



# LIGHT OF HOPE

EVANGELISTIC MINISTRY

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FALL 2024 NEWSLETTER



## 2024 MINISTRY TOUR

UNITED STATES - MEXICO - CANADA  
PRISONS - CHURCHES - COMMUNITIES

38 SERVICES • 12000 MILES

On May 15th, Linda and I and our ten children, ages 1 to 21, moved into our ministry bus for an eight-week, five-day tour.

Twelve thousand miles traveled throughout the United States, Mexico, and Canada allowed us to hold 38 services to share a Light of Hope through singing, preaching, and teaching at 15 Churches, 11 Community Buildings and Outdoor Parks, 1 Prison, 1 Children's Home, and 1 Men's Counseling center.

Witnessing the work of the Holy Spirit in people's lives and experiencing it as a family during our travels was an uplifting, inspiring, encouraging, and spirit-filled experience.

We want to extend a heartfelt thank you to all those who supported us during our journey. Your meals, vehicles, and words of encouragement were more than just practical help—they were a source of strength and comfort. Your support, whether through prayers, finances, or acts of service, was a crucial part of our journey. We are deeply grateful to everyone, and we want you to know that your contribution was invaluable and deeply appreciated.

Above all, Thanks to our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, the bread of life who daily nourished us with His sovereign grace that enabled us to complete our mission.

~ Amos Stoltzfus Family

## SHARING HOPE IN CHRIST

*In America's Prisons & Beyond*



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**To be an inmate of faith is to choose** to be vulnerable. We expose our hearts to the possibility of future pain. We live with the consequences of our sins. WE lean into the sovereignty of God, and there we recognize our neediness. You and your family fed us with courage we needed to face sad reality that we are not home yet.

Ask 100 inmates “what’s your greatest fears,” and you will hear two above all. First dying in prison, or being here when you loved one dies. The second fear: “To hope.” The weight of these daily struggles is enough to drown anyone in despair.

But you gave testimony to the resurrection, challenging us to see death (even dying to ourselves) in a new light, and you reminded us there is nothing to fear ever.

In a wonderful way, you put our hearts through a gauntlet. Our chests swelled as your

family sang. Our hearts broke as you, Benjamin, Kaithlynn prayed over our sons and lastly our daughters. That was very special. Your message on Hebrews 12:1-3 left us felling bold and brave ready to endure another step on the grind of life.

Thank you for ministering to us so well. Thank you for modeling a life of whole-family obedience. And thank you for stirring our hearts a longing for heaven, the end of our race.

*~ Hidden in Christ / Inmate*



## 2025 PRISON MINISTRY OPPORTUNITY

### PA-PRISON CRUSADE

*April 10-13, 2025*

Volunteers must be 18 or older

For more information:

Call (570) 837-0649

or email [info@lightofhope.org](mailto:info@lightofhope.org)

## LOOKING AHEAD



## 2024 PRISON SOFTBALL

### OUTREACH

**Thank You Light Of Hope** for making it possible, we had a great weekend. On Saturday, we were planning to play softball at SCI Mahony. But the weather did not permit it, so we played whiffle ball with them in the gym. We had a good time playing with the inmates we played two games of whiffle ball and won both of them.

Then, on Sunday, we had church services at SCI Coal Township. That was definitely a highlight for me between the two services we had around 350 to 400 inmates come out to the chapel. It was such a blessing to witness the Joy those men carried and to see their hunger and fire for the Lord. The church there is very much alive. We got to pray with some of them as they gave their lives to the Lord, some for the first time, and others recommitting their lives to Him. All glory be to Jesus. It was a blessing to be able to be a part of the weekend Crusade and I definitely feels like I received much more then I gave.

~ *Gideon Fisher*

**I really enjoyed playing softball.** We had a great staff coordinating everything.

One of my highlights was singing with and praying for the inmates. In the evening I got the chance to pray with an inmate who had a prayer request.

~ *Laverne Burkholder*

**One highlight** was when one of the inmates in outfield made really good barehanded play and everyone was clapping cheering. Things like this stand out to me when good sportsmanship is shown. Also couple moments where we had opportunity to share with the inmates about Jesus. I had a great weekend and want to say thank you for giving us the opportunity to go.

~ *Ryan Beachy*

The softball prison outreach brings more friends in your life with the same vision to share Jesus, peace, and love to those incarcerated.

We felt the presence of God again and feel the inmate's heartbeat of their appreciation for us coming. The games are a great way to interact and play together.

There is an atmosphere of worship in the chapel, and a deep thirst for spiritual food.

The testimonies are a highlight, along with the response to the altar call.

Today there was a new convert, and to see the peace, his smile, and the changes lives, is an awesome experience.

A lot of clapping, celebrating Jesus, and praying together as a team are real!!

There is a wild fire burning in coal two prison, is what I sensed. Here am I Lord send me should be our attitude.

Thanks for making this possible thru Light of Hope ministry.

~ *John Lee Stoltzfus*



# SUMMER FUNDRAISERS

The support of many individuals, families, and businesses makes each event special each year.

We are forever grateful to God for His blessing on these events and for the opportunity to be a part of them. We don't take for granted the ministry that takes place, and the relationships formed and cultivated each year.

Thank you to everyone who participated, prayed, volunteered, and gave! Your contributions enable the ministry to continue to share a Light of Hope unto the least of these in prison and beyond.

~ Amos Stoltzfus / Executive Director



Lancaster County, PA



Perry County, PA



## Amos Stoltzfus Family SCHEDULE

- Fri. October 11 ..... Buffalo Community Center Lewisburg, Pa
  - October 24-27 ..... Sci Coal Township Shamokin, Pa
  - November 6-7 ..... Sci Forest Marienville, Pa \*
  - Sun. November 17 ..... Sci Camp Hill Harrisburg, Pa \*
  - November 21-23 ..... Sci Laurel Highlands Somerset, Pa \*
  - December 4-8 ..... Florida Prison Crusade
  - Sat. December 14 ..... Ephrata Business Center Ephrata, Pa
  - Sun. December 22 ..... Sci Coal Township Shamokin, Pa \*
- \* Amos only

### LIGHT OF HOPE CONCERT SAT., DECEMBER 14, 2024 6:30 PM

Ephrata Business Center  
400 West Main St. Ephrata, Pa 17522

A free-will offering will be received to help benefit the LOH Ministry

**FREE ADMISSION!**



Amos Stoltzfus Family



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