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Rehoboth Jail & Prison Ministry Newsletter

Changing Lives from the inside out.

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Testimonial Jonathan L.

On the night of June 6, 2002, I consciously made a cry out to God. At that time, I was not exactly sure who it was I was calling on. The only thing that I was sure of was that I needed someone to answer.

During the early years of my life, my mother and father both trained me in the way that I should go. I followed the way, but I truly never knew the way. Around the age of fourteen I began to become infatuated with the sensual callings of the world. Everything and anything that was not 'Holy' seemed to attract my attention. It was only a matter of time before what the world had to offer became my primary focus. God was placed in the back seat. Honestly, I am not sure if He even had a seat. For approximately ten years I enjoyed riotous living and I ignored the voice of God calling out to me. Because of my disobedience I suffered tremendously and I inflicted great sorrow upon myself. The pain and anguish increased so intently

that I began to find it difficult to make simple everyday decisions without feeling extreme guilt and shame.

It was on one unforgettable night that my life, and all the hell and torment I had been going through seemed to come to a halt. I cried out to God. He answered. My life instantaneously changed forever. I asked God that if he was real to reveal himself to me. I demanded Him to move something or to make an object appear from nowhere. I wanted to see something miraculous, but God did not move anything or materialize anything. But just before I had begun to lose all hope, He responded by sending a man to me asking, "Young man, do you know Jesus?" That gentleman gave me a Bible with specific instructions. I was to read the book that night, and in the morning, if I did not want to keep it, I was to return it. During that night, I felt that God was speaking to me through the actions of that man and through the book I was given. When I opened the Bible the first

passage of scripture I read was Psalm 40. Verses 1-3 immediately spoke thunderously from the very pages. I was most assuredly convinced that God had answered.

After I received Jesus Christ as my personal Lord and Savior, I felt that He was calling me to do a work, and that work was in prison ministry. I continued to study God's Word and in 2004, I accepted a job working in prison ministry. I have been employed as a Resident Counselor at a transitional house called Liberty Ministries, where ex-offenders and ex-addicts are taught the disciplining aspects of the Bible. I have been dedicated to this work and I believe it is my reasonable service.

Written by,
Jonathan L.

My name is Claude O

I was incarcerated from August 3, 1994 until October 18, 2001. I was given a 25 year prison sentence for robbery. I broke into a man's house and took his wallet.

After I received my sentence, I was upset. I have never been to prison, so I did not know what was to come. I have asked Christ to come into my life on September 8, 1994. I know he was walking along with me and calmness came upon me. I could see Christ working in my life. People around me, that knew me before saw a different person. It was not always good. I

had some hard times as well. I went to different ministries at each place I was at. I got strength through ministry. When I get my first turn down, I was down, but my brother Don talked with me and I knew this too shall pass. Being locked up is not no bowl of cherries. But by me asking God to talk to me through people like Ron and the others, I found peace and joy in prison.

No matter what Satan threw at me I didn't buy into it. I have Brothers to help me. I don't regret coming to prison because that is where I become a

new man because of Christ. Now that I am out, I early rise a lot more. Walking with Christ doesn't get any better. So, while you in there give yourself a chance and give Christ a chance to show you that His words are true. Take the time and attend some of the ministry. Just make sure they are teaching about Christ.

Claude O

Jude 11 "Woe to them! For they have gone in the way of Cain, have run greedily in the error of Balaam for profit, and perished in the rebellion of Korah."

Many so called ministers seem to be in the ministry only for material gain, as it was before.

Jude 24, 25 "Now to Him who is able to keep you from stumbling, And to present you faultless Before the presence of His glory with exceeding joy, 25 To God our Savior, Who alone is wise, Be glory and majesty, Dominion and power, Both now and forever. Amen."

Jesus is able to keep us from stumbling and He will present us faultless before God

2 pet 2:20-22 20 For if, after they have escaped the pollutions of the world through the knowledge of the Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, they are again entangled in them and overcome, the latter end is worse for them than the beginning. 21 For it would have been better for them not to have known the way of righteousness, than having known it, to turn from the holy commandment delivered to them. 22 But it has happened to them according to the true proverb: "A dog returns to his own vomit," and, "a sow, having washed, to her wallowing in the mire."

