

Meet Our Newest Chaplain Assistant

My name is Andrew Hostetter. I am a 20-year-old student at Millersville University. This fall, I began working at **Lancaster County Youth Intervention Center** for Support for Prison Ministries as an assistant chaplain. It is a privilege to be able to build relationships with the young men living at the youth center. I play basketball with them, join in evening programs, play cards and table games with them, visit in their rooms, and eat with them. It has proved to be both challenging and rewarding.



Nelson Martin, SFPM Director, welcomes Andrew Hostetter to the Youth Intervention Center

Some background on me...I grew up on a dairy farm in Chester County and attended Old Road Mennonite Church. As a young man I decided to live my life for Christ and began a journey following Jesus. I have been shaped by experiences such as working at Black Rock Summer Camp as a counselor and Youth With A Mission (YWAM) which I entered after I graduated from High School. As a counselor, I realized that I enjoyed building relationships with young men and speaking Christ into their lives as best I knew how and where opportunities presented themselves. I see working at the youth center in a similar way, building relationships and learning to love the young men there in a way that opens their lives to Christ.

One of my goals in working with these young men is to be able to meet with them outside of the Youth Intervention Center. Unfortunately, 70% of them will be

back at the Youth Intervention Center sometime in the future after being released. I hope to be a positive influence on their lives inside and outside of the Youth Center.

When I first found out about the opportunity to work at the Youth Intervention Center I became excited because it seemed to fit right into my life and it was meaningful work. It is a joy to work with other people who have similar goals. Chaplain Marvin Reed, Chaplain Katie Mininger, groups from Christian organizations, and many of the staff at the Youth Intervention Center desire to reach these young people with the love of Christ. Within that group of people is a wealth of experiences and gifts. I am glad to be part of that team.

A verse that has encouraged me as I began working here is John 12:26, "If anyone serves Me; he must follow Me; and where I am, there my servant will be also." I see Christ at the Youth Center desiring to meet these young people in their brokenness. He even identifies himself with them in Matt 25:44, saying that He was a prisoner. I want to be where he is. Even though I lack a history in drugs, an assertive personality, and the ability to change anyone of these young lives, it is a wonderful privilege to be a part of what the Holy Spirit is doing in the lives of young people at the Youth Intervention Center.



**Current Chaplain Staff at YIC
Andrew Hostetter, Marvin Reed, Katie Mininger**

Thanks to our Staff

At the annual SFPM picnic in September, the board of directors took time to say THANKS to their special group of chaplains and support staff who work hard and are committed to taking the message of God's love behind bars. Currently, SFPM hires 11 paid staff (about 7 full-time equivalent) and supervises another 12 regular volunteers (2 ½ full-time equivalent) who are approved and badged by Lancaster County to go into the Prison and Youth Center.



Current Paid Staff at LCP:

L-R: Michael Booth, Katie Mininger, J.R. Fisher, Al Huber, Faye Stauffer, Marvin Reed, Diane Fulmer, Isaias Maldonado

20 YEAR AWARD TO MARVIN REED

Marvin and Grace Reed had farmed for a number of years, and then they felt God's call to more active evangelism. Marvin tells how his life was impacted by hearing the life story of Amy Carmichael, whose life was changed by a dream where she saw multitudes of people falling over a cliff and going into eternity. Amy left her comfortable home in North Ireland and, despite many odds and difficulties, served as a missionary first to Japan and then for many years in India.



Marvin Reed (l) receiving framed picture from SFPM Director, Nelson Martin

In 1983, Marvin and Grace moved to Atmore, Alabama, where Marvin served 1 year as a prison chaplain under the We Care Program. Returning to Lancaster County, Marvin began volunteering at Lancaster County Prison. A memo written in May 1986 by then chaplain Dave Myer said "Since Marvin Reed has been volunteering chaplain time for 5 months, I recommend that SFPM hire him for a part-time chaplain position."

Over the past 20 years, Marvin has divided his time between the prison and the juvenile center, known for many years as Barnes Hall. Since the new juvenile center was built in 2002, Marvin spends most of his days at YIC. Marvin uses a gentle approach, friendship evangelism style of building relationships with juveniles and inmates.

Marvin and Grace live near Bowmansville. They have 5 children, 23 grandchildren and 12 great-grandchildren. Marvin is ordained as a prison chaplain by his home church, Lichten Mennonite. God has blessed and been good to them in many ways over the years. He lists 2 favorite Bible verses as favorites: "being confident of this, that God who began a good work in you will carry it on to completion until the day of Christ Jesus." Philippians 1: 6 and Jesus' words from John 14:27 "Peace I leave with you; my peace I give you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled and do not be afraid."

THE BOARD IS THANKFUL FOR MARVIN'S MANY YEARS OF FAITHFUL SERVICE AND WISHES GOD'S CONTINUED BLESSINGS TO HIM IN THE YEARS AHEAD.

KARIN WHITE CHOSEN AS VOLUNTEER OF THE YEAR

The SFPM Board also honored Karin White, a volunteer chaplain who works with women inmates. Currently Karin spends up to 2 days per week inside LCP. She gives countless hours to connecting with women on the outside through the EXIT program and other ways of helping women reenter society. Karin has a heart to share God's love with others and cares so much for needy persons. Karin and husband Tim live near Lancaster and are members of Grace Baptist Church. THE BOARD APPRECIATES SO MUCH KARIN'S DEDICATION TO PRISON MINISTRY, SEEING WOMEN'S LIVES CHANGED BY THE POWER OF GOD'S LOVE.



