# Rehoboth Jail & Prison Ministry

## July / August 2022

## Changing live from the inside out

# A letter in appreciation for being a pen pal.

10/31/21 Sunday

Bro. Ron,

Hey brother Ron! How are you doing today! It is so super great to hear from you! You turn anything bad into good! I thank you, thank you, thank you, so much for writing me! For taking the time out to write me! Of all people! God is so good to me, really, He is so good to us. I thank God for Matthew 6:34, one day at a time. God gives us only enough strength to live one day at a time. Cut off yesterdays failures and unmet chores, for the Holy Spirit helps in our infirmities. Don't fret about tomorrow, for the time you spend on tomorrow only zaps our energy for today and mutes the voice of God. That's what I learned by being in here. Out there, the world has a way of keeping us tied heavily to yesterday, and begging to see tomorrow.

How are you doing? How is the family? How's the weather? I love the fall weather! God colors the trees then uses the colored leaves to color the rest of His creation. I absolutely love it! Ron, I am missing this fall weather a lot! I wish I could get pictures of a beautiful fall scene.

It is so good to hear from you Ron! A fellow brother in Christ! It is very uplifting! I tell ya, when I got your 1<sup>st</sup> letter, something ignited in me then I got your 2<sup>nd</sup> letter on a day that was especially tuff and your letter pulled me out of my funk. It started a positive chain reaction. Your 3<sup>rd</sup> letter you sent me flying high like Isaiah 40:31. By the time I got your 4<sup>th</sup> letter, I regained a since of hope because someone didn't give up on me. And by your 5<sup>th</sup> letter, God's voice finally started to come in clear. Pen-pals have the ability to impact people and spark a fire and ignite and revive. We gotta share these blessings with the world! Thank you, Ron! How long have you been trying to get pen-pals? What age group is most of the church congregation? I pray God stir the hearts of all the members, people, teens, parents, and congregation, to decide to at least commit to 5 letters in 5 months just 5 minutes each letter. In Jesus' name amen. How many people are awaiting pen-pals? I believe God is going to use this ministry to revive the men in the prisons to ignite a new fire in their lives that create them to be the adults, fathers, men that God called them to be. Not only that, this revival and culture change will create a ripple effect throughout all the jails and prison world wide. Not only

that, but the revival will bleed out to the outside world into the fathers lives out there. Not only that, but I pray then. That it would create a never ending and ever growing cycle that continues to reach, edify, and uplift fathers forever more. And with this, I pray in Jesus name that these desires be brought under the protection and favor, the grace and the blood of Christ and that no demonic influence, person, place, group, or organization can come against this from being and continuing to be carried out and that Satan himself cannot touch any part of these things ever. In Jesus name amen. You are great Brother Ronald. God loves you so much and I see Jeremiah 29:11 all over your life! This ministry has impacted my life and I know, believe, and trust that it will never cease to do so. Well, until next time Ron, God bless you! Stay in good health! You are anointed! You are redeemed! You are highly favored! (I see that smile!) The world needs many more of these! Christ, Yours i n

He started writing 6/12/21and I finally got him a pen pal 11/5/21. He averaged a letter a week or sometimes 2 a week. Not to brag on me but all glory to God!

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## Ministry Outreaches Available:

In-Prison Ministry After Care Support Groups Pen Pal

(Letter Writing) Mentoring Family Ministry Youth Ministry Bible courses

Ministry training seminars are available for local churches.

## What are you doing to further the gospel?

We are halfway through the New Year how is it going on any promised you made to God for the New year? How many souls have you influenced to come to Jesus so far? Do you feel bolder in your witness or are you hesitant to witness now that so many seem to dislike or even hate the Word of God? Ps. 27:14 "Wait on the LORD; Be of good cour-And He shall age. strengthen your heart; Wait, I say, on the LORD!" This seems to mean to wait on the Lord to lead you and

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when we know it is Him be sure to do as he directs us because. Ps.37:3 "Trust in the LORD, and do good; Dwell in the land, and feed on His faithfulness. Heb. 13:5 "Let your conduct be without covetousness; be content with such things as you have. For He Himself has said, "I will never leave vou nor forsake you." Isa.30:21 "Your ears shall hear a word behind you, saying, "This is the way, walk in it," Whenever you turn to the right hand Or whenever you turn to the

left." Between the written Word of God and the still small voice of God speaking to a believer in the believer's heart man should be able to follow God's direction. The thing man needs to know is God is with us, but there will be martyrs for the faith and we could very well be one. I remember thinking when I was first saved and not understand God's Word that nothing would come against men again after I was saved, partially because the way I was lead to

Christ and partly because I needed to study more.

I can not say enough for us to speak of the Lord all of the time. Eph.5:14,15 14 'Therefore He says: "Awake, you who sleep, Arise from the dead, And Christ will give you light." 15 See then that you walk circumspectly, not as fools but as wise," If we have fallen short of witnessing for the Lord lets pick up the pace spreading the gospel the second half of this year. God is coming soon and very soon!

