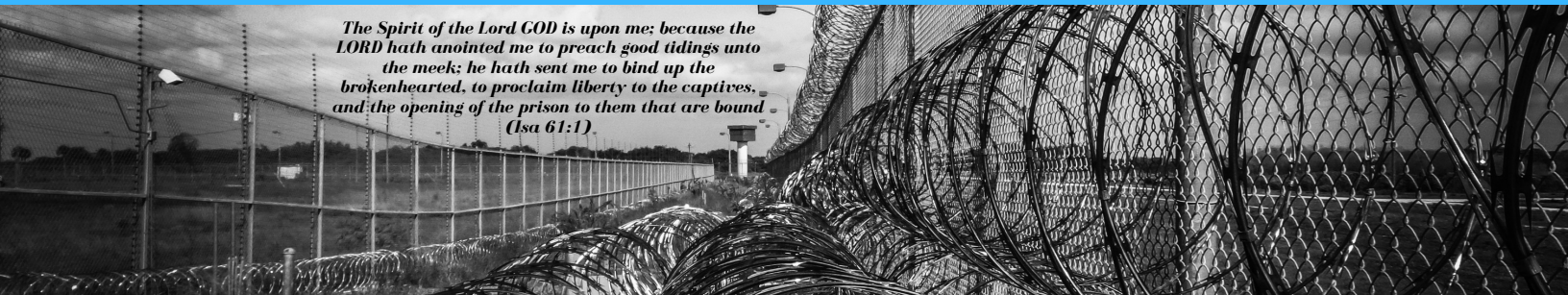


and beyond

LIBERTY BEHIND BARS MINISTRY

Sending Church: Black Creek Baptist Church

AUGUST 2021 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).

Praises with a bit of prayer...

2 Corinthians 4:1

"Therefore seeing we have this ministry, as we have received mercy, we faint not;"

My goodness! It has been a whirlwind since our last letter! God has been so good to the ministry and to our family!

We have had the opportunity to present our ministry to many churches in New York, PA, and Maine since March. Almost every church we presented at - our family left BLESSED! Some decided to support our ministry financially...others have dedicated themselves to praying for it! Both are tremendous to LBB! Prayer moves God just as well (if not more) than monetary gifts! The friendships we have acquired is priceless.

On three different occasions we were chosen as a church's VBS missionary. The outpouring love from the children and adults from these churches overwhelmed us! Not only did we get to minister to their children, but they ministered unto us!

Month of July: We spent most of July up in Maine. It was amazing how the Lord provided every need! Whether it was housing, food, fellowship, spiritual needs, and financial - HE met it ALL! While we were up in Maine, we did hear from three churches that they were taking us on for support! One was not even from Maine! God has been showing his faithfulness every step of the way!

Month of August: While in Maine, we ran into some dear friends in the ministry. They invited us to their first ever tent meeting in Ohio. WOW what a week of revival! There were 7 people who made a profession of salvation! To God be the Glory! There were countless others who rededicated their lives to Christ and made decisions of full submission! We met many new sweet friends and renewed deep friendships with others! Only God can do such amazing things!

In between - we have had several Men's meeting at our home church (Black Creek Baptist Church). The power that has reigned down has been marvelous!

New exciting opportunity at Monroe County Jail (MCJ):

The Sheriff's administration approached me a few months ago about bringing me in as an independent contractor. This is still a work in progress and we pray that everything could be finalized within the next few months.

What this DOESN'T mean...

MCJ will not ask me to use different bibles, preach a different gospel, or compromise any of my beliefs. They are considering me as a resource because of what Jesus Christ has done with me and now able to help the men and women in their jail. Just as Joseph and Daniel worked along side authority (government officials) without compromising their God, so the Lord is using LBB in this same fashion.

What this DOES mean...

