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LIBERTY BEHIND BARS MINISTRY

Sending Church: Black Creek Baptist Church

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Praises with a bit of prayer...

Psalms 25:4-5

Shew me thy ways, O LORD; teach me thy paths. Lead me in thy truth, and teach me: for thou art the God of my salvation; on thee do I <u>wait</u> all the day.

Psa 27:14

<u>Wait</u> on the LORD: be of good courage, and he shall strengthen thine heart: <u>wait</u>, I say, on the LORD.

Waiting... probably one of the hardest things to do when you are ready to do what the Lord has called you to do something! However, waiting on the Lord is one of the most important things we need to do. We need to rest in the fact that He knows best and to be ready to move ahead when he opens that door.

Under no circumstance do we (LBB and the Morey family) want to push the arm of man, nor God into something that is not of Lord's will. Although it has been plainly made known by the Lord that we need to be closer to the people we work with in Rochester, NY, we need to wait for God's perfect timing.

Since our last letter, we did put our home up for sale. We have had several interested buyers, but timing is everything! We have found a home in Rochester, NY, however buying it is contingent on selling ours. Again... waiting on the Lord.

So many of our bible heroes waited on the Lord and we are no different. Abraham waited... *Hebrews 6:15 And so, after he had patiently endured, he obtained the promise.* Job waited... *James 5:11 Behold, we count them happy which endure. Ye have heard of the patience of Job, and have seen the end of the Lord; that the Lord is very pitiful, and of tender mercy.* David waited... *Psalms 40:1 I waited patiently for the LORD; and he inclined unto me, and heard my cry.*

Why is it important to wait? I can list several reasons:

- it builds patience
- it prepares you for the promise
- it protects us
- it allows us to know more about the character of God
- it shows us who we are and what we are capable of
- it assures us of what we are saying "yes" to
- it give us time to **REST**

For the last 4 weeks (continuing into November) the Monroe County Jail (MCJ) has been closed to all workers due to an increase of Covid cases. Although we can look at this in a pessimistic view - we are looking at it as God's hand in that we are able to travel for deputation for the next month. If we can't be in the jail, then we need to be out raising support! We will be on the road for most of October and November. We have several new churches that we will be presenting to and meetings we have been asked to preach.

Although the MCJ and many other jails/prisons are closed, we are still busily working and ministering through email via JPay and Securus (jail/prison email platforms) as well as snail mail! We continue to grow outside of New York state. Just in the last couple of weeks we gained over a dozen new people from Georgia! We were able to send out KJV bibles to these men and minister through the mail and email! While most jail/prison ministers rely solely on face-to-face visits, the

Lord has opened the door for LBB to minister to our friends behind and beyond jails/prisons through technology!

We continue to send out more devotionals each month - which means that the Word of God is reaching more people!

We have found a publisher/printer that will work with LBB to provide good quality KJV bibles at a great price. We praise the Lord for this!

We had our 4th LBB's Men's Fellowships! Our purpose for these meetings are to be an exhortation to the men, for these men to meet and develop relationships with those outside their local areas, to pray together for homes, country, and lost souls. Tentatively, our next meeting will be on January 7, 2022 at 7pm at Black Creek Baptist Church. Some of ladies do fellowship downstairs while preparing the meal wives, feel free to come and join!

With our travels for deputation, we have gained more supporting churches and more opportunities to present the ministry!

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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. God has blessed with more support since our last letter. Pray that it continues!
- For the remainder of October and into the middle of November, we will be traveling for meetings. Pray for safety and that finances will be taken care of.
- Since our last letter we were "thinking" of putting up our house for sale... well, we did and are asking that you keep the sale in your prayers! We do have a house that we have put an offer in and it has been accepted... Just need God's timing in it all.
- Pray that Covid restrictions do not interfere with presenting the ministry.
- Talks with MCJ administration with regards to being an independent contractor are on hold due to Covid increase pray for God's timing when these meetings can resume. Again, with it on hold, it gives us more time for deputation.
- We are looking for a larger van (mini or 10/12 passenger) for traveling and to transport those we work with.

Testimonies

"a fellow inmate said if I write you I could receive a bible that would help me. I want to draw closer to him through his word it is a true blessing knowing there is people out there who haven't forgotten the brothers and sisters behind this gate and walls at times in here it can feel as though people have left us for the hell fires. Thank you for the bible in advance and thank you for the support! God Bless!" - anonymous

"I'm going to do my best everyday to read more of the word and walk with the Lord to the point where I can hate sin and want to not partake in it. I'm so tired of my life style Dale, I really am. So I'm going to make it my mission to live Godly so that I no longer have the desires to do bad. I no longer want to come to jail or do sin. I honestly meant that. So thanks again for your devotional on repentance, It helped me so much." - J.S.

"I'm writing you because I'm in need of a bible and this young guy here told me to write you and ask you to send me one....I'm truly working on my recovery, I'm tired of this addiction running my life. I need to be the son, father, and the person He made me to be. Will you please pray for me?" - P. M.

Our Family...

We are enjoying our full time ministry travels, but it can get tiresome. We have so enjoyed meeting new people and developing stronger relationships with others. One difficult thing we are managing is homeschooling on "the road." Please pray that we keep this all in balance with Luke and Autumn. They so enjoy being homeschooled and traveling but not at the same time!



Overall the family is doing well...we are healthy, and the Lord has truly blessed us through difficult decisions and trials these past few months. We have found homes for our two dogs and are blessed that they went with people who absolutely love them - this makes the loss of them a little easier...



A Special Thanks to....

- P.H. (she would hate to be specifially mentioned) but we want to thank her from the bottom of our hearts for her help with folding, stuffing envelopes, putting postage on, and mailing the monthly devotionals! She has spent most of her life serving the Lord Jesus Christ and we so much appreciate her and her support for LBB...and our family!
- The Sheriff, Under-sheriff, Superintendent, and Chaplin at the Monroe County Jail for allowing me to minister to the individuals in their facility
- 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)

egular legal size envelopes

printing paper

shipping cost for bibles

printer/copier ink