


LIGHT OF HOPE
 EVANGELISTIC MINISTRY
 PRISONS • CHURCHES • COMMUNITIES

SPRING 2022 NEWSLETTER

**I WAS IN PRISON
 AND YE CAME UNTO ME**

~ *Matthew 25:36*



We have been privileged here at SCI-Somerset to work with Amos Stoltzfus and Light of Hope Ministry for many years. In the past we have hosted volleyball and softball crusades. Unsaved men have witnessed the powerful testimony of competitive Christians on the court/field of play. The music draws men and ministers to them. Some come out of curiosity, and some come with a desire to enjoy good music. But whoever comes to these services will receive the Word of God. There is no question about that. Brother Amos ministers from his life and the work of God in his life, using real life examples of the Word of God at work.

With the very limited services these men have experienced for the past two years, it was a breath of fresh air to have Light of Hope with us once again, even though these were scaled down services. The past two years have been tough for prison ministry, both inside and for those like Light of Hope who come in to share the Word. It was so good to observe and experience Amos' ministry once again and to see God use him to touch and change lives. One inmate commented that he "Loves to see a family sing together, and he looks forward to hearing them again." With the family backgrounds of many inmates, this is very special.

The ministry of Light of Hope has blessed many inmates throughout the years, and I pray that God will continue to open doors and anoint them as they respond to his call on their lives. Faithful ministry is a tremendous witness to the life-changing power of God and His Word.

~ Phill Maust



**MINISTRY COACH
 UPDATE**

In our Fall '21 newsletter we shared about the coach the Stoltzfus family has been using for their ministry travels and it's unreliability.

After an extensive search, God provided a replacement which we finalized purchasing in Feb. The 2009 Prevost will be used to make a home-away-from-home, for the family as they fulfill the calling God has placed on their lives. To bring Christ to the hearts of the hurting in prisons, churches, and communities across the USA and Canada, as well as their current tour going into northern Mexico.

We would have liked to have all the funding up front for the coach, but we needed the old one replaced immediately, since it would no longer pass inspection. The purchase of the coach has brought some financial responsibilities that we hope to eliminate in the next year or two. The coach cost \$250,000 and will need around \$50,000 of renovations to make it family friendly and ready to function.

We've received generous donations but are still in need of about \$????? to pay off the line of credit we took out to pay for it. We appreciate your prayers and financial support!

We thank God for His blessings over the years. And anticipate His blessing as we follow His leading in the future.

Shalom,
 Reuben Hege, secretary of the board



UNION COUNTY PRISON MISSION REPORT

Dear Friends of Light of Hope, The Living God who did not allow Christ a tomb lock-down has graciously permitted us to return to Union County Jail for Bible Studies. So, recently myself and another brother have taken turns going back into prison again unmasked, unfiltered, and undeterred.

I saw all new guards, all new inmates, but the Bibles that the four orange-clad inmates brought with them had not changed. I was privileged to read with the men about the whole story of the crucifixion as we were approaching the crucifixion/resurrection season. I couldn't help but be blessed and observe relevance as we studied how the criminal Barabbas was set free while Jesus was led away condemned. Then, I could tell

that the inmates really connected with Jesus being "numbered with the transgressors" i.e., crucified between two thieves. One thief rejected Christ, and the other received Him. The middleman on the cross bid him come to paradise! Such Good News to these fellows as we shared in a tiny, stark, locked, windowless, decoration-free holding room.

We praise God for this open door! Pray that Satan will continue to be defeated and the Gospel spread!

Yours for Christ who sets the captive free,
Volunteer Gabriel Morley

PRISON MINISTRY REPORT!

*...behold, I say unto you, Lift up your eyes,
and look on the fields; for they are
white already to harvest.*

~ John 4:35

In-person prison ministry is slowly resuming within the prisons in Pennsylvania. Myself and two of the older children along with three other volunteers had the privilege to hold three evangelistic services at SCI Somerset a week before Christmas and again the weekend of Easter. We experienced an amazing presence of God throughout the services.

It was evident that the Holy Spirit was at work. Men who were spiritually malnourished became broken and wept with tears, crying out to Jesus for spiritual nourishment. Others found forgiveness through repentance of the sinful deeds they had committed and rededicated their lives back to Christ.

In the closing of the last service, we lifted up our voices and sang the song "O Victory In Jesus". As the tune echoed throughout the chapel it was evident that some of them had an encounter with Jesus. Not only could you tell from the singing, the glory of the Lord also shown from their faces and their countenance had completely changed from when they first walked in the chapel before the service. It really was an amazing experience. God is so good! To God be the Glory; great things he has done.

