

LIBERTY BEHIND BARS MINISTRY

and beyond

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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)

Beyond Thankful...

Psalms 106:1-2

Praise ye the LORD. O give thanks unto the LORD; for he is good: for his mercy endureth for ever. Who can utter the mighty acts of the LORD.



One of our close friend Ashley Ford from Black Creek Baptist Church created this fundraiser visual for LBB! In less than two months, Black Creek met and superseded their goal of raising \$5K towards a vehicle for LBB! Not only that - but with donations from Calvary Bible Baptist Church, family, and friends in/outside of the church - we were able to purchase a safe, AWD, economical vehicle. Our prayer was that the Lord would provide a car without any debt. He answered that prayer - above and beyond. Total raised was \$18,000! We were able to do a "cash-deal," include an extended warranty, and pay some car insurance ahead of schedule! We were also able to sell our old car to someone in need and purchase snow tires, brakes, and rotors for Amy's car! God is so good! To thank everyone that prayed, gave (or both), would be impossible. So please accept this as a THANK YOU and may the Lord BLESS YOU for your giving to this fundraiser and your love and support for our family and this ministry. - BEYOND THANKFUL!

The monetary support from both churches and individuals for Liberty Behind Bars is growing. We have been able to personally give over 200-250 KJV bibles out to those behind and beyond those iron bars! We are also so close to breaking the 100 mark in the number of devotionals that we send out twice a month! The stamps we have been receiving has been such a blessing as well - as we spend close to \$55 every three weeks in postage for the devotionals alone. This cost does not include mailing in bibles and other biblical literature. BEYOND THANKFUL!

Many of you know that not only do we have two children - we have 4 fur babies as well. Unfortunately, traveling to churches for missions conferences, special meetings, and ministry presentations - do not allow us to bring them along. We want to put a special thank you out to the Asquith boys for always coming to the Morey rescue when we are called out of town so often! They really have been a big part of this ministry as we would not be able to afford to kennel each of them while we were away! - BEYOND THANKFUL!

This year a church (anonymous) "adopted" three children for Christmas whose parents were incarcerated. We cannot thank you enough for partnering with LBB and reaching out to these family members! Christmas can be a very depressing time for the individuals that I work with and their family members. This is one way that we as Christian believers can show that we and the Lord Jesus Christ cares for them! - BEYOND THANKFUL!

We also want to thank each of you who prays for this ministry on a consistent basis. There have been several times that the weather has been pretty rough and driving to Rochester has been down-right dangerous. Also, the spiritual battle that is faced every time I walk through those doors can be overwhelming. Your prayers and God's protection has been sincerely felt. - BEYOND THANKFUL!

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Praises with a little bit of prayer...

Since our last prayer newsletter there have been several changes in the jail with regards to weekly bible studies. When I first started, I was allowed to pull up to 10 individuals out on the same floor every other week. Today, I have been given full access to pull men from any floor/building and we are up to 30 individuals who attend on a weekly basis! ...I ran out of room page 1, but BEYOND THANKFUL for Dep. Thomas, Dep. King, Sheriff Baxter, Under-sheriff Brown, and Superintendent VanDuzee!

The Monroe County Jail (MCJ) has personally given me a pictured ID to wear while working in the jail and my own parking pass. When I started ministering in MCJ there were some barriers between the Deputies and myself. However, with them seeing my diligence, giving my testimony, and seeing how Jesus can change a person's life - I believe many of these barriers have been broken down. Today, many of the Deputies go out of their way to assist me while I'm working in the jail and keep things safe for everyone!

On January 6th, we had a meeting with the Mayor of Rochester to discuss a plan of developing a program to assist newly released inmates and becoming what is so often said, "productive members of society." We were pleasantly surprised when the Mayor started quoting verses and explained that churches and Jesus need to be more actively involved in these individuals' lives. We are looking to establish "A Place of Refuge," a facility that will be a Christian based home to help these men once they are out. There is a TON of things that need to happen before this can happen. So not only is this a Praise that we are starting to get the ball rolling - but also a HUGE prayer request that the Lord give us wisdom on how to proceed! Both Daniel and Joseph worked alongside the king/pharaoh - but NEVER compromised. This is the intent and conviction of LBB!

To me, this is a praise and testimony.... as many of you know my past history. I was not friends with authority figures, cops, sheriffs, deputies... I was their mortal enemy. Today, my next door neighbor is my ex-correctional officer, one of my best friends is a Sheriff, and I had a Deputy ask ME to write a letter of reference for him to go to college! OH MY! How God turns things around in this life - from this awful sinner into someone who others look up to - ONLY because of Jesus!

There have been several of the men that I have worked with this past year who are really making some productive life changes - even behind those bars. It is so awesome to see how God is answering prayers, challenging these men, and motivating them to live a Christian life. All glory God!

Amy and I had the opportunity to go to Attica Correctional Facility to visit a man named Corey. Many of you know the history of this prison. I did stay here (on the inside) for medical visits; many years ago - so I was a bit familiar with things. However, Amy was not. As we went through the iron gates (4 or 5 of them) to get to the visit room it was a bit overwhelming for both of us (each in our own perspectives). As we sat and watched the countless women wait for their husband, children waiting for their daddy, and parents waiting for their son - a strange sense of urgency came across us. LBB needs saved men (those behind these bars) preaching to other men - to give them the Gospel of Jesus Christ and the hope of a changed life! As Corey came out, we wanted to approach him about this. Corey is a young black man - but we call him "bright-face" because of the Glory of the Lord that shines on his face and in his life! When I asked him what his sentence was - he said, "30 years to life in Christ!" What a testimony! The guys in the jail/prison now call him "Bishop," - not his street name, "Murder." Men from MCJ and Attica are floored by the transformation in Corey's life. God can save and change ANY person in ANY circumstance! We have asked Corey to prayerfully consider being an "inside" volunteer for LBB to reach souls for Jesus Christ. We have also asked him to write his testimony and we will print it for him. It is so exciting to see how Jesus can change the gutter-most to the utter-most!

As for me and my family... let's just say that the Lord has been so good to us this year! Even through trials and dark times, He is faithful to pull us through. We have a lot to consider these next few months - so PLEASE keep our family and this ministry in prayer. Please pray for an increase in monthly support - as holding employment and trying to do full-time ministry is taking its toll... there just isn't enough time in the day and I need to be in the jail more days.

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!

*Praise
the Lord*

PRAYER REQUESTS

- * Opportunity to present the ministry
- * Upcoming Missions Conference and Special Meetings in Feb, March, & April
- * 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