

# LIBERTY BEHIND BARS MINISTRY

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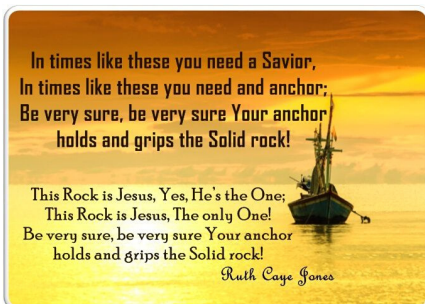
*The Spirit of the Lord GOD is upon me; because the LORD hath anointed me to preach good tidings unto the meek; he hath sent me to bind up the brokenhearted, to proclaim liberty to the captives, and the opening of the prison to them that are bound (Isa 61:1)*

## *In Times Like These...*

Revelation 1:8

*I am Alpha and Omega, the beginning and the ending, saith the Lord, which is, and which was, and which is to come, the Almighty.*

When the COVID-19 or Corona Virus hit the U.S., some believed it was from China, some believed it was our government, and some believed that it was a judgement of God. But no matter what name you attach to this virus or where you believe it came from, God knows it, God allowed it, and God sits on His throne in complete control of it - as He always has. One of the names given to God is - Omnipotent; meaning one having unlimited power and able to do anything. Jesus said in Matthew 24: 6-8 *And ye shall hear of wars and rumours of wars: see that ye be not troubled: for all these things must come to pass, but the end is not yet. For nation shall rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom: and there shall be famines, and pestilences, and earthquakes, in divers places. All these are the beginning of sorrows.* As Christians, no matter what our political view is or where we believe this virus came from, Jesus warned that these things were to come to pass. It is in times like these that we need to trust our Saviour!



In times like these - we need to show the lost world that we believe God is in full control!

## *Praises with a bit of prayer...*

With the entire U.S. basically "shut down," many of our confirmed mission conferences were cancelled for the month of March and April. However, just before the quarantine, we were able to participate in a mission's conference in Buffalo, NY. We were able to share our burden for those not only behind bars, but the tremendous need to help these individuals once they are released. A special thanks to Pastor Donath for opening his doors during an unprecedented time with this virus!

Due to the restrictions that the Governor of NY set into place, I was not allowed to go into the Monroe County Jail (MCJ) and all other state facilities during much of March. However, I was contacted by the Chaplain from MCJ and was asked if I would be interested in returning during the closures. Only 3 other individuals beside me are allowed at the jail this time. Although my weekly Thursday bible study in the Mainframe has been put on hold, I have been able to reach many new individuals on different floors of this jail. Since April 6th, we have sent out 75 or more KJV bibles! We have estimated that over the course of one year at MCJ we have given over 300 KJV bibles! Now, in no disrespect to other ministries, but we do not send/give paperback KJV bibles. We go the extra mile and give leather-like, soft cover bibles. I have not seen any of the bibles we have given thrown on the floor at the jail, or pages thrown over the hallways... These men cherish these bibles. These bibles are allowed to go home with the individuals or follow them to the prison they go to. It is all thanks to the people like you who support Liberty Behind Bars and their donations that help this cause!

Since being back at MCJ, the devotionals have also increased. We are now close to 150 mailings that go out every 3 weeks! Please continue to pray that this door stays open for me to go to MCJ during this quarantine.

## *IN THIS ISSUE*

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*Special Thanks...*

*Ministry Needs*

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Please keep the men and women in the MCJ and all other jails/prisons across the U.S. in prayer. Basically the facilities are in "lock-down" due to the Corona virus. These individuals are not allowed any visits from friends and family. I have seen an increase in depression, helplessness, and anxiety. This has led to an increase in altercations between individuals. Please continue to lift them up in prayer!



Close to 4 years ago I met a woman that was in the Allegany County Jail. Just recently she has been transferred back to her home in California to serve out her 7 years. It is amazing of the influx of new people from California that we are in contact with now because of her! We are also receiving many requests from Florida and some northern states!

Currently we do have a preaching meeting scheduled for May 16th. However, it is "touch and go" with the closures still in place. I have been told that it would be rescheduled if need be.

We would like to make a trip to our supporting churches this summer and to present the ministry to new churches. Currently it is recommended that travel not be done. We are praying the state borders will be opened and that we can travel freely visiting these churches!

#### **As for my family and I...**

Honestly, this COVID-19 quarantine has been wonderful for our family. Many of you know that due to my past, my wife has had to work and my children have had to go to public school. Since my wife is a special education teacher, she and the kids have been home since the middle of March! We absolutely have been blessed to be able to "home-school" and work from home! Please keep this in prayer as well, as we would love to keep our children home and not return to public school. However, unless the Lord deems it, Amy will still need to work.

*Praise  
the Lord*

I was scheduled to have my 13th back surgery to have my stimulator replaced in March. However, all elective surgeries have been placed on hold due to the virus. It has been moved to the end of May, but we will see. Please keep this in prayer as well!

Please also pray as my employment continues to decrease due to my physical abilities. However, this may be the Lord's doing so I can have more time for the ministry. If this is the case, please pray that the Lord give me wisdom on whether to continue to work or not. If not, that He would provide for our family...

Continue to pray for God's intervention in this ministry... if He does not show up in the jails and lives of these men and women - then I'd be better off sitting in a pew at the church. These people do not need another "religious worker!" Jesus Christ is the only one who can make a difference in ANY person's life!



#### **A Special Thanks to....**

- The Sheriff, Under-sheriff, Superintendent, and Chaplin at the Monroe County Jail for allowing me to minister to the individuals in their facility
- Those volunteers that help stuff and mail devotionals
- For those churches and individuals who continue to support LBB on a monthly basis through financial support, materials (stamps), and prayers!
- For our close friend who created a "fundraiser" for LBB - she has been such a blessing to our family and LBB!

## ***PRAYER REQUESTS***

\* Opportunity to present the ministry

\* Open a future building:  
"A Place of Refuge"  
(Isaiah 4:6)  
- a transition home

\* Monthly Financial Support

\* Salvation of both the men/women we work with and the Deputies

## ***SPECIFIC MINISTRY NEEDS***

· postal stamps

· 9 x 12 manila envelopes (w/out clasp)

· regular legal size envelopes

· printing paper

· mileage/gas costs for traveling to Rochester

· shipping cost for bibles

· printer/copier ink