

SPRING 2026 NEWSLETTER



2026 PA-PRISON CRUSADE
24 PRISONS - 275 VOLUNTEERS



The prison crusade began with an uplifting orientation, where 275 dedicated volunteers, including evangelists and singing teams, answered God’s call. United in harmony, we prepared for the weekend’s mission. The afternoon rally brought everyone together in heartfelt worship, lifting our voices in praise to the One who is truly worthy.

The unmistakable presence of Jesus surrounded us, allowing us to bask in His spirit. Many who were spiritually wounded found healing, the oppressed experienced liberation, and others were spiritually nourished for their missions ahead. Our time together was a beautiful foretaste of heaven. Hallelujah to the Lamb of God!

Throughout the weekend, we held 80 worship services in the chapel and gym areas, alongside visitation opportunities at various prisons, including dormitories and infirmaries. Volunteers connected with inmates through activities like volleyball, basketball, and other games, creating meaningful ministry opportunities.

Ultimately, the Holy Spirit moved powerfully, with many accepting Jesus Christ for the first time and others rededicating their lives to Him. We give all glory and praise to God for the amazing works He has accomplished and for the privilege of joining Him in Kingdom-building ministry.

~ Amos Stoltzfus Founder & Director

United in Harmony



TESTIMONIES

VOLUNTEERS

Being part of the Light of Hope Prison Crusade was a long-held dream, and this year, the Lord opened the doors for me to participate. Light of Hope Ministries and the Amos Stoltzfus family have inspired me since childhood, blessing me repeatedly with their music, which made it a true privilege to serve alongside them this weekend.

My time in the women's prison was a profound blessing. One lady wondered why we would dedicate an entire weekend away from our daily lives for their ministry. It warmed my heart to witness these women worship our Lord and Savior during chapel services, with some even committing to follow Jesus. Playing volleyball with them in the gym was a joyous experience; they brought us plenty of laughter! The joy on their faces as they engaged in this activity was truly uplifting.

I believe that everyone should experience visiting prisons at least once. There is so much to learn, to feel, and to connect with people who will always remember you.

~ Ruthie Lynn Stoltzfus ~ Volunteer



Have you ever felt hopeless, as if there were no way forward? She looked at me with pleading eyes and cried, "How can I believe when nothing in my life has been good? Where is the evidence of a good God within these prison walls?"

Through the prison crusade with Light of Hope Ministries, I witnessed the transformative power of Christ's love in an individual's life. I listened to women share their stories of pain and hardship, and I am reminded that we serve a God who uses those stories for His glory and our good. God has a beautiful plan to restore and redeem humanity back to Himself, and it is truly an honor to be part of that journey.

Because of Christ's love, she now holds hope for her future. She can rest assured that her Heavenly Father desires good things for her life. Her face radiates with joy and a peace that surpasses all understanding.

~ Rachel Lapp ~ Volunteer

Our group visited Riverside Correctional Institution in North Philadelphia. We had seven members from six different churches and a singing family from the West Coast, **all united for a common purpose.**

One inmate was overcome with joy that we would come in and do this for them but also seemed in shock that we are only planning to do this once a year. An inmate who I will call Bro. Lee shared with us how he has taken full responsibility for his sinful actions, told the judge he is guilty, and asked for forgiveness from those he has hurt by his past actions. Though he is now awaiting his sentencing he told us that he is already free in his heart, for God has saved him and given him a new life.

Bro. Lee so appreciated the encouragement he received from the team that he told one individual he was going to find a prison cell for one of us to stay in long term.

Although Bro. Lee, as well as all of us, knew this is not even remotely possible, the question keeps knocking on the doors of my mind. If it were possible, would I be willing to live where they do and share the Gospel? If it were possible, would I be willing?

~ Paul Lapp ~ Evangelist

I was blessed and privileged to witness the unwavering faithfulness of God at the Light of Hope prison crusade. I can testify that He rewards those who diligently seek Him. As an evangelist, I experienced God's grace and the powerful presence of the Holy Spirit.

Despite unexpected challenges, including a bus breakdown and Amos, our appointed evangelist, being unable to join us at the chapel service, I was called to deliver a message. With only ten minutes to prepare and the support of a devoted team of prayer warriors, God provided exactly what was needed. This experience has strengthened my faith and ignited a deep desire to worship a God who is not a respecter of persons but works through anyone willing to be His vessel. What the enemy meant for evil, God transformed for good.

Thank you, Amos, for your obedience to God's call and for creating an opportunity for Christ's disciples to evangelize, mentor, and uplift those behind bars.

~ Leon Lapp ~ Evangelist

TESTIMONIES

INMATES

We just had a revival at SCI Coal Township, and **it was an incredibly blessed weekend!** Throughout my life, I was weighed down by shame, filled with lust, jealousy, envy, and hatred. I realized my life needed immediate change and that repentance was necessary for a new beginning.