Please continue to pray for us as we seek God's direction and wisdom in making decisions effectively as the prison doors slowly begin to open.

~ Amos Stoltzfus

FAREWELL



We wish to thank Mel & Carla for there 12 years of service as an executive board member for Light of Hope. Their wisdom and hands on ministry has been much appreciated. They have been very passionate for prison ministry and have influence many others with the same passion.



WELCOME

We are excited to welcome Rueben & Lois Hege have recently been selected and committed to serve a five-year term on the Executive Board. They are form Chambersburg, PA and is a trucker by trade. We are excited to see what the Lord will do through them in this ministry.

BIRD-IN-HAND EVENT FIELD LIGHT OF HOPE FUNDRAISER JULY 22-24, 2022

Friday, July 22nd SUPPER & CONCERT (Rain or Shine)

Haystack Supper ~ Soft Pretzels ~ Hot Dogs & French Fries ~ Ice Cream

Supper: 4:00 Pm. ~ Singing: 6:00 Pm.

for more information call: 717-875-0283. All Proceeds benefit Light of Hope.

An Offering Will Be Received to Benefit Light of Hope Prison Ministry



Amos Stoltzfus Family



Matt & Minnie and Band



Mel Stoltzfus Family



Ransomed Bluegrass Singers

TEAMS NEEDED

Saturday, July 23rd

**CO-ED VOLLEYBALL TOURNAMENT ~ CO-ED SPIKEBALL TOURNAMENT
CORNHOLE TOURNAMENT**

Co-ed Volleyball ~ to register a team call David Smucker (717) 239-9425

Co-ed Spikeball ~ to register a team call John Michael Beiler (717) 419-6491

Cornhole ~ to register a team call Abner Stoltzfus (717) 701-1643



FOOD ALL DAY
Breakfast ~ Lunch ~ Supper

WORSHIP SERVICE 7:00PM (Rain or Shine) Sunday, July 24th



Amos Stoltzfus Family



Reaching Out Quartet ~ Acapella

Join us for a Sunday evening Worship with singing & music, testimonies from former inmates and prison chaplains. A visual video presentation will be shared about the ongoing prison ministry effort.

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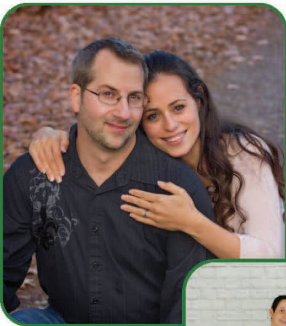
AMOS STOLTZFUS FAMILY SCHEDULE

- May 18 Haven Fellowship Church Plain City, OH
- May 19-22 Pleasant View Mennonite Church Montgomery, IN *(Revival Meetings)*
- May 24 Calvary Mennonite Church Paden, OK
- May 25 Hoehne Community Center Trinidad, CO
- May 29 High Country Mennonite Church Westcliff, CO
- June 3 Community Center Campo 305 Chihuahua, Mexico
- June 5 Iglesia Fuente de Vida Church Chihuahua, Mexico (Am & Pm)
- June 7 Neues Leben Gim Colonia El Valle Chihuahua, Mexico
- June 8 EMB Gym Cuauhtémoc Chihuahua, Mexico
- June 11 Seminole Middle School Auditorium Seminole, TX
- June 12 Grace Haven Church Lott, TX
- June 15 Berean Christian Fellowship Church Quincy, FL
- June 19 Word of Life Christian Fellowship Church Montezuma, GA
- June 21 Living Waters Fellowship Church Waynesburg, GA
- June 22-23 Perry Correctional Institution Pelzer, SC
- June 24 Shiloh Mennonite Church Abbeville, SC
- June 26 New Holland Mennonite Church Batesburg, SC
- June 29 Snow Hill Mennonite Church Snow Hill, MD
- July 3 Vicksburg Church Mifflinburg, PA
- July 22-24 Bird-in-hand Event Field, Bird-in-hand, PA
- August 2-4 PA-Prisons Meeting with Chaplains and Wardens
- August 27-28 Ickesburg Fire Grounds Ickesburg, PA

PIG ROAST SUPPER & GOSPEL CONCERT

SATURDAY, AUGUST 27, 2022

Ickesburg Firegrounds, Ickesburg, PA



Dan & Amanda Esh



Daniel & Emma Lynn Glick & Band



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for more information call: 717-818-8310
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MINISTRY OPPORTUNITY PA PRISON CRUSADE

OCTOBER 23-27, 2022

More Details to Come!



For more information or to participate, email us at info@lightofhope.org

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