through death, to present you holy, and blameless, and above reproach in His sight."

If you say you know Jesus are you glorifying Him as God? Knowing about Jesus is not knowing Him in the intimate way a Born again believer knows Jesus.

### I can not help but continue to speak on the need for volunteers pen pals

For those of you who do not want to write a letter and put a stamp of the envelope and take it to the mail box, most prisons now have e-mail service to the inmates. You set at you computer and type a note and then send it and within 24 hours it is available to the inmate. The cost is less than a stamp and it is fast and easy. I have lots of male and female inmates looking for

Christian guidance. I have many request from men and women who have life without the possibility of parole who would love to receive mail regularly. Not all of the inmates have access to the get e-mail but many keep requesting me to send them electronic mail. Since I write to so many states and electronic stamps for each area are different it would be too

much for me to keep up with but if you only have one or two pen pal it would not be hard at all. I can not say enough about the blessed one feels both in receiving mail showing how much the inmates appreciated a letter and how much they can grow with proper Christian encouragement. Join us today, be a pen pal.

## Is it diversity or is it allowing false doctrine into the church?

It is important to know that Christianity does not distinguish between race, ethnicity, gender, age, social class, physical ability or attributes, religious or national origin, and political beliefs. God teaches us in Holy Scripture that the human race is one. As Paul preached to the Athenian philosophers, "From one man God made every nation of the human race, that they should inhabit the whole earth" (Acts 17:26). It is within this greater context of unity that human diversity rightly appears. We praise God for the vast diversity of creation and for fulfilling the promise to bless all the nations by including them in Christ: "I looked, and there before me was a great multitude that no one could count, from every nation, tribe, people and language, standing before the throne and before the Lamb." Along with an understanding of Christianity as an identity

shared across the globe, world Christianity allows for the authentication of diverse local expressions. As people increasingly encounter a multitude of cultural mixes, it allows for a multicultural understanding of the faith.

One dictionary's **definition of diversity 1:** the condition of having or being composed of differing elements : VARIETY *especially* : the inclusion of people of different races, cultures, etc. in a group or organization **programs intended to promote diversity in schools 2:** an instance of being composed of differing elements or qualities : an instance of being diverse *diversity of opinion*. However if you go on the Internet diversities is more inclusive they define **diversity** as the range of human differences, including but not limited to race, ethnicity, gender, gender identity, sexual orientation, age, social class,

physical ability or attributes, religious or ethical values system, national origin, and political beliefs.

Now if this is speaking to the new social agenda of men saying they are women and vice versa or people saying there are many genders and allowing them choosing some irate idea of their gender and everyone having to honor that decision no matter how foolish it is, church should not allow this social agendas to creep into our congregations. While people caught up in this sin need to hear the Word, we have to be careful how much we allow that kind of diversity to influence the congregation, especially our youth. Yet we will be looked at as haters if we put any kind of restrictions on these people attending our church.

In the prison ministry I deal people who were involved with all kind of sin, homosexuals, lesbians, bisexuals, and other

sin like murder, theft, drugs dealing, drug addiction, and even child molestation. God has shown none of these are unforgivable sins if the people repent and call on Jesus. Rom. 10:13-15 13 "For whoever calls on the name of the LORD shall be saved." 14 How then shall they call on Him in whom they have not believed? And how shall they believe in Him of whom they have not heard? And how shall they hear without a preacher? 15 And how shall they preach unless they are sent? As it is written: "How beautiful are the feet of those who preach the gospel of peace, Who bring glad tidings of good things!" So how will such people call on Jesus if all of God's people only show contempt toward them? I know this is slippery slope, but Jesus never said it was going to be easy.

We need to be wise as serpents harmless as doves. Matt.10:16

## Have you ever heard the saying once saved always saved?

While under God's acknowledgement of the one saved actually being saved this is a true statement, but as in all cases man has distorted the meaning to mean other than what is true. When someone says he or she can live in way contrary to Bible teaching because now they are no longer under the law they are either confused or knowingly perverting God's Word. **2 Cor.5:17** "Therefore, if any-

one *is* in Christ, *he is* a new creation; old things have passed away; behold, all things have become new." Clearly a believer becomes a new creature and the old man of sin dies. **Matt.7:21** "Not everyone who says to Me, 'Lord, Lord,' shall enter the kingdom of heaven, but he who does the will of My Father in heaven." Over and over throughout the Bible Jesus makes it clear those

who love Him and belong to Him will obey Him. John 14:23 <sup>23</sup>Jesus answered and said to him, "If anyone loves Me, he will keep My word; and My Father will love him, and We will come to him and make Our home with him." When people tell me they are saved the Bible says we can tell them by the fruit the bare if they belong to Jesus. What is your attitude about obedience to Jesus?