## Here is a acticle an inmates sends out to other ministries and inmates alike

#### To Chosen Saints:

God has called you out by your name and he has given his church a savior name Jesus. Amen!! The Spirit of the LORD is upon me and I am to set prisoners free, heal and open eyes of blind and the broken hearted. Amen My brothers and sisters Satan has blinded the eyes of his (God) people the body of Christ (2 Cor. 4:4). Don't be deceive my brothers and sisters for Satan can transform into a angel of light and his demons can too (2 Cor. 11:14-15). Why do you think Apostle Paul writes this in his epistle (letters) If Satan can transform to a Pastor, Priest, or preacher, then what makes you think he can not turn himself into a political leader, world leader, or a business man?

In the word of God speaks on all the subjects of what is going on though the news of this world. Brothers and sisters, we are not of this world. The world hates us because it hated God. (John 15:16-20) Jesus says beware of false prophets, preachers, pastors, teachers of Law (doctrine) and priest. For they are wolves in sheep clothing (Mt. 7:15) Read all these scriptures underline, because they came from the Holy Spirit of God through godly man. God is not an Author of confusion, but of peace (1 Cor. 14:33) and (Philippians 4:7) God of peace gives us understanding in our heart and mind through Christ Jesus.

If we are believers in Jesus, then why do some listen to lies on major news network? If truly read and study the word God, you will find that the bible speaks on everything that is happening in the world today. I am going to speak the truth. Satan has lied to believers through certain churches and religious and political leaders in the world today. My beloved search your heart ask the Holy Spirit to convict you and reveal that truth of God word and repent. When you read (Mt. 24:1-14) we see the last day (end times) and what will happen to believers. There is confusion in the body of Christ today. We have allowed fear to be spread though the lies of the world. And also certain pastor and teachers of end time prophecy. Its not about destruction and havoc, but about redeeming, the lost and looking for the Return of God and his Saints, and those who believe in Jesus as Lord and Savior will have eternal life. Amen. In (Mt. 24:13-14) read! This is a promise spoken from Jesus and a commandment given by God. Those that endure (martyrs, beheading, and tribulations) shall not be saved. During all this end times, we must preach the gospel. Not be mummers and mockers and spread lies and chaos, but speak light into the darkness and hold onto the anchor of our soul. (Heb. 6:19)

Is it not written "Little Children (believers), its is the last times and as ye heard that the antichrist shall come, even now are there antichrist, whereby we know that it is the last time. (<u>1</u> John 2:18) Is it not written "And every Spirit that confessed not that Jesus Christ is come in the flesh is not of God: and this is that spirit of antichrist, whereof ye have heard that it should come and even now already in the world. (1John 4:3) Apostle John wrote this between 90-95 AD around 1,970 years ago. What we are hearing and seeing today religious, pastors, and believers has been speaking on these last days. Apostle Peter speaks on last days of scoffers, walking after their own lust and desires.

I don't deny what's going on in the world. I am very aware of what's going on in the world. I listen to the Spirit God and not the spirit of fear. That spread with the last day prophecy not only in churches, but out in the world. We must tell the gospel to believers and the lost. Speak of truth and not man doctrine, but what the Holy Spirit reveals though God word Amen. My beloved we belong to God not the world. You are a chosen saint and a beloved child of God! My prayer is the Holy Spirit to reveal the blessing and will of God in your life and complete healing in your family and your life. Amen

If you have something of a spiritual nature you think we can use please send it to us.

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# Pray of the innocent men and women who are being abuse by the criminal justice system before being found guilty of any crime.

Pray for the men and women incarcerated some with nothing but a large fan to cool off with the temperature in some of the TX prison getting in the 100's in the cells. Pray for the treatment of the inmates getting freedom to go outside and eat in the chow hall one day only to be put on lockdown for months at a time using cases of COVID as an excuse. Pray for men and women who are setting in jails not for month but years waiting to get a hearing to see if they can make bond or bond being set so high on miner crimes the inmate can not make the bond and therefore they spend years in jail before being found guilty of any crime or some being found innocent. Believe it or not everyone who goes to court for a crime in not found guilty but is it fair they were kept in jail all that time facing the abuse of other inmates and the correctional officers as well before going to court?

I know there are many people out here who feels what every happens to criminals they brought on themselves. I feel sorry for those people as the saving goes "There by the grace of God go I" There are first time offenders of misdemeanors who should be able to get a bond hearing. Then there are the lockdowns over and over giving the men freedom for a day or two and then taking it away. I realize this is supposed to be to prevent the spread of the virus however if the inmates read negative for COVID and they are not leaving the jail prison and there are no volunteers or visitor coming in I would ask how is the virus being spread. Of course it has to be from the staff. If an inmate does not take the vaccination he or she can not go to programs or have a visit from the family, if that is fair why is the staff allowed to not get vaccinated but still come in contact with the inmates with or without a mask. It seem the processions being taken are

one sided and of course the inmate gets punished. I realize the staff should have the right to take or not be vaccinated but there are plenty of places they could work without coming in contact with inmates. At first the officers were supposed to be tested every other or every third day they come to work, this is no longer done.