Celebrate your freedom in Christ; free from Hell

Instead of just celebrating the 4th of July as we always do, let's look at the true freedom we have received from Jesus. Let's think of all Jesus willingly endured just to free God's children from the power and penalty of sin. Sin no longer has power over us if we walk in the Spirit; however, there is a battle between the flesh and the Spirit. The Spirit is creating in us a new nature and making us in the likeness and image of Jesus. (Rom. 8:29) If we submit to the Spirit it is much easier to walk the narrow path; however, the offer of a wider path is made available by many false preachers who offer the walk in the flesh to be comfortable and have a rewarding

life here and now, not having in mind where they will spend eternity. A child of God always needs to have eternity in mind.

Think of all God has done for you, individually through the sacrifice of His only Son and all Jesus went through being rejected by the people He came to save. How can we not celebrate Jesus every day, not just one day of one month each year? **Phil. 1 6** Being confident of this very thing, that He which hath begun a good work in you will perform [it] until the day of Jesus Christ: It is Jesus who, through the Holy Spirit, will accomplish this. **Jude 1 :24, 25** Now unto him {God} that is able to keep you from fal-

ling, and to present [you] faultless before the presence of his glory with exceeding joy. 25 To the only wise God our Saviour, [be] glory and majesty, dominion and power, both now and ever. Amen. Perseverance is a guarantee from God to all who are truly saved by God.

Being constantly thankful is one of the best ways to celebrate Jesus instead of mummuring and complaining all of the time. Ps. 100:4,5 ⁴ Enter into His gates with thanksgiving, *And* into His courts with praise. Be thankful to Him, *and* bless His name. ⁵ For the LORD *is* good; His mercy *is* everlasting, And His truth *endures* to all generations.

Just a reminder of the Jubilee September 30

Mark your calendar for September 30 for a time of rejoicing in the Lord for all the men and women who are being exposed to the gospel through the pen pal letters, the Bible lessons, and all of the spiritual material mailed out daily to the many inmates all over the United States and some foreign countries. There will be more information regarding time and place in the September Newsletter. We had an especially great turn out of ex-offenders who gave wonderful testimonies of how God worked and changed their

lives in prison and how He is still very active in their lives since they have been out. There is the greatest evidence of prison ministry actually bringing the gospel into jails and prisons with life changing results. Unfortunately many men play the game of changing their lives and attend the Christian services only to really not be seeking what Jesus offers. If they are released and return to jail, it is evidence of a jail house religion. They may be like many people out in the streets—hypocrites playing to be fol-

lowers of the Word but living as it benefitted them. They lived in the flesh and never really sought the Lord with all of their hearts. However, I know enough ex-offenders whose lives prove Christ dwells in them. Testimonies at the Jubilee allow people to see evidence of these people's faith. When others see and hear the testimonies, they are more willing to realize that the God presented in the jails and prisons is working and is just as real in there as He is out here.

2 Pet 2 1But there were also false prophets among the people, even as there will be false teachers among you, who will secretly bring in destructive heresies, even denying the Lord who bought them, *and* bring on themselves swift destruction. 2And many will follow their destructive ways, because of whom the way of truth will be blasphemed. 3By covetousness they will exploit you with deceptive words; for a long time their judgment has not been idle, and their destruction does not slumber.

The need for pen pals is still a great here!

I have spoken to people who took an inmate pen pal unenthusiastically, but after a few letters they said it was a joy to be able to share the Word and hear back how God was working in that person's life. To hear of the changes God is making in peoples' lives even while they have lost their freedom and all of their support from friends and family is an incredible opportunity.

Many times the inmate causes this problem between them and their family, but during their incarceration, and through someone sharing God's love with them, eventually the relationship can be restored. When someone continues to say they are sorry for their crime, but they go right back to it, people lose confidence in them. After a good Christian pen pal introduces

Jesus and the Holy Spirit into the inmate's life, the Holy Spirit can bring on true Godly repentance and the same Holy Spirit can allow the family to soften their hearts and forgive. Plus, for inmates on life without parole, the right Godly influence can help them live their lives, even in prison, with trust in God and be at peace. I have seen this personally in many cases.

