



FALL 2018 Newsletter

Some Words About 2018 Softball MINISTRY

On behalf of the 2018 prison softball outreach, I want to thank my heavenly Father for another wonderful opportunity to go and minister to the inmates at SCI Laurel Highlands. It was truly an amazing weekend and I don't really know where to start.

God was so good to us from the moment the weekend started until the very end. We arrived safely at prison around 7:45 AM and started the check in procedure. As usual they did the drug screening. We prayed for a safe and quick entry, but the very first brother to go through failed the first time he was tested. Now the prison system allows two tries. If double failed you will not get in the rest of the weekend. So, we as brothers just went into earnest prayer and God delivered. Praise the Lord he passed. The rest of us all passed as well.

Then we got to sing in the infirmary units, which is the prison hospital, very powerful and always a great highlight. Well, while we were there, the prison was notified of a fight in a nearby prison where another group of brothers were scheduled to play softball and were denied entrance. So, upon our request we asked if it was a possibility to allow them to come with us for our second set of ball games in the evening.



This would mean they have to escort 22 softball players into the prison. This is usually more than they are comfortable with, and again we were lead into deep earnest prayer to let our heavenly Father have his way, and again God delivered. They were actually able to play ball with us in the evening. Praise God!

After the set of afternoon games, as we were leaving the prison, Brown, an inmate, was escorting us out. I asked him why he was not playing softball tonight and he informed me he had his parole scheduled for that next Thursday, after 21 years in prison. He did not want to get injured. I said, "We will pray for you", and he said thank you. In the evening as he escorted us out he said, "Because you supported me today in prayer I will come to your service tomorrow to support you."

Sunday morning came, and sure enough, Brown walked into church. He had never been to a church service in all his 21 years of prison life. The sermon that Amos Stoltzfus preached that morning was for him and all of us. Praise God! He preached on letting our lights shine bright, and to keep that fire burning in our lives, but that is only for us who are born again Christians. This touched his heart, as the Spirit moved. When the invitation came, he came front and a dear brother in Christ was able to lead him to repentance and acceptance of Jesus Christ. Then we had the privilege to pray with him, as he stepped into the kingdom of God. Wow, what a powerful experience to be a part of that!!!! All glory to the King of Kings and the Lord of Lords! Thank you Jesus! Praise you God!



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Please continue to pray for Brown as he follows God. The whole trip was a gift and miracle from God, and I thank God and Light of Hope Evangelistic Ministry for the opportunity to be a part of this weekend. May God bless you richly Amos, your family, and the ministry. Also, if you have a desire to go on the prison trip sometime, please don't push it off. I think everyone should experience it at least one-time. God bless you all

~Volunteer John Allen



What a joy it has been to be a part of the 2018 Softball outreach, and interact with the inmates out on the yard. It all happened on a weekend in July, where we found ourselves out on the yard of Laurel Highlands Correctional Institution playing softball with the inmates.

One of the highlights for me was to connect with the men out on the field, where we normally would connect with them in the chapel. One inmate in particular, a muscular man who I met on Saturday afternoon out at the yard, came to the Chapel service on Sunday afternoon for the first time. At the end of the message he repented of his sins, and gave his life to Jesus Christ. There, at the altar, this big muscular man, became broken and wept with tears in repentance and surrendered His life to the Lord. He walked back to his dorm as a free man. Praise the Lord!!! These are the rewards of giving up your own busy time, going out to cheer someone's life up, and perhaps start them on a new journey with God.

Somehow the Lord seems to bless me every time I go on a prison trip, and renews my faith in Him. Thank you, Jesus, for blessing this ministry.

Friends, take the opportunity if you feel the call of God, to go out and share the gospel to those that are in prison. Wait no longer. God will use your faithfulness to bring in a bountiful harvest. His word will not return to Him void but will accomplish what pleases Him.

~ Anonymous Volunteer

Stoltzfus Family UPDATE



Jasmine Faith
Stoltzfus

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us with all spiritual blessings in Heavenly places through Christ Jesus.

On the behalf of the family, our summer was different than most others in the past. The past 12 years we did a summer ministry tour, but due to expecting our ninth child, we decided to stay home through the summer months.

Sunday afternoon we made our way to Lancaster County, Pennsylvania, which is two hours from home, to get a head start preparing for the ministry banquets at Shady Maple the next two days.

After we parked our coach at a local church, we spent the next few hours with immediate family. Around 10:00 PM, after we came back to the coach, we knew our plans were about to change. I couldn't believe what was happening; our little Jasmine Faith was on its way and we were two hours away from home with all eight children in the coach. And we had two banquets that were scheduled to be happening in the next 48 hours!

My first cry was Lord, what do we do? Why is this baby three weeks early? Do we head home? And what about the children? Is this true or am I about to wake up from a dream? The war in my mind was raging of not knowing how to make the right decision. But then the Holy Spirit intervene, and my heart broke and I surrendered it all to the Lord.

The Holy Spirit ministered to me and flooded my soul with a peace that passeth all the understanding. Knowing that it was all in the Lord's hands, my spirit was at rest.

One of my sisters offered to help and stay with the children, and Mom and Dad gave up their plans to help with whatever needed. My family opened their home take care of the children while Linda and I made our journey towards Union County. Jasmine Faith was born on Monday at 5:15 PM. She has brought a lot joy into our home.

So, our summer was somewhat different, however, it was truly a blessing. We did stay busy though, for the Lord granted us favor to do two different recordings, a prison crusade (SCI Coal Township), and a Softball Retreat at six different facilities.

