



Light of Hope Evangelistic Ministry

# RENEW HOPE

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## Praise Report

- 29 Prisons.
- 430+ Volunteers.
- 29 Evangelist.
- 27 Singing Teams.
- 104 Evangelistic Services.
- 1000 Bibles Provided and given to Prisoners.

### ALL TO THE GLORY OF GOD



A taste of Heaven is the best way to describe the prison crusade weekend.

We had the privilege to partner with 430+ volunteers who heeded to the call of God to share HOPE to Men, Women, Youth and Children for three days behind the prison

fences in the Pennsylvania.

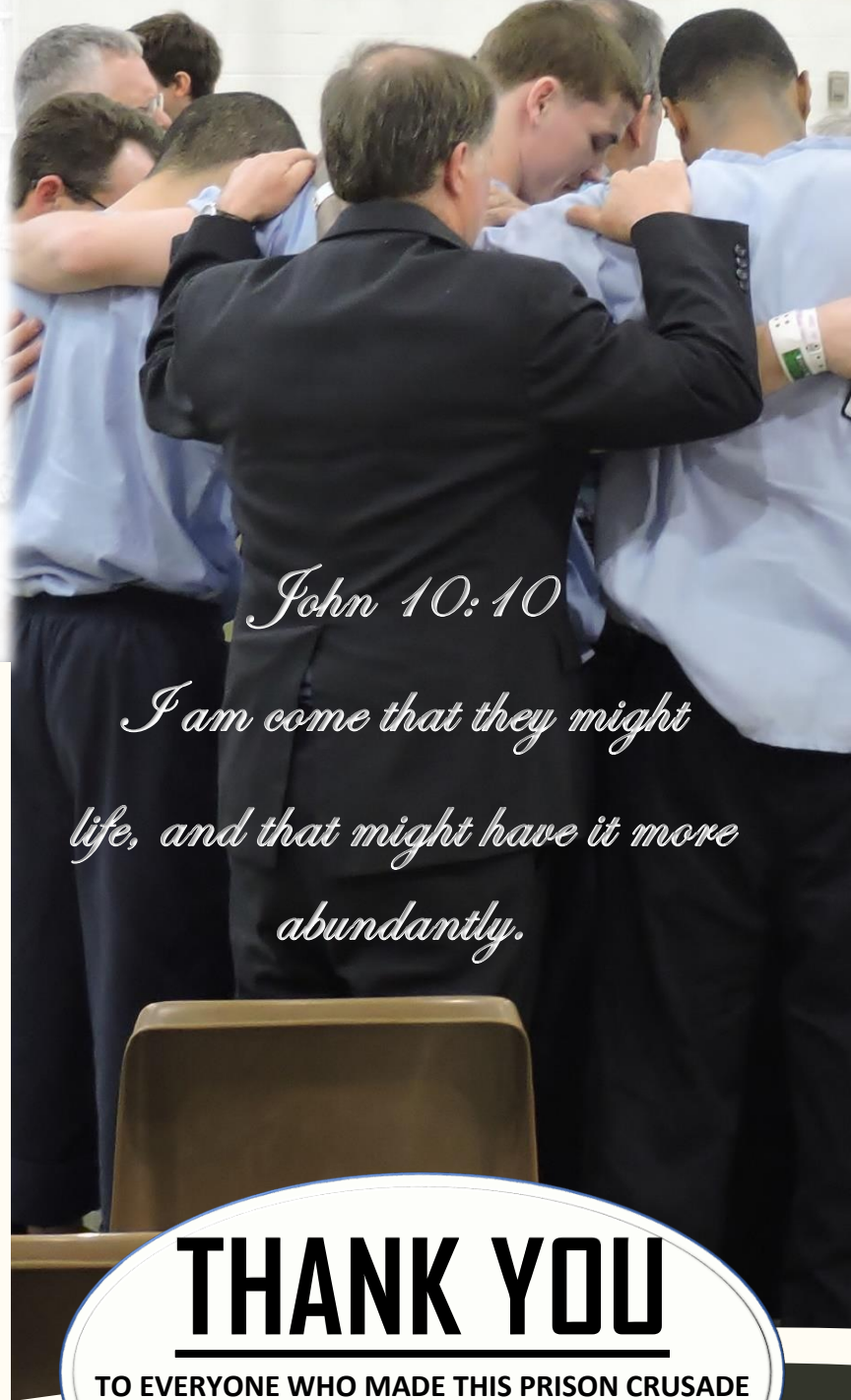
We thank God for the opportunity He has given to minister HOPE in Christ unto the least of these in prison. The wardens granted us favor to hold evangelistic services, discipleship seminars, infirmery visitation and gym time where lots of different activities such as volleyball, basketball, ping-pong and checker games were played throughout the weekend.