I the beginning of the COVID situation some men were locked down 23 or 24 hours a day fed cold bag lunches three meals a day for month at a time. They took a shower once a week if then. Since I get letters all of the time explaining the situations in various jails and prisons I am sure some of what I am hearing is true. If you had a friend or loved one or it was you in jail these situations might look more serious. So all I am asking of you is praying for the humane treatment of all inmates

# C. S. Lewis once wrote,

"Every time you make a choice you turn the central part of you, the part of you that chooses, into something a little different from what it was before. And with all your innumerable choices, all your life long you slowly turn this central thing either into a heavenly or hellish creature - either a creature in harmony with God. and with other creatures, or else into one that is in a state of war and hatred with God, and with its fellowcreatures. To be the one kind of creature is heaven: that is, joy and peace and knowledge and power. To be the other means madness, horror, idiocy, rage, impotence, and eternal loneliness. Each of us is progressing to one state or the other."

SWEET ROSE OF SHARON LILLY THAT BLOOMS BY THE WAY.....

HE'S THE NIGHT OWL OF DARKNESS BRIGHT STAR THAT SHINES EVERYDAY....

SON EVERLASTING WHO GAVE THIS OLD LIFE A NEW START.... TREASURES OF TREAS- URES MY LIFE SUCH A PLEASURE SINCE JESUS CAME INTO MY HEART.

Into My Heart He Came

INTO MY HEART HE CAME AND SWEPT ME RIGHT OFF MY FEET.....

IN FACT WHEN HE FOUND ME I FELL RIGHT DOWN ON MY KNEES....

MY TEARS RAN LIKE RIVERS WHEN HIS SPIRIT RUSHED INTO MY HEART....

NOW MY LIPS RING WITH LAUGHTER HAPPY EVER AFTER SINCE HE GAVE MY LIFE A NEW START.

MANSIONS OF SPLEN-DOR HIGH WALLS AND GATES OPEN WIDE....

THERE'LL BE NO MORE SORROW TEARS HE WILL WIPE FROM OUR EYES......

IT'S A STORYBOOK ENDING WHERE NONE OF OUR DREAMS FALL APART.....

I'M IN LOVE WITH THE MASTER HAPPILY EVER AFTER SINCE HE GAVE MY LIFE A NEW START.

Inmate author

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 April 2021 we mailed out 296 Bible lessons, enrolled 31 new students, mailed 78 Bibles at \$183.11, 4 Bible dictionaries/concordances at \$80.83. Old Testament J. Vernon McGee commentary 5 @ \$67.06 Misc office materials (paper, envelopes, ink, cardstock) \$468.15 Stamps \$716.48 for a total of **\$ 1515.63** In May 2021 we mailed out 293 Bible lessons enrolled 28 new students, mailed 5 Bibles cost of \$102.17 5 Bible dictionaries/Concordances 4 at \$61.79 and Old Testament J. Vernon McGee commentary 11@ \$134.17 Misc office materials (paper, envelopes, ink, cardstock) \$208.51 Stamps \$586.20 for a total of **\$ 1100.76** 

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

In April 2021 I wrote 91 letter and received 18 new request during that month for volunteer pen pal. New volunteers to write inmates. None In May 2021 I wrote 92 letter and received 31 new request during that month for volunteer pen pal. New volunteers to write inmates. A few men took on more pen pals.

I have one Hispanic volunteers to respond to those 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 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 Chris tian 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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## Answers for May/June

- 1.) Satan (Matt. 16:23)
- 2.) Peter, James, John (Matt. 17:1)
- 3.) The sun (Matt. 17:2)
- 4.) Moses and Elijah (Matt. 17:3)
- 5.) Three shelters (Matt. 17:4)
- 6.) John the Baptist (Matt. 17:13)
- 7.) Fire and water (Matt. 17:15)
- 8.) They didn't have enough faith (Matt. 17:19-20)
- 9.) The temple tax (Matt. 17:24)
- 10.) Two drachmas (Matt. 17:24)

## **Questions July/August**

1. What was the value of the coin, in drachmas, that Jesus said they would find in the mouth of the fish?

2. According to Jesus in Matthew 18, what should people humble themselves

like to enter the kingdom of God? 3. If someone caused a little one to stumble in his faith, what should a millstone be tied around before they were thrown into the sea?

4. What three body parts did Jesus say it was better to live without than to live with and sin?

5. How many total sheep did the man in the parable have before one wandered away?

6. If something is bound or loosed on earth, where else will it be bound and loosed?

7. God will agree in heaven if a minimum of how many people ask an agree on earth?

8. How many times did Peter ask if people should be forgiven?

9. According to Matthew 18, how many times did Jesus say a person should be forgiven?

10. In the parable of the unmerciful servant, how much did the servant owe his master?

#### <u>Want add something to our</u> <u>newsletter</u>

If you have a poem or something you would like to share with the inmates and churches that read this newsletter please feel free to send it typed to us through e-mail or an attachment or by mail. It should not be too long. We can edit what you send or leave it like we get it. We do not use names with the articles from inmate for security reasons how ever it you are not incarcerated and tou would like to use your name we can do that.