Will you be there?

2 Pet. 3:10 10 But the day of the Lord will come as a thief in the night; in the which the heavens shall pass away with a great noise, and the elements shall melt with fervent heat, the earth also and the works that are therein shall be burned up.

Here are some pictures of last years 35th Jubilee.



Testimonies are a large part of the Jubilee. It allows us to see how God is working in the jails and prisons freeing sinners by the grace of God.

This fellow had gotten off of parole and is working in a ministry to inmates and is involved in his church as well.



During his first time at the Jubilee, this man praised God for his new life in Christ.

Some of the food servers at last year's Jubilee



This is the update for Rehoboth Jail & Prison Ministry and Bible Readers Outreach Ministry for the months of April/May 2023

Bible Readers Outreach Ministries:

In April 2023 we mailed out 266 Bible lessons, enrolled 32 new students, mailed 13 Bibles at \$363.15, 10 Bible dictionaries/concordances at \$212.73. Misc office materials (paper, envelopes, ink, cardstock) \$395.05, Stamps \$522.00 Vernon McGee commentaries 5 at \$131.40 for a total of **\$ 1623.97**

In May 2023 we mailed out 264 Bible lessons enrolled 28 new students, mailed 11 Bibles cost of \$445.64 6 Bible dictionaries/Concordances at \$144.30 and Misc office materials (paper, envelopes, ink, cardstock) \$243.09 Stamps \$442.06 Vernon McGee commentaries 3 at \$44.72 for a total of \$ 1319.75

Rehoboth Jail & Prison Ministry Pen Pal Outreach:

In April 2023 I wrote 77 letter and received 16 new request during that month for volunteer pen pal . New volunteers to write inmates. None

In May 2023 I wrote 80 letter and received 23 new request during that month for volunteer pen pal . New volunteers to write inmates. None

I have no Hispanic volunteers to respond to Hispanic 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. So far this year we have written 450 letters with 95 new request for volunteers to write them.

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”

**Ronald R. Baker, Chaplain
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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 to quiz

Poems or testimonies from inmates

Answers for May/June

- 1.Seven (Matt. 23:13-29)
- 2.) Hell (Matt. 23:15)
- 3.) Mint, dill, cumin (Matt. 23:23)
- 4.) Camel (Matt. 23:24)
- 5.) Cup and the dish (Matt. 23:25)
- 6.) Tombs (Matt. 23:27)
- 7.) Snakes/vipers (Matt. 23:33)
- 8.) Abel and Zechariah (Matt. 23:35)
- 9.) A hen and chicks (Matt. 23:37)
- 10.) The temple (Matt. 24:2)

- followers that they would hear rumors of?
- 3.Because of wickedness, what did Jesus say would grow cold?
 - 4.In Matthew 24, Jesus predicted those abominable days would be dreadful for what two groups of women?
 - 5.What two groups of people will speak during those dark days and declare false things?
 - 6.According to Matthew 24, in those last days, what two celestial bodies will go dark?
 - 7.Jesus said heaven and earth will pass away, but what will never pass away.
 - 8.Jesus said no one would know when that day will arrive except whom?
 - 9.Jesus said that day of Judgment could be compared to

- the days of whom?
- 10.Where were the two men standing when one was taken and the other was left?

Farmers Joke

Four farmers were playing poker. After a while, one of them suggested they up the ante a bit and wagered that the losers should help out the winner in working his land. The other three agreed that that was an exciting prize to play for. They all had vast farms and had to leave parts of it un worked in past seasons. The extra help would mean a noticeable gain most likely. They reenter the game with renewed intensity. It

wasn't long until the final round, and cards were about to come down. Jameson, first to show, said, "Well, Charles. I'll be looking forward to seeing a lot more of you come spring. The one tractor has done fine, but I'm looking forward to seeing what we can achieve with...Four of a kind." As he laid down four eights on the table. Charles remained cool however, and calmly replied, "You're right about everything you just said, Jameson. I too can't wait see you do my crop like you're about to do my cards," as he laid down his straight flush. "Weed 'em and reap."

Questions for July/Aug 2023

- 1.On what mountain did Jesus proclaim His Olivet Discourse?
- 2.What did Jesus warn His