I faced a choice: to continue down the dark path leading to eternal hell or to seek peace with God and walk in His righteousness towards a life of true peace. I gave my life to the Jesus Christ, choosing Him as my Lord and Savior. Since then, I've experienced forgiveness, peace with God, and a freedom I never knew before.

Thank you for bringing a light of hope; now I see clearly.

~ Inmate

I want to express how much I enjoyed attending the Light of Hope services this past weekend. The group of individuals truly demonstrated Jesus' love for us, and I felt a deep connection to Him through the love they showed to each of us. We are very fortunate to experience Light of Hope here at our prison.

Thank you for coming.

~ Inmate



CHAPLIANS REPORT

THANK YOU SO MUCH!

On behalf of the Philadelphia Department of Prisons, we would like to express our **heartfelt appreciation for your dedication, commitment, and faithful service** during your three days of ministry within our facilities. Your presence provided encouragement, hope, and spiritual uplift through the activities, worship, praise, and sharing of Scripture. The atmosphere you created allowed many individuals to experience inspiration, reflection, and the love of God in meaningful ways.

We recognize the time, preparation, and sacrifice involved in ministering to the incarcerated population, and we do not take your efforts lightly. Your ministry demonstrated compassion, unity, and a genuine desire to positively impact lives through faith and fellowship.

Thank you for partnering with the Philadelphia Department of Prisons and for being a beacon of light to those in need of encouragement and spiritual guidance. We truly appreciate your willingness to serve and look forward to future opportunities to collaborate in uplifting our incarcerated population.

We genuinely enjoyed the company of all the volunteers involved. May God continue to bless Light of Hope Ministries abundantly as you pursue your mission and outreach.

With sincere appreciation and gratitude.

~ Carmelo Urena

Director of Chaplaincy / Philadelphia Department of Prisons

PRISON MINISTRY OPPORTUNITIES



PA PRISON SOFTBALL OUTREACH AUGUST

21 & 23, 2026

SOFTBALL TEAMS ARE NEEDED!

MUST BE 18 OR OLDER TO PARTICIPATE.

TO SIGN UP A TEAM OR NEED
MORE INFORMATION, CALL: (570) 412-5532
OR VIA EMAIL AMOS@LIGHTOFHOPE.ORG

PRISON DISCIPLESHIP SEMINAR OCTOBER 22-25, 2026 VOLUNTEERS ARE NEEDED!

MUST BE 18 OR OLDER TO PARTICIPATE.

TO SIGN UP OR NEED MORE INFORMATION,
CALL: (570) 837-0649 OR VIA
EMAIL INFO@LIGHTOFHOPE.ORG

BIRD-IN-HAND EVENT FIELD JULY 24-25, 2026

320 N. RONKS RD. ~ BIRD-IN-HAND, PA

TOURNAMENTS ~ SINGING ~ FOOD ~ FELLOWSHIP

FRIDAY July 24th Dinner & Concert FUNDRAISER

Dinner Starts at 3:00pm

Music Starts at 4:00pm

Live Music by:

Amos Stoltzfus Family

Liberated Band

Leroy Stoltzfus

Mel Stoltzfus Family

Harmony of Hope

A Free will offering will be recieved to benefit
Light of Hope Evangelistic Ministry.

PULLED PORK BBQ

Pork BBQ, Shrimp & Fries, Hot Dogs, Coleslaw,
Ice Cream, Whoopie Pies, Smoothies, Iced Coffee

SATURDAY July 25th Food All Day

VOLLEYBALL

To Register Your Team Call: 570.540.2692

& SPIKEBALL

To Register Your Team Call: 717.419.6491

TOURNAMENTS

For more information call: 717.390.6625 or 717.380.8253



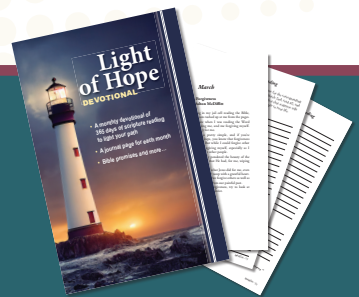
Amos Stoltzfus Family SCHEDULE

- July 9-12 Revival Meetings Fairhaven Fellowship Church Loogootee, IN
- Tue. July 14..... Flat Ridge Community Church Kimbolton, OH
- Wed. July 15..... Life Spring Fellowship Church New Bedford, OH
- Sun. July 19 Ohio Church Millersburg, OH (AM)
- Sun. July 19..... Bethel Fellowship Church Millersburg, OH (PM)
- July 24-25..... LOH Ministry Fundraiser Bird-in-hand, PA
- July 27-29..... Philadelphia Prisons Philadelphia, PA
- August 15-16..... LOH Ministry Fundraiser New Bloomfield, PA
- August 21-23..... PA-Prison Softball Outreach



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