

I'M GOING BACK TO NINEVEH

When David Hain walks into the Lancaster County Prison (LCP), he usually has some new insights or practical applications to share with his classes. In addition to studying David's book "From Addict to Disciple" his classes (separate groups of men and women) often have much discussion and transparency. Inmates begin to be open to sharing their hurts and needs. David also has a way of helping people to be reflective, to look inward at issues and to ask how God can change their lives.



Recently David told a men's class from the G-1 housing pod, "Many of you know something about God. You may have walked with God in the past, but allowed other lifestyles to take you captive. I suspect some of you were told, like Jonah of old, to 'go to Nineveh to serve God'. And you ran away from that calling. So this jail experience isn't Lancaster County jail as much as it is Lancaster County whale – and you are trapped deep in the belly of it." David reports that when he came back to this housing unit a few days later, several inmates held home-made signs from their cells, "I'm going back to Nineveh".

David, at mid-50's, has not always been a Bible teacher. He grew up in a business family in Reading, PA. He was a "nominal fence straddling Christian" who very quickly became successful, a world traveler and global business manager. But his life, full of outward materialism and worldly success, was empty and lonely. One night in a hotel room in Germany, God spoke to David in a new way. David responded, "God, I will stop PLAYING Christian and start BEING Christian."

David gave up his good job, sold his material possessions and has not looked back since. He became a missionary to homeless and drug addicted persons. He has lived in and ministered to crack addicts in St. Petersburg, Florida. He has traveled extensively, including ministry trips to China (where he taught English), Swaziland, Botswana and South Africa (where he ministered to persons with AIDS), and in the country of Azerbaijan, a former Russian state with many addicts and refugees.

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OBSERVATIONS FROM A DAVID HAIN CLASS

By Steve Martin, SFPM Board member and LCP Volunteer.

I recently had the opportunity to sit in on a couple sessions that David was teaching in LCP. A few things stood out to me.

First was the honesty of the inmates as they discussed their struggles and failures. They were honest about what they did and the pain that they caused their victims. Along with the honesty, they expressed their sorrow for the hurt they had caused.

Secondly, I could feel their desperate desire to change and to live the way that God wants them to. The consequences that they are suffering from their actions are being used by God to clean them up and change them. Once released, their desire is to lead whole and productive lives. They fear returning to their old lives and so they reach out to God and other Christians to help them on their journey.

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BENEFIT AUCTION SETS NEW RECORDS

Hundreds of persons came to Farmersville, PA on Friday and Saturday, October 27 & 28 to enthusiastically support our 23rd annual benefit auction. This annual event was a great time for food, fun and fellowship, while supporting and hearing what God is doing in prison ministries today. When the sale was finished, previous records were broken: almost 500 registered bidders, auction merchandise and gift certificates totaled \$85,086, food stands received almost \$14,000. Donations from businesses and interested individuals almost covered auction expenses, so that \$98,019 was available to contribute to prison ministries.



Vincent Guarini, Warden at LCP, with Nelson Martin, SFPM Director, brings greetings to Friday evening auction attendees.

Proceeds went to six ministries: Chaplain programs at Lancaster County Prison, Youth Intervention Center, EXIT (Ex-Offenders in Transition), Freedom Gate, TTC (Transition to Community) and We Care Programs. SFPM Board is so grateful for and appreciates everyone's involvement to make this a record year. Since this annual Benefit Auction began in 1984, over \$1.3 million has been given to numerous prison ministries.

Here are some highlights from this years auction:

- * 1932 Ford Model B Truck \$11,400
- * Longaberger John Deere Basket, Limited Edition \$200
- * Wooden Pen & Pencil set, made by inmate Kirby Keller \$500
- * Handmade Wooden sailboat, made by Alabama inmate \$140
- * 3-D Wooden Carved 3-D Picture – Winter Scene, by Zook \$3,100
- * Lapp Amish Farm Framed Picture, by Erma Wenger \$350
- * Kentucky Star Quilt, donated by a friend \$750
- * Rohrer's Quarry Model Truck \$300



**** PLANNING AHEAD ** MARK YOUR CALENDARS ****

In 2007, the benefit auction is planned for October 26 & 27. SFPM Board wants some new volunteers/ coordinators to be involved in planning and working in various ways with the 2007 auction. If you have any interest or want more information, contact Nelson Martin (717) 625-0232 or email: info@supportforprisonministries.org

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charge to distribute to churches or persons interested
in prison ministry.

