



SPRING 2019 Newsletter

The Trying of Your **Faith Worketh** **PATIENCE**

Greetings in the precious name of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. We hope this finds you well, strong in faith, and daily preparing for our Lord's return.

We as a ministry and family are doing well and are grateful for all of your support. God has been so good to us as family and to the ministry, and he has been so faithful in providing for us to continue in this ministry.

2019 has brought numerous opportunities for the ministry and also for us as a family ministry team in which we feel honored to be a part of.

The first three months we were kept busy here at the office, preparing for the PA Prison Crusade. God gave us the privilege to minister at 27 different prisons. Prior to the prison crusade a lot of changes were made by the Pennsylvania Department of Corrections, bringing a lot of new challenges our way which meant a lot of new things to learn.

In spite of all those challenges, the Lord was faithful and showed Himself strong on our behalf. We thank God for these moments of faith testing trails, for it worketh patience in us. I learned that when we choose to remain faithful to Jesus, then He shows up and makes a way when there is no other way.



The Lord provided 400 plus volunteers from the United States and Canada to partner with us in ministering at 27 different prisons. What the Lord did throughout the weekend is truly



amazing. At the orientation the Holy Spirit was present preparing the hearts to labor together in unity of the Holy Spirit. At the rally of the orientation volunteers got right with God, some got saved, others were revived in preparation to walk into the fields that are white unto harvest. Then Saturday evening at some of the Hotels where volunteers were staying revival continued until early Sunday morning.

The Holy Spirit moved on the behalf of the prison services, prisoners lives were not only touched but changed through the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ. Many came to Christ for the first time, and others recommitted their lives to Christ. Oh! Glory to God, great things He has done. Luke 15:10 says there is rejoicing in the presence of the angels over one sinner that repents.

Above all, I am reminded again what happens when we remain faithful and loyal to our Lord Jesus Christ. He shows Himself strong in ways we have never thought of, and does exceedingly and abundantly above all we could ever ask or think through the power that worketh with in us.

Lord willing, our family will be doing a western ministry tour beginning May 31st till the end of July. We covet your prayers as we prepare to leave for this extensive time away from home. We also hope to see you at one of our Spring banquets. Thank you again for all of your support!

God Bless all of you.

Amos Stoltzfus
Executive Director / Evangelistic Team

Volunteer - Chaplain - Inmate REPORTS

It was a great weekend! The Light of Hope team, that was here this year, was just great. Everyone enjoyed all the services. The singing was very good and harmonious. The preaching was also great. Rev. Slabaugh did a wonderful job bringing the Word of God, and I believe many were touched and blessed. Everyone that I have spoken to, loved the services. The ladies were crying and didn't want to see the services end. All in all, what can I say I was truly blessed as well. The Light of Hope team did a fine job once again. Jonathan, the team leader, did a wonderful job leading the group. Thank you for everything!!

~ Chaplain Paul Maines



We had a wonderful weekend at Cambridge Springs. It was truly special to be part of the team there. We had more ladies signed up than ever before! Everything went smoothly overall, and we had a great team. The Spirit of God moved in a special way on Saturday, especially in our afternoon service. It flowed over into our fellowship and sharing time in the evening as well.

~ Sylvia Hoover, Volunteer

Thank you to all those behind the scenes for making it possible for the Light of Hope team to come to our institution. The family team was very *inspirational* as well as the volunteers interacting with us throughout the weekend. The messages were *meaningful* and *worthwhile*.

~ Inmate



On the weekend of March 29-31, 2019, I was able to witness a powerful service by Light of Hope Evangelistic Ministry. The service that I received powerful, strengthening, and uplifting. Thanks to the Miller family who gave of their time and lead us into worship. May the Glory of the Lord forever shine upon your ministry.

~ Inmate

I am so thankful for God's extended love and grace in my life, without God, I don't know where I'd be. I'm a working progress. He's not finished with me yet. Going to the prison crusades has been a tremendous growing experience in my life. We saw the spirit of God working in all the volunteers and the prisoners lives throughout the weekend. To God be the glory. Because of Jesus,

~ Lena Hoover, Volunteer

Greetings in Jesus name. Here I am sitting in amazement a few days after the Encounter 2019, PA Prison Crusade and reflecting back over the weekend that God allowed me to have. Seeing Jesus in the midst of it all, was absolutely awesome.