**1 Cor. 6:9-11** <sup>9</sup>Do you not know that the unrighteous will not inherit the kingdom of God? Do not be deceived. Neither fornicators, nor idolaters, nor adulterers, nor homosexuals, nor sodomites, <sup>10</sup>nor thieves, nor covetous, nor drunkards, nor revilers, nor extortionists will inherit the kingdom of God. <sup>11</sup>And such were some of you. But you were washed, but you were sanctified, but you were justified in the name of the Lord Jesus and by the Spirit of our God

**This is the update for Rehoboth Jail & Prison Ministry and Bible Readers Outreach Ministry for the months of April/May 2021**

**Bible Readers Outreach Ministries:**

In Oct 2021 we mailed out 296 Bible lessons, enrolled 35 new students, mailed 10 Bibles at \$234.96, 6 Bible dictionaries/concordances at \$ 85.00 Misc office materials (paper, envelopes, ink, cardstock) \$309.94, Stamps \$16.00 for a total of \$ 645.90

In Nov 2021 we mailed out 270 Bible lessons enrolled 44 new students, mailed 17 Bibles cost of \$397.83, 5 Bible dictionaries/Concordances at \$79.08 and Misc office materials (paper, envelopes, ink, cardstock) \$183.42 Stamps \$623.30 for a total of \$ 1283.63

**Rehoboth Jail & Prison Ministry Pen Pal Outreach:**

In Oct 2021 I wrote 110 letter and received 41 new request during that month for volunteer pen pal . New volunteers to write inmates. None

In Nov 2021 I wrote 129 letter and received 21 new request during that month for volunteer pen pal . New volunteers to write inmates. None

I also received some letters in Spanish which I can not read. I have no Hispanic volunteers to respond to these request. I had a friend write a generic response stating we have no Hispanic volunteer. Are you interested?

Please keep both divisions of this ministry in your prayers. Since I send the letter to be edited and give the editors time to edit I go back a few months so we can get an accurate count and not have to wait until the last day to add the month before the newsletter goes out.

**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.

All donations of any kind are tax deductible under United States Code Section 170(c)(2). All giving constitutes your express agreement to relinquish control in accordance with IRS regulation." They can be sent to the address below and will be used to further the Jail & Prison Ministry. Checks made out to "**Rehoboth Jail & Prison Ministry** "

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For gifts for "**The Bible Reading Outreach Ministry**" Checks made out to "The Bible Reading Outreach Ministries" address Barbara Holmes 3152 Glenn Husky Rd Sevierville, TN 37862

**Questions and answers for Bible quiz**

**Answers to Nov/Dec questions**

- 1.) Miracles (Matt. 13:58)
- 2.) Herod Antipas/the Tetrarch (Matt. 14:1)
- 3.) Herodias (Matt. 14:3)
- 4.) They were brothers (Matt. 14:3)
- 5.) Herodias' (Matt. 14:6)
- 6.) Herod's birthday (Matt. 14:6)
- 7.) John the Baptist (Matt. 14:9-10)
- 8.) Prison (Matt. 14:10)
- 9.) A platter (Matt. 14:11)
- 10.) His disciples (Matt. 14:12)

**Bible quiz questions**

1. At the feeding of the 5,000, how much fish and bread do the disciples find?
2. How many baskets of broken pieces were left over?
3. Around what time of the

day did Jesus walk out on water and meet His disciples?

4. When they saw Jesus on the water, what did the disciples think He was?

5. Who asked to join Jesus on the water?

6. What did Peter see that frightened him and caused him to sink?

7. In Matthew 14, what was the only thing of Jesus' the people wanted to touch, believing it would heal them (and it did)?

8. Who did the disciples believe that Jesus had offended when talking about hand washing?

9. Where do blind guides lead the blind, according to Jesus?

10. What was the Canaanite woman's daughter suffering from?

**Inmate testimony**

**Inmate Corner**

Before I came to prison I used to sell dope most of my life.

My girlfriends always did the cleaning and cooking and I would bring home "the bacon,"

When I heard that there was no AC in the pen, my first thought was, "I'm riding with Jesus He will provide me with a good AC job and when I got to holiday unit I was a SSI cleaning toilets. Every day I dreaded getting up and going to work. It was horrible! I got saved in the county jail and was a babe in Christ a couple of years later when I got to that transfer facility.

When I got off work I would rush back to get in the word. One day the spirit lead me to a verse that said, "work as if you are working for God and He will repay you." I meditated on that scripture and

came to the realization that everything is His and I was cleaning His house for His children. The next day I went to work with a new attitude. I was cleaning so good people would come and ask me to work on my days off. They wondered why I was cleaning the way I was.

My new attitude created a way for me to share the gospel with people I didn't even know.

His word is truly a lamp to my feet and a light for my path.

I believe as Jesus gave the bread to His disciples to give bread to the people so is our testimonies they are not ours alone. I believe we are to share each experience so that we may give light to those that are still in the dark about Jesus beautiful kingdom.