You are Invited

WE CARE PRISON MINISTRY BANQUET

Friday, March 3, 6:15 PM,
Yoder's Restaurant, New Holland, PA.
The Franz Family and ministry updates.

No charge — but tickets required

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Melvin Brendle: 717-445-6276

John L. Wenger: 717-653-5906

Visit our Website often to get
prison ministry updates:

www.supportforprisonministries.org

A monthly Prayer Request List and this
Quarterly Newsletter **FREEDOM FOCUS**
are available **IN QUANTITIES**
NO CHARGE - For distribution to churches
or interested persons.

Benefit Auction Sets Record!!

A rainy week-end on October 21 and 22 did not keep persons from supporting the 22nd annual Prison Ministries Benefit Auction at Farmersville Auction. A delicious chicken barbecue meal was sold out by 6:45 PM. An enthusiastic crowd of persons filled the building Friday evening for the auction of crafts, hardware, Winross trucks, theme baskets, fresh meats and groceries.

The Saturday events began with a 6 AM sausage and pancake breakfast, followed by the auction at 8:30 AM. When the sale was finished, 476 registered bidders paid almost \$67,000 for merchandise and gift certificates. Food stand sales produced another \$12,670. Donations from businesses and interested individuals more than covered total auction expenses, leaving \$80,500 net to be contributed to prison ministries.

Special items sold at the auction included:

- * A large, beautiful hand-carved 3-D picture by Lorraine Reiff of a local landmark "Millport Mill and Stone House"



- * Many beautiful quilts and wall hangings, including Heart of Rose, Dahlia, and Country Love
- * Seven pedal tractors, including John Deere and Blue Ford Collector's Edition
- * Original oil paintings, some painted by inmates, and other paintings by Thomas Kinkadee, Erma Wenger, Richard Bollinger and Tom Herman-sader
- * Unique Theme and Gift Baskets, including 2 John Deere collectibles and a Lititz Wilbur Chocolate special.



Receipts were shared with chaplain programs at Lancaster Country Prison and Youth Intervention Center, EXIT and Transition to Community programs in Lancaster, PA, Freedom Gate Ministries in Reading, PA, and We Care Programs in Atmore, Alabama.

Since the SFPM annual Benefit Auction began in 1984, \$1,231,010 has been given to various prison ministries.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS NOW

In 2006, we plan to have our
23rd benefit auction

Friday and Saturday, October 27 & 28
at Farmersville Auction

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GOD CONTINUES TO WORK IN MANY WAYS TO THOSE IN PRISON!!

SUPPORT FOR PRISON MINISTRIES IS AN INTER-DENOMINATIONAL, MULTI-FACETED MINISTRY. IN THIS NEW YEAR OF 2006, WE COMMIT TO:

1. Assist local churches with ministry to those in prison
2. Provide chaplaincy services to Lancaster County Prison and Youth Intervention Center
3. Raise funds for our programs and related prison ministries
4. Network with and support aftercare and reentry programs
5. Provide educational and informative resources to area churches and communities.

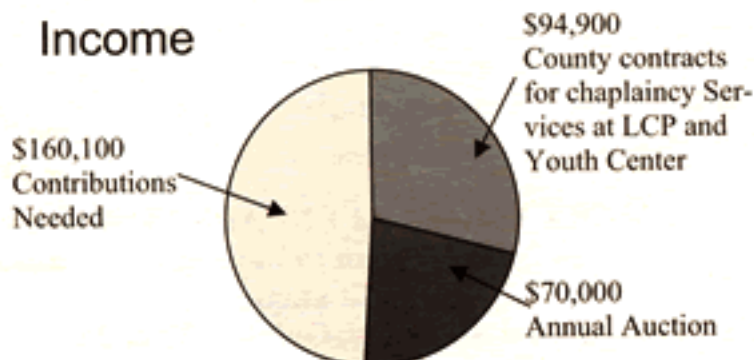
THANKS TO THE MANY INTERESTED PERSONS, CHURCHES AND BUSINESSES THAT PARTNER WITH US.



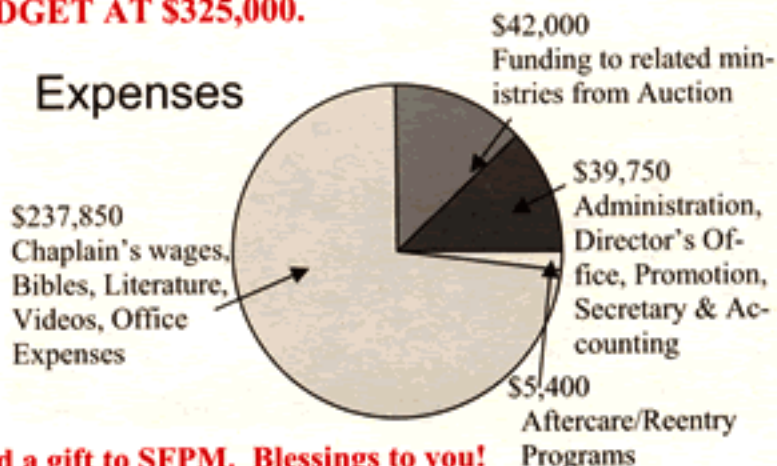
Focus On Finances

Because of strong contributions in 2005 and growing requests to share with inmates, the Board of Directors at their December meeting took action to increase hours of work for several chaplains. These increased hours, combined with high costs of providing medical insurance for eligible staff, put our **2006 BUDGET AT \$325,000.**

Income



Expenses



A self-addressed envelope is enclosed for you to use to send a gift to SFPM. Blessings to you!