REHOBOTH JAIL & PRISON MINISTRY NEWSLETTER

CHANGING LIVES FROM THE INSIDE OUT!

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Ministry Outreaches Available:

In - Prison Ministry Ministry After Care Support Groups Pen Pal (letter writing) Mentoring Family Ministry Youth Ministry

Ministry training seminars available for local churches

DOES THIS MINISTRY MAKE A DIFFERENCE?

Dear Ron, May you be deeply honored and encouraged by my sincere expression of love and appreciation for your work of faith, labor of love, and patience of hope in our Lord Jesus Christ in how you have ministered and still minister unto the saints. I want you to know that I thank God upon every remembrance of you always and in every prayer of mine for you making request with joy for your fellowship in the Gospel from the first day until now.

Ron I want you to know that you have played an essential part in my growth in Christ and I thank God for vou. I wish there were more men of God like you who would dedicate his life to the ministry the way you have. I have had the privilege to watch God do a might work in your life and ministry through the years that I have known you. I don't think He's done yet, I believe He has great and precious promises and blessing in store for you in the years to come. I can safely say what an impact you have and had in the lives of those you have ministered to through the years and I am eternally grateful for your dedication and love that you have for God's church. Thanks for your inspiration and encouragement in the Gospel of Jesus Christ. You are truly worthy of double honor for all

your diligent work of faith and labor of love you have shown towards His Holy Name. May God comfort your heart and stablish you in every good word and work. The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you. May love and respect be with you in Christ Jesus. Amen.

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ who has blessed us with all spiritual blessings in heavenly places in Christ...especially that of his unspeakable gift of His Son Jesus Christ our Lord and Savior. Amen. And the gift of eternal life through His Name. Enjoy all the good and perfect gifts God has for you.

I hope this card finds you in good spirit in knowing that I am thinking of you during this holiday season. You're in my heart & prayers. May the light of God's love & grace surround you as you celebrate the glory of <u>Christ</u>-mas with those you love <u>family</u>. May the peace and beauty of the holiday season be with you throughout the coming year. I thank God for His Son Jesus Christ and for friendship. Have a safe and wonderful holiday season. May God fill your stockings (heart) with His abundant blessings and joy.

Sincerely in Christ's love, Joey

We get many such cards and letters from men who have been blessed by the work God is doing through His willing servants in Rehoboth Jail & Prison Ministry. I hear many people wondering, "Why do you do this ministry when the recidivism rate is so high?", but when we get letters like this and many others from men both in prison, and some released, we cannot help but know God is in this varied prison ministry to bless the least of these His servants. Plus the is a much smaller recidivism rate from many seeking a walk with Jesus is much lower than the average.



Ron shares the Word at one of the prisons and some men lift their hands in praise to God. These men come to the services to celebrate God and worship Him, not to be entertained.



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Let's look at the 23rd annual Day of Jubilee Celebration.



Many of you have been praying for Kim, here she is at the day of Jubilee standing with her walker. She is now walking without it.

Tommy gives his testimony of 32 years of incarceration and how he was two votes short of the death sentence, here by the grace of God he is free.





Jim Marcum and his lady friend as Jim shared how God is working in his life. He attends every year and keeps in contact with Ron.

Here is Ron's sister giving her testimony of how God is worked in her life and praising God for the prayers of so many people for her and her

daughter Kim.





Brother Jim Searcy is an elder of his church, a Prison Fellowship volunteer, and a supporter of this ministry for many years.



Above Bill and Ellen Judy two of the original volunteers of Prison Fellowship who ministered to Ron when he was incarcerated at Staunton.



Two faithful board members who help make this ministry as successful as it is and help with the Day of Jubilee celebration as well.





Steve St Clair enjoys taking pictures and said he could not wait for the celebration and looks forward to next year's.





Here is left to right Tommy Cute, Marty Napier, and Charles Kelly who attended the celebration and shared how God is still working in their lives, each is an exoffender blessed through jail and prison ministry.



Charles gives his testimony; he has been out of prison several years and working for himself.

Day of Jubilee over the years.



This was one of the first celebrations. John Miller, who was on the board, plays with children who are not all in this picture.



Here is another of the first years of the celebration. My stepfather and his wife join us for this one.



In this picture of one of the first celebrations Keane Pugh talks to Rene Scott, an ex-inmate who joined us.



Ron, Rene, and Marshal Armentrout and his wife.

Ellen and Mrs. Miller sing praises to God at what is probably the first Day of Jubilee.





Far right Clyde Morris with whom I actually served time with at Staunton. The other two in the picture are also exinmates. First Day of Jubilee.