A special thank you to Benjamin Stoltzfus (Son), Melvin Nolt (Executive Board), Daniel Glick Band, and the Lancaster banquet committee for doing a super job at Shady Maple banquet. It was a job well done.

Thanks to all who supported us as a family and the ministry.

We covet your prayers as we seek God for wisdom to help us with direction, as we work on the 2019 schedule as well as a Summer 2019 Family Western Tour.

~ Amos Stoltzfus, Executive Director

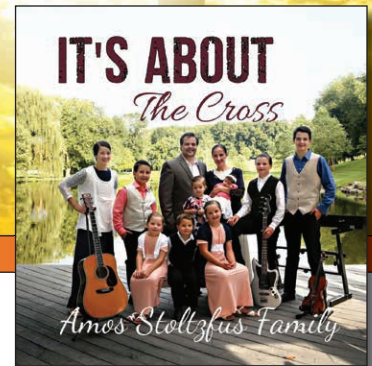
2018 *New* RECORDINGS

We praise God for His faithfulness and goodness that he extended to our family through the month of June and July. The songs on both projects have been life changing and encouraging for us as a family throughout life's journey. It was an honor to walk alongside our children with both projects.

One song in particular, *It's about the Cross*, was the song that gave us the biggest challenge. There were times we thought of giving up, but then on our knees we went and cried out to God for help and confessed and repented of our attitudes, doubts, and fears that we allowed to settle in our hearts. It was then that we realized that the battle was not our but the Lord's. Soon after, the Lord came through and poured out His grace and wisdom and helped us to complete that song. Our faith was increased in knowing that God, our Father in heaven, cares about our every need, no matter where he has us in life.

Thanks to the children who worked hard day after day for 8 weeks to make these recordings possible. All glory and praise to the King of kings and Lord of lords, our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, for He alone is worthy of it all.

God bless each of you for your labor of love.
~ Amos & Linda



Doing a recording is always fun... and challenging! But the time and energy spent is always worth it when we see and hear the finished product.

A big Thank You, most of all to God for His never-ending faithfulness, and to all of you for helping to make these projects possible by your prayers and support.

God bless you! ~Kaitlynn

These recordings have been a blessing for me. The time and effort it took for these projects were at times overwhelming. However, God's grace was always there, and He provided the strength that we needed to complete these projects.

My prayer is that these songs will bless and encourage others in their faith in Christ.

To God be the glory. ~Benjamin



2018 Banquet UPDATE



As I reflect over the Shady Maple Banquets, I am truly amazed at God's provision. It tested our faith when we were told that Amos and his family were not going to be there Monday evening. But by the Grace of God, everything went well. On behalf of the committee, I want to thank all those who sponsored tables and everyone that came and supported the ministry. The support we felt from the community was truly amazing. Thank you for your support!!

~Alvin Smucker/Banquet Committee

Opportunity TO HELP FURTHER GOD'S KINGDOM

I am convinced that my *God* will fully satisfy *every need* you have, for I have seen the abundant *riches of glory* revealed to me through the Anointed One – *Jesus Christ!*

PHILIPPIANS 4:19

Light of Hope has truly been blessed by many who have supported us through prayer, words of encouragement, and financial gifts. We would like to thank you for serving the kingdom in these ways.

Many of you may know that Light of Hope is in need of an office and storage building to replace the mini-barn that Amos has been working out of. We have now purchased 6 acres of land to put the new building on, and are excited to move forward. However we have made the decision not to move forward with the building until we have sufficient funds.

We as the board of Light of Hope are sharing our need, and giving you the opportunity to bless us in this way. Our desire is that you would do this with great joy, as you worship the King with your financial gifts.

~Melvin Nolt
Executive Board
of Directors



Goal
\$250,000 -

Currently
\$75,900 -



Our goal is to
start building
in September
of 2019.

2018 Ministry Schedule



**Amos Stoltzfus Family
EVANGELISTIC TEAM**



Oct. 12 Home Coming Chicken BBQ & Singspiration Lewisburg, PA
Oct. 16 Meeting with Deputy Commissioner Philadelphia, PA *
Oct. 22 Appreciation Supper Home Coming Committee Mifflinburg, PA
Oct. 30-31 Meeting with Ohio banquet Committee Sugarcreek, OH
Nov. 2 Ministry Banquet Locust Grove Mennonite Ch. Belleville, PA
Nov. 4 SCI Frackville Frackville, PA *
Nov. 9-11 Discipleship Seminars Pennsylvania Prisons *
Nov. 14-15 Meeting with Prison Chaplain *
Nov. 25 SCI Muncy Muncy, PA *
Dec. 16 SCI Retreat Hunlock Creek, PA *
Dec. 28 Riverside Correctional Facility Philadelphia, PA
Dec. 29 PICC Correctional Institution Philadelphia, PA
Dec. 30 Singspiration Ephrata Business Center Ephrata, PA
Amos Only*

Short Term Prison Mission Opportunities

Discipleship Seminars Pennsylvania Prisons

Nov. 2-4 SCI Benner-Bellefonte, PA
Nov. 9-11 SCI Forest, SCI Huntingdon, SCI Rockview,
SCI Smithfield, SCI Somerset
Nov. 16-18 SCI Laurel Highlands-Somerset, PA

Volunteers Are Needed

**For more information call the LOHE Ministry
office at: 570-837-0649**

Prison Services Pennsylvania Prisons

Nov. 10 SCI Fayette-Fayette, PA
Nov. 11 SCI Camphill-Harrisburg, PA
Nov. 11 SCI Dallas-Dallas, PA

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