The team at SCI Laurel Highlands had some great time playing Volley ball on Friday with the prisoners. Then on Saturday morning singing at the infirmary units (Prison Hospital) just touched me to see how the prisoners were so happy to see us. And to then to see some of the men come to the afternoon service at the chapel was very encouraging. We had the privilege to pray with some of them at the end of the service.

Then after the service eight of the men that were in wheelchairs had to wait for someone to push them back to their dorms. My heart went out to them, and how I wished that could have done that for them.

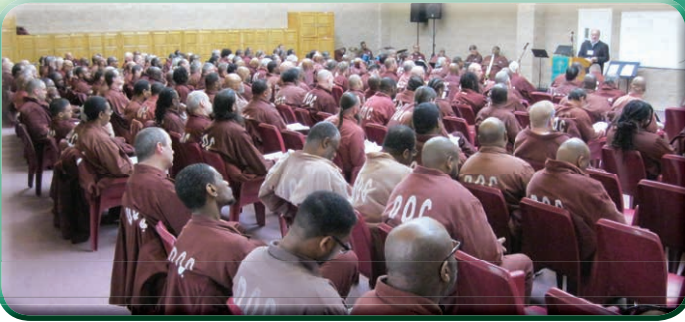
The John Glick family did an awesome job in sharing the love of Jesus in song and preaching the word to prisoners. They connected very well. On Sunday morning, the chapel was

full, and many hearts were touched by the family unit and their zeal for God.

One of the inmates shared his testimony. He was preparing to leave the prison and has lot of mixed feelings about leaving. Because of finding Jesus, the Light of Hope Evangelistic Ministry, and seeing the John Glick Family, all encouraged him to trust the Lord. With the Lord's help, he wants to go out and start a New Life and make restitution with those that he has hurt. It was so awesome! To God be the Glory, great things he has done. He alone is worthy of all our praise.

~ Dave Stoltzfus, Volunteer





The time that you spent with us ladies at Riverside Correctional Facility was very meaningful. I shared with one of the ladies how I lost my own son and how much it hurts. Thank you for coming and taking the time and listening to our stories. The feeling we got when you were here was so good and so close to God.

~ Inmate

The weekend was very effective. Sunday morning a number of inmates came forward to accept Christ for the first time, including one young Spanish speaking inmate who held back until he could come up to speak to me in Spanish, telling me that he needed to surrender his life to Christ. I referred him to one of our Spanish church leaders, who led him in praying the sinner's prayer. What an awesome weekend!

~Chaplain Charles Miller

A special thanks for all the Light of Hope Prison Ministry volunteers who gave of their time and resources to be a living reminder of God's love and care for those behind bars. Nothing communicates more to inmates that society has not forgotten them than when volunteers appear and bless them first of all by "showing up: and secondly by humbly sharing God's love through music and encouraging words. Rarely do we know the deep impact of the time we give to others in the name of Christ. However, chaplains commented that Light of Hope volunteers "brought joy and a good message," "impacted inmates by their transparency," "were engaging and on-point with the inmates" and that inmates look forward to hosting Light of Hope again. Those comments confirm that the efforts of the teams was worth it. Every time volunteers humbly plant seeds of hope and love to our inmate population, then every ounce of energy and sacrifice made becomes sacred.

Thank you, Light of Hope volunteers, for impacting God's children behind bars for the better.

~Rev. Ulli Klemm / Religious Services Administrator



Opportunity To Further GOD'S KINGDOM

We thank God for His provision with the funds that we already have received by so many generous donors. We were able to purchase 6 acres of land in Middleburg Pennsylvania to build the new office. Paper work for the Land Development and all Engineering & Surveying Services has been submitted, and all permits for the building could be ready as soon as 9-12 months. However, we have made the decision not to move forward with the building until we have the sufficient funds. We are still needing \$175,000 to meet the set budget.

The New Office Building will provide a larger space that will



Current Building



Proposed Building

allow us to expand and give us the ability to utilize more staff when needed. It will provide a larger storage area which is greatly needed to be able to stock up on bibles, ministry and discipleship materials for prisoners as well as office supplies.

We as a ministry are sharing our need and giving you the opportunity to help us in this way.

There is an online fundraiser platform setup by Mobile Cause that will be running during the summer months starting on June 8th and will end August 10th of 2019.

