nd beyona

LIBERTY BEHIND BARS MINISTRY

APRIL 2019 QUARTERLY NEWSLETTER

The Spirit of the Lord GOD is upon me; because the LORD hath anointed me to preach good tidings unto the meek; he hath sent me to bind up the brokenhearted, to proclaim liberty to the captives, and the opening of the prison to them that are bound; (Isa 61:1)

As one door closes, another door opens...

by Dale Morey

God has been so very faithful in His direction of Liberty Behind Bars Ministry. Unfortunately, it looks as the Lord may have closed the door to minister in the Allegany County Jail. However, He has unfurled a wide-open door at the Monroe County Jail in Rochester, NY! The Sheriff personally asked me to minister to the "mainframe" of the jail. This is a section of the jail that houses the most violent offenders. I LOVE it! These are my people and am so blessed to have the opportunity to pray with these men, hold bible studies and teach them God's truth, council, and teach them biblical life-skills who many other "ministers" will just pass by. It is also a blessing that I have clearance to enter the jail 7 days a week; 9am-9pm! My first visit was a bit mind-blowing as this jail is enormous and houses over 1500 inmates. Since Rochester is about 1 1/2 hours away, I currently only make two visits a week....until the Lord directs otherwise.

Not only have I had the opportunity to witness and pray with the inmates - I have with the correctional officers as well! It truly has been a blessing!

As I ventured in the one section, I was approached by a very large man, covered in tattoos, pointing at me. He was yelling, "It's you...it's really you!" This is a man that I have been sending devotionals and ministering through the mail, but have never met before. The tears in his eyes were priceless...

IN THIS ISSUE

Open Doors

Letter from the Pastor

Pen Pal Ministry

Praises

Prayer Requests

Devotional

A Note from Pastor's Desk

by Dr. John Asquith

I wanted to add a note to Brother Dale Morey's newsletter for Liberty Behind Bars. Recently, at my prodding Liberty Behind Bars has become a 501c3 organization. This has concerned a few pastors who expressed a fear that Liberty Behind Bars was no longer a local church organization. Nothing could be further from the truth. Dale and Amy Morey are members in good standing at the Black Creek Baptist Church and live a life in complete harmony with Jesus Christ including their diligence to attend church, live by the precepts of this Baptist Church and have willingly placed themselves under its authority.

Our decision to make Liberty Behind Bars into a 501c3 reflects our desire to give Liberty some autonomy to handle its funds as the directors see fit (I am on that board), and to keep its finances separate from our regular church funds. For those brethren who oppose having Baptist churches incorporate under federal auspices such as a501c3 represents, keep in mind that the Black Creek Baptist Church is not a 501c3 corporation. It does have such corporation being operated by attendees of this church. As long as those attendees exhibit fealty to the Lord Jesus Christ and a biblical allegiance to this local church, we are pleased to have them here.



Pen-Pal Ministry

by Amy Morey

LBB has ventured into another outreach of the ministry. We launched our Pen-Pal ministry in March and have had great response from both Christians and inmates participants. This outreach is for those individuals who would like to partner with LBB and encourage inmates through the Word of God by sending an inmate a letter, card, tract, or any other uplifting message. If you are interested in partnering with LBB - please contact us and we can get you more information!

Inmate Testimonies

"I never in a million years expected to be selected to join a Pen Pal program! When you feel alone and empty while behind these bars, it's encouraging to know you can fall back on your pen pal!" - K.O. "You have definitely had a positive impact on my life and I guarantee others too!" - J.E.

"I would like to thank you for responding through my darkest moments, well that's what if feels like. Even though I am in prison, God has still made a way for me to manage and still smile..." - L.H. "Therefore, my beloved brethren, be ye stedfast, unmoveable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, forasmuch as ye know that your labour is not in vain in the Lord."

1 CORINTHIANS 15:58

PRAYER REQUESTS

- * Finalized NY State tax exempt status
- * Opportunity to present the ministry at local churches
- * Future building to start
 "A Place of Refuge"
 (Isaiah 4:6) a facility to assist individuals once they have been released from jail/prison to become "Christian productive members of society."
 - * Non-Profit Postal Stamp Permit

* Financial Support

Praises

by Dale Morey

I finally had the pain stimulator surgery in March. This, I would say has been the most painful of surgeries I have ever had. However, the stimulator is working where it was meant to be. I just need to be patient with the 8 month recovery of where they put the "paddle" in my spine.

A young man that I have worked with in the Allegany County Jail contacted me when he was released. Since our conversation, he and his wife have attended services at our church for the past month. We have also started a home bible study with them. It is so precious to see how excited they are to learn about the Word of God!



Power from the Tomb

by Dale Morey Philippians 3:10 That I may know him, and the power of his resurrection

John 11:25-26 Jesus said unto her, I am the resurrection, and the life: he that believeth in me, though he were dead, yet shall he live: And whosoever liveth and believeth in me shall never die. Believest thou this?

The sad truth for many Christians is they stop at just what Jesus did at the cross. Though that is of the utmost of importance, there is also power and forgiveness in His resurrection. Many people could have died on a cross, and for sure many did. The difference between Jesus and them was He is God, and He would rise from the dead and have victory over death.

Revelation 1:18 says, I am he that liveth, and was dead; and, behold, I am alive for evermore, Amen; and have the keys of hell and of death.

If Jesus did not raise from the dead, we would still be lost in our sins - *1Corinthians 15:17 And if Christ be not raised, your faith is vain; ye are yet in your sins.*

There is much power in the resurrection of Jesus to change lives as we read here in

Romans 6:3-11 Know ye not, that so many of us as were baptized into Jesus Christ were baptized into his death? Therefore we are buried with him by baptism into death: that like as Christ was raised up from the dead by the glory of the Father, even so we also should walk in newness of life. For if we have been planted together in the likeness of his death, we shall be also in the likeness of his resurrection: Knowing this, that our old man is crucified with him, that the body of sin might be destroyed, that henceforth we should not serve sin. For he that is dead is freed from sin. Now if we be dead with Christ, we believe that we shall also live with him: Knowing that Christ being raised from the dead dieth no more; death hath no more dominion over him. For in that he died, he died unto sin once: but in that he liveth, he liveth unto God. Likewise reckon ye also yourselves to be dead indeed unto sin, but alive unto God through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Come, bring your sins to the cross of Jesus, be washed in the cleansing power of His blood, and then rise with Jesus and the power of His resurrection!



postal stamps

• 9x12 envelopes (to send bibles to inmates)

 regular legal size envelopes (sending monthly "devotionals" to inmates)

printing paper

 mileage costs for traveling to Rochester

shipping cost for the
 bibles from Church Bible
 Publishers

For the LORD heareth the poor, and despiseth not his prisoners. Psalm 69:33

Contact

Liberty Behind Bars Ministry, Inc. P.O. Box 264 Belfast, NY 14711 585-365-5447

libertybehindbarsministry@gmail.com