God does an amazing work through those who heeded the call to this Encounter prison crusade weekend. For some inmates, it's the only visit they get and their only chance to know that they are loved and cared for. For some it was a thread of HOPE.

Thank you to all who prayed for us in the past four months, and those who partnered with us in prayer throughout the prison crusade weekend. Please keep those in prayer who committed their lives to follow Christ. And pray for us that we would be faithful as we

continue to make known the mystery of the Gospel of Christ, so that His kingdom be advanced which has no end.

ALL TO GLORY OF GOD. *Amos Stoltzfus/Founder*



*John 10:10*

*I am come that they might  
live, and that might have it more  
abundantly.*

## THANK YOU

TO EVERYONE WHO MADE THIS PRISON CRUSADE  
POSSIBLE, EVANGELIST, SINGING TEAMS, PRAYER  
PARTNERS, CHAPLAINS AND WARDENS.

God Bless All Of You!

## Pennsylvania Prison Crusade Report

God is good! As I see how God has walked beside me and my family holding our hands in the last year, I want to give Him praise. Going along to prison is one way I can honor Him in service, building His kingdom. Again, it was an awesome time seeing God at work. Praying ahead of time. Allowing God to pave the way. Getting excited to see what God has for us as volunteers. Then walking the walk He put before us, knowing He is holding my hand and going with us.

I led a team of 14 men and 2 women (the women part of the singing team) into the House of Corrections Prison Philadelphia. This was the fourth time going to the House of Correction. Lieutenant "Butler" and the officers knew me as a leader and gave a very big welcome to us. They are always excited to see us from Light of Hope. The joy we bring is nothing but "Jesus"; we give Him praise for allowing us to do this in His Name. The very first message we shared was on The Prodigal Son. Jimmy, one of the 80 inmates, came to me at the altar call crying, saying, "WOW that message was straight toward me. Out of all 80 men God has spoken to me." I assured him God spoke to me also. That is how God works. We had a prayer time together thanking God for His love to us as a father always standing with His arms open wide to receive us any time when we fail in our lives. He is always there to welcome us home.

While having volleyball time, an inmate Shamere and I sat and talked and prayed most of the time, reading and sharing God's word to each other. It was a very good time seeing God at work. Our devotionals we brought to them were 2nd Corinthians chapter 4. We bring God's word, a "Treasure," to you in earthen vessels. "Our hearts" to you as men living for Him. Isaiah 55 "Thirsty" come to the water. Incline your ear to God's word and your soul shall live. Seek ye the Lord. Then 1st Thessalonians chapter 5. Pray without ceasing hold fast to that which is good. Stay away from all evil. Hold fast to God till we meet again in the Lord.

It was again a blessing to be in the work of the Lord once again. Thanks Light of Hope for the opportunity you give us as volunteers to share in this way. *Nelson Martin*

This past weekend was a blessing. It was great to work with the brothers from Shippensburg and it seemed like our team worked together well.