I have better access in the jail. I will be able to have more flexibility in when I can meet with the individuals (up to 40 hours a week if needed). Unless for security reasons, I will be able to work with all the individuals housed in MCJ. I will be able to counsel the men (and soon to be women with the help of my wife Amy) and assist transition needs - whether to prison or home. I will also have the opportunity to transport newly released individuals to housing, bring individuals to parole and probation appointments, and places pertaining to addition treatment programs.

There may be other opportunities within the jail to work with individual family members as well. It is so important to bridge relationships in Jesus Christ in order for lasting change to occur.

PLEASE PRAY for the Lord's direction with this new opportunity!

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Prayer Requests:

- Pray that we have more opportunities to present the ministry to churches and that they would partner with LBB. We currently are close to 50% support! That is just since March! God has blessed and we pray this number continues to rise!
- With being in the jail more, it will be necessary for us to move to Rochester, NY. Please pray that we can sell our home and purchase one at the same cost!
- Pray that Covid restrictions do not interfere with presenting the ministry or working in the jail.
- Pray for a "helper." As David had a keeper when he left - so do I need someone to help when I travel to present the ministry. Asking the Lord for wisdom on this.

Testimony

I wish I had the room to include the entire letter from this man. The extreme change that I have seen in him within 6 months has been amazing! To God be the Glory!

Thank you very much for the beautiful bible you gave me. Please thank your pastor Dr. John Asquith for the books he wrote... it was an eye opener... that book was very instrumental in cementing God's calling on my life... I am hungry to serve wherever I can, and give of myself and whatever I have. I praise God for meeting you and getting fellowship; I am starved for fellowship... I have yet to meet serious Christians. I am grieved in my spirit with all the wickedness around me, however, I used to be unregenerate and I owe everything to my Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ, so I am no better than anyone. I realize how fallen I was, how much I was sick and twisted... my sinful nature is ever before me, which makes me so thankful for the blood of our Redeemer. Our God is an awesome God. I have so many things to be thankful for; I am converted! I have saving faith, I have a hunger for the Word of God, I am not a slave to sin any more. I have lost the urge to read worldly books, watch TV or play games... it's truly amazing how powerful the Holy Ghost is when I truly repented!

...I don't know if you understand the severity of the the apostate teachers; many are led astray, it's sickening. I've listened to podcasts with my bible in hand following along, and its not even close. These pastors twist scripture and make God into a stop and shop for blessings and pick me ups!

There was 3 more pages to this gentleman's letter. I was amazed at his grammar... his spelling... his faith! Pray for my friend J.K. that the Lord use him mightily in the jail and on the streets!

Our Family...

A MIRACLE from God... As many of you know I have had over 16 surgeries and I have been living in severe chronic pain for years. God pinpointed something in my life that I fought for many years. Once I submitted and obeyed God...the absolute freedom of bondage was given! Now, I am not pain free - but I am at least 50% better! I want to praise God for his faithfulness!

Full time ministry... Another answered prayer! Thank you all who have prayed for our family. *In 1 Samuel 15:22 it reads: And Samuel said, Hath the LORD as great delight in burnt offerings and sacrifices, as in obeying the voice of the LORD? Behold, to obey is better than sacrifice, and to hearken than the fat of rams.* When the Lord tells you it is time to do something, as impossible as it looks, you must obey. Through the grace of God, Amy resigned her position as a special education teacher. We are excited to have her home, teaching our children and working full time in the ministry! Please continue to pray for God's provision . We are so excited to see what God will do!



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 who have watched our home and pets as we travel extensively!
- Those volunteers that help stuff and mail devotionals and help with bible distribution
- For those churches and individuals who support LBB on a monthly basis through financial support, materials (stamps), and prayers!

ON-GOING PRAYER REQUESTS

Open doors to present the ministry to churches locally and nationwide

Opportunity to have revival meetings in jails and prisons locally and nationwide

Churches to partner with LBB to work with newly released individuals

"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

shipping cost for bibles

printer/copier ink

*Praise
the Lord*