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David and his wife Shawn were married in 1996 and lived for a number of years among homeless addicts in Philadelphia, PA. They remodeled and lived in an abandoned crack house, while reaching out to hundreds of homeless addicts. David's heart is broken for people caught in addictions. He sees in each person a potential child of God. Everywhere he goes, he takes a practical message of love that comes from the Father God and hope that comes from Jesus Christ.

Currently, David and Shawn and their 2 sons live in Quarryville, where they reach out in ministry to many persons through a non-profit group called Etsah Ministries. David spends at least 2 days per week inside LCP as a chaplain and addictions counselor with Support for Prison Ministries. He prays for and believes that God will bring revival to inmates. David's definition of revival is from Christmas Evans, an 18th century Welsh evangelist who wrote, "Revival is God bending down to the dying embers of a fire, and breathing into it again and again until it bursts into flame." That same experience is happening today in LCP as men and women's lives are being changed. And praise God, some of them are choosing to say, "I'M GOING BACK TO NINEVEH".

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The third thing that I noticed was their concern for each other. As they shared their struggles in class, they reached out to each other through their tears and laughter. David has a wonderful way of leading the discussion in a productive and timely manner. Please pray for David and the class participants in this life changing program.

Jesus said "Assuredly, I say to you, inasmuch as you did it to one of the least of these, my brethren, you did it to Me." I feel that the church today has often failed to reach out to "the least" in our society. As these men return to society they need places to live, jobs, mentors and a group of believers they can worship with.

At SFPM we network with groups such as EXIT, Transition to Community, Freedom Gate and the Potter's House who are involved in working with ex-inmates. But so much more is needed - there are so many men and women who are looking for help. What will Jesus say to us on judgment day? Will it be "in as much as you did it" or will it be "in as much as you did not do it"?

SUPPORT FOR PRISON MINISTRIES 2007 PAID STAFF



LCP Staff:
Back : Marvin Reed, Al Huber, Katie Mininger, Michael Booth, David Hain
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YIC Staff: (l-r)
Marvin Reed, Katie Mininger, Charlie Hess

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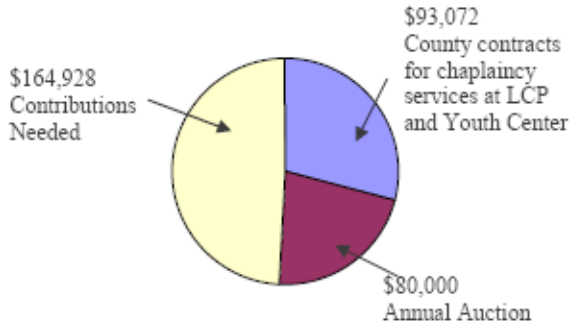
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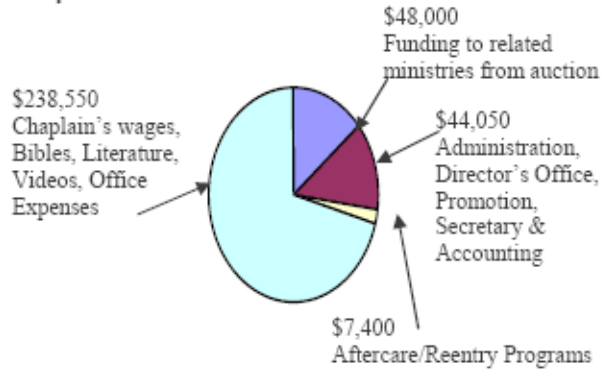
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