We had a good time going back into the dorms to sing, and while there were only a few that came to where we were singing, it seemed like the ones who came enjoyed it. One man told us later at a service that after we left his block, the men there were talking about us. He said that they were listening so I hope that we were able to make an impact there. That same man told us that we did make an impact over the weekend and I know there were others that were blessed.

Thanks so much for all the work you did to make the weekend possible! *Seth Shirk*

Our time at P.I.C.C. was a time of letting go, letting God do His thing, and us reaping the benefits. He has a way of throwing curves and then doing amazing things with them. Thru lack of communication at the prison our first gym session turned into an impromptu service and hearing some inmate's testimonies which opened the door for the weekend. We had an amazing team and God moved in an amazing way. My heart was Blessed and Encouraged. *Sam Stoltzfus*

We received a warm welcome from the staff and inmates at Cambridge Springs! There was a small group who had signed up for the four services on Friday and Saturday. Blessed are they which do hunger and thirst after righteousness; for they shall be filled. Matthew 5:6 (emphasis mine) These dear ladies came with a hunger in their hearts and were prepared to learn and grow.

The smaller group setting provided Evangelist Dan Shetler with an opportunity to go deeper in the Word and encourage a relationship with God instead of just outward reform.

They were challenged to get to the root of sin in their lives and live victoriously. Not only did our singing team, Redeemed, minister to the ladies in the services, but also to those who could hear while they were working in the halls, or through the open doors.

The Sunday service was open to anyone who could come and the room was filled to capacity. Before the service, great care was given by the chaplain and the inmates to invite the Holy Spirit's presence into the room. The atmosphere was unforgettable as we worshipped together. A highlight for our lady volunteers was relating to the inmates during our times of sharing and prayer. It is hard to tell whose lives are most impacted by the interactions, the volunteers or inmates.

I was blessed by the team work and spirit of unity displayed by our group of volunteers. Throughout the weekend, we cared for each other and had fun together. Our Saturday evening sharing time was a special time, as well. Wishing you God's blessing! *Sylvia Hoover*





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I thank all the men from Light of Hope Ministry who had given their testimony of encouragement. The humbleness of these men is much appreciated, and the message given each day was heart felt and very inspiring. *Ed (Inmate)*



Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

I give thanks to God for the blessing of your presence this past weekend in our prison. All praises to God our Father for giving you all the ability and power to carry on a ministry through different prisons spreading God's word and teaching about the freedom of receiving Jesus.

By the grace of God I was able to share my testimony in your presence and it meant so much to me to release my sacred emotions to you all/ The Holy Spirit wants me to tell you that His presence is upon you all. God is with you and guides and protects you in every prison door you walk in.

As I write the tears fill my eyes because I now know how precious and good our God that we serve is. I'm so thankful that I had the opportunity to meet you all and hear the Eagle Youth Group sing here at SCI Huntingdon when Light of Hope was here for the prison crusade. They are truly blessed.

I will continue to pray that God will continue to guide you all in your powerful ministry. Your faith and abundant love for God our Father and our Lord Jesus Christ shines bright. Amen. *Anthony (Inmate)*



A beautiful time (3 days) of refreshing in worship, praise and fellowship, along with the Word preached by the indwelling of the Holy Spirit. The messages inspired and comforted me in His love to see the unity that will take place among the believers soon. Each day as I heard the singing and message I became renewed.

*Sage (Inmate)*



"When I was in prison you came to me" (Matthew 25:36). For some of us, you and other faithful volunteers are the only visitors we have in our lives. We thank God for your love and commitment to the Gospel of Jesus Christ. Thank you for the love message of the Prodigal Son. Thank you for the songs from Jesse and family. It was different from our kind of music, but very blessed. Thank you Light of Hope. *Sammy (Inmate)*

Thanks for the great team you provided last weekend at SCI Huntingdon on March 24-26, Especially thanks to the Eagle Singers from Lancaster. They were exceptional and remind me of the Men who sang here a few years back.