There are three different ways you can give to help with this New Office Building:

- 1. Send your donation by mail.**
- 2. Online Giving by visiting our website at www.lightofhope.org**
- 3. Join the fundraiser team by mobile cause. For more information visit <http://igfn.us/vf/LOH>**

To learn more about the fundraiser call: 570-837-0649 or email: info@lightofhope.org



2019 IMPORTANT DATES!

Summer Ministry Schedule

Pennsylvania • Ohio • Illinois • Wisconsin • Minnesota
Iowa • Nebraska • Kansas Colorado • Texas • Georgia
South Carolina • Virginia
North Carolina
Tennessee



**Amos Stoltzfus Family
EVANGELISTIC TEAM**

Amos & Linda **
Amos *

Sun. May 19 Gap View Church, Gap, PA **
Fri. May 31 Ministry Banquet Richfield Life Ministries, Richfield, PA
Sun. June 2 Millwood Mennonite Church, Gap, PA @ 9:30 Am.
June 3 & 4 Ministry Banquet Shady Maple Banquet Center, East Earl, PA
Thur. June 6 Trauger Mennonite church Mt. Pleasant, PA 7:30 Pm.
Fri. June 7 Pleasant View Fellowship Hall, Cochranton, PA @ 7:00 Pm.
Sun. June 9 New Life Fellowship, Millersburg, OH @ 9:30 Am.
Sun. June 9 The Gardens of Homestead Building, Fredericksburg, OH @ 6:30 Pm.
Tue. June 11 Penn Station, Arthur, IL @ 6:30 Pm.
Thur. June 13 Hayward, WI. Time & Location TDT
Fri. June 14 Altona Christian Community, Altona, MN @ 7:30 Pm.
Sun. June 16 Leon Mennonite Christian Fellowship, Leon, IA (Am & PM)
Tue. June 18 East Fairview Mennonite Church, Seward, NE @ 7:00 Pm.
Fri. June 21 Dutch Country Café Restaurant, Garnett, KS @ 7:00 Pm.
Sun. June 23 Beacon of Truth, Garnett, KS @ 9:30 Am.
Sun. June 23 Plainview Mennonite Church, Hutchison KS, @ 6:30 Pm.
Tue. June 25 Skyline Mennonite Church, Cannon City, CO @ 7:30 Pm.
Wed. June 26 Trinidad Christian Church, Trinidad, CO @ 7:00 Pm.
Fri. June 28 Civic Center, Seminole, TX @ 7:30 Pm.
Sun. June 30 Osceola Christian Fellowship Church, Osceola, TX @ 6:00 Pm.
Fri. July 5 Oasis Coffee Shop, Montezuma, GA @ 7:00 Pm.
Sun. July 7 Word of Life Fellowship Church, Montezuma, GA @ 9:30 Am.
Tue. July 9 Kershaw Correctional Institution, Kershaw, SC @ 1:00 Pm.
Thur. July 11 Perry Correctional Institution, Pelzer, SC @ 9:00 Am. -2:30 Pm.
Fri. July 12 Tyger River Correctional Institution, Enoree, SC @ 1:00 Pm.
Sun. July 14 Father's Hand Fellowship Church Etowah, NC @ 9:30 Am.
Sun. July 14 Foothills Community Chapel Landrum, NC @ 7:00 Pm.
Tue. July 16 McCormick Correctional Institution McCormick, SC @ 2:00 Pm.
Wed. July 17 Leath Correctional Institution Greenwood, SC @ 5:30 Pm.
Sun. July 21 Light of Hope Church Wytheville, VA @ 10:30 Pm.
Tue. July 30 Banquet Committee Meeting Lancaster, PA @ 6:30 Pm. **
Aug. 16-18 Vicksburg Church Campout
Aug. 24-25 Prison Softball Outreach *

Please Pray for Us
During Our Western Tour!

Spring Banquets



RESERVATIONS REQUIRED

Gospel Music & Singing - Prison Testimonies
Dinner - Multi-Media

Friday, May 31st, 2019
Richfield Life Ministries Church

167 Church St., Richfield, PA 17086

Doors Open: 5:45 PM

Singing: 6:00 PM

Supper: 6:30 PM

RESERVATION DEADLINE MAY 24TH



June 3rd & 4th, 2019
Shady Maple Banquet Center

129 Toddy Dr, East Earl, PA 17519

Doors Open: 5:45 PM

Singing: 6:00 PM

Supper: 6:30 PM

RESERVATION DEADLINE MAY 24TH

To host a table (8 people per table) or to make your Reservation
Call: 570.837.0649 or 570.412.5532



*A free will offering will
be received to benefit
the prison ministry.*

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