Carl Wonderly (right) and Mike Mouly. Both were volunteers at SCC back when Ron was an inmate there. This was also one of the first celebrations.



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Ron's sister and best friend. She always helps set up and clean up.



(?), Ellen Judy, Early Perry and his lady friend at the first Day of Jubilee.





Here is the past board left to right. John Miller, Gene Lawson (moved away), Richard Showalter (retired), Tim Miller (Chairman), Lisa Miller (secretary/ Treasurer), Joe Arbaugh.

Thought for Jan.29, 2002 Oh, the Joy I felt in Your presence. Thank you, Lord, for your forgiving mercies for a sinner like me.

This is the update for Rehoboth Jail & Prison Ministry and Bible Readers Outreach Ministry for the months of Oct/Nov 2021 Bible Readers Outreach Ministries:

In Aug. 2023 we mailed out 279 Bible lessons, enrolled 38 new students, mailed 9 Bibles at \$300.87, 5 Bible dictionaries/concordances at \$115.37. Old T J. Vernon McGee commentary 4 @ 79.53 Misc. office materials (paper, envelopes, ink, cardstock) \$219.89, Stamps \$10.31 for a total of **\$ 797.97** In Sept. 2023 we mailed out 3254 Bible lessons enrolled 13 new students, mailed 9 Bibles cost of \$300.97, 5 Bible dictionaries/Concordances at \$115.37 Old T J. Vernon McGee commentary 5 @ \$77.65 and Misc. office materials (paper, envelopes, ink, cardstock) \$237.30 Stamps \$561.00 for a total of \$ 1055.19 Trip to Jubilee 161.62 total 1412.56

Rehoboth Jail & Prison Ministry Pen Pal Outreach:

In Aug. 2023 I wrote 53 letter and received 11 new request during that month for volunteer pen pal . Some volunteers too more pen pals for the ones who stopped writing

In Sept. 2023 I wrote 62 letter and received 33 new request during that month for volunteer pen pal . Some volunteers too more pen pals for the ones who stopped writing

I also received 1 letter written in Spanish which I could 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?

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.

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS TO QUIZ EDOM INMATES Answers for Sept/Oct you helped someone like th

A hand mill (Matt. 24:41) 2.) Ten (Matt. 25:1) 3.) Five and five (Matt. 25:2) 4.) Oil (Matt. 25:3) 5.) Midnight (Matt. 25:6) 6.) According to their ability (Matt. 25:15) 7.) Dug a hole and hid it (Matt. 25:18) 8.) Good, faithful (Matt. 25:23) 9.) A hard man (Matt. 25:24) 10.) Outside into darkness (Matt. 25:30) 1.In Matthew 25, Jesus de-

Questions for Dec/Nov

scribed a separation of believers and nonbelievers as the separation of what two flocks of animals? 2.What five conditions did Jesus reference by saying if you helped someone like this you helped Him? 3.Jesus was crucified during what Jewish holiday? 4.In whose palace did the chief priests and elders meet to plot to kill Jesus? 5.In Matthew 26, Jesus was anointed with the alabaster jar of perfume while in whose home?

6.Instead of anointing Jesus with the perfume, where did the disciples think this money could have been better spent? 7.How many pieces of silver did Judas accept to betray Jesus?

8.Jesus predicted that one who had dipped his hand into what would betray Him?9.Which two apostles did Jesus predict would betray and deny Him?10.After they are the Last Supper, Jesus and the apostles

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 6166 Helens Way, Schuyler, VA 22969-9607

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

POEMS OR TESTIMONIES

sang a hymn and then went to what mount?

Just Pray Max Lucado

Do you want to know how to deepen your prayer life? Don't prepare to pray. Just pray.

Don't read about prayer. Just pray.

Don't attend a lecture on prayer or engage in discussion about prayer. Just pray.

Posture, tone, and place are personal matters. Select the form that works for you. But don't think about it too much. Don't be so concerned about wrapping the gift that you never give it. Better to pray awkwardly than not at all. And if you feel you should only pray when inspired that's okay. Just see to it that

you are inspired every day!

You're Always There For <u>Me</u>

When the world comes crashing in And chaos rules my mind, I turn my heart to you, Lord And pure, sweet peace I find.

You lift me out of trouble You comfort me in pain, You nourish, heal and cleanse me

Like cool, refreshing rain.

In times of Joy and Bliss When things are going right, You lift me even higher And fill me with delight.

You listen to my prayers You hear my every plea, I'm safe because I know You're always there for me.