Your message in song helped and encouraged me, since my 50<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary was on the 25<sup>th</sup> of March.

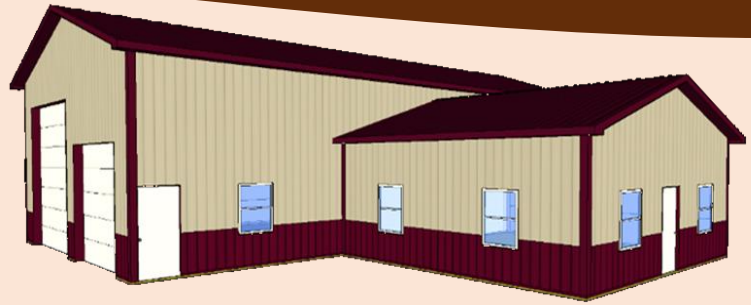
The only thing better would have been released to be able to spend the event with my wife.

Thanks again for your ministry. Till we meet again. Grace, Peace, Jesus Love *Dan Reedy (Inmate)*

*Matthew 25:36...I was in prison and ye came unto me.*

## NEW OFFICE PROJECT FUND

The new 3000 Sq. feet office building fund has been started. Funds are needed to begin and complete this project. We are fully depending on the Lord for His provision in this project. For more information, on how you can help, call the office at 570-837-0649 or via email



**FUNDS ARE NEEDED !!!**

## April – July 2017 LOHE Ministry Team Schedule



April 27-29,	Vocal Recording Hughesville, PA
Sun. May 5,	Boyer Menn. Church Middleburg, PA
Mon. June 5,	Shady Maple Ministry Banquet East Earl, PA
Wed. June 7,	Richfield Menn. Church Ministry Banquet Richfield, PA
Fri. June 9,	Simeon Graber Building Odon, IN
Sat. June 10,	Penn Station Arthur, IL
Sun. June 11,	Fairview Mennonite Church Kalona, IA
Wed. June 14,	Hillcrest Homes Harrison, AR
Fri. June 16,	Oasis Coffee Shop Montezuma, GA
Sun. June 18,	Word of Life Fellowship Montezuma, GA
Tue. June 20,	Kershaw Corr. Institution Kershaw, SC
Wed. June 21,	Broad River Corr. Institution Columbia, SC
Fri. June 23,	Perry Corr. Institution Pelzer, SC
Sat. June 24,	Leath Corr. Institution Greenwood, SC
Sun. June 25,	United Covenant Menn. Church Etowah, NC
Wed. June 28,	Camille-Graham Corr. Institution Columbia, SC
Thur. June 29,	McCormick Corr. Institution McCormick, SC
Fri. June 30,	Allendale Corr. Institution Allendale, SC
Sun. July 2,	Cleveland Believers Fellowship Woodleaf, NC
Sun. July 9,	Snow Hill Menn. Church Snow Hill, MD
Wed. July 12,	Central Mennonite Church Dover, DE
Sat. July 29,	Prison Crusade Reunion Blain, PA.
Sun. July 30,	Susquehanna Menn. Church Port Trevorton, PA



Sun. May 5,	Boyer Menn. Church Middleburg, PA
Mon. June 5,	Shady Maple Ministry Banquet East Earl, PA



Join us for good food, singing, and an informative presentation. Reservations required. To make your free reservation, call the listed phone number.

**Shady Maple Smorgasboard East Earl, Pa.**

**Mon. June 5,** *Doors open: 5:45 Pm. ~ Singing: 6:00 Pm. ~ Supper: 6:30 Pm.*

To make your reservation Call: LOHE Ministry Office: (570) 412-5532  
Reservation Deadline: May 22

**Richfield Mennonite Church Richfield, Pa.**

**Wed. June 7,** *Doors open: 6:00 Pm. ~ Singing: 6:15 Pm. ~ Supper: 6:30 Pm.*

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Reservation Deadline: May 24

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