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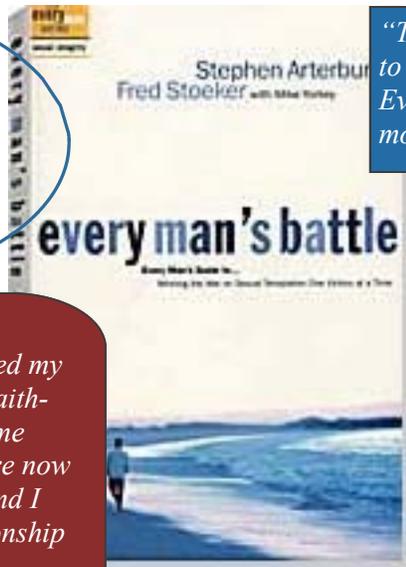
Learning About Purity in Prison

An 8 week study course conducted for male inmates at Lancaster County Prison (LCP) has an unusual subject and has been well attended during the past two years. The course uses the book “Every Man’s Battle”, a hard-hitting but practical book that shows men how to win the war over sexual temptations one victory at a time. There are passionate discussions and many questions asked. Taught by Bud Roda, a Support for Prison Ministries volunteer chaplain, it challenges men with learning principles of moral purity. Based on Biblical principles, Bud has been thrilled at how this study has aided men in seeking a new level of purity in their lives.

The following quotes were written by inmates who finished the course:

“All my life I’ve had a problem with sexual immorality. This book has been an important tool. I feel like the book talks specifically about me”.

“Thanks to those who donated the books for us to have. This is my third time through the class. Every time I take the class I learn more and more. Thanks be to God.”



“Bounce your eyes. . . make a covenant with your eyes. . . pray a hedge around your mind so that unclean thoughts won’t enter. . . make a battle plan . . . These are just some of the things I’ve learned to do to have victory (moral purity) in my life.”

“The book “Every Man’s Battle” has changed my life. While in LCP, I called my wife and asked forgiveness for my unfaithfulness. I also asked her to destroy some pornography that I was hiding. We are now reconciled, my marriage is restored and I am living closer to God, and in relationship with Jesus Christ my Lord”.

“I cry sometimes when I think about what I didn’t know about this subject. What if someone had told me when I was growing about how to live? Instead, at age 8, I started getting involved in drinking and impure actions. I am now 46 years old with a broken, tangled life. But I am a recovering addict who is learning to love the Lord. Being in this class and reading this book about God’s standard for sexual morality, has been a Godsend for me. I have so much more to learn. Thanks for your help.”

I was an inmate and I would like to thank all the brothers who came to teach us the class “Every Man’s Battle”. It has been so helpful. I have learned to surrender all to Christ, and this class has given me tools to help in that battle.”

Bud Roda and his wife Karen live near Lancaster. He is an active member of New Song Fellowship Church. In addition to being a SFPM volunteer chaplain in LCP, Bud also does prison ministry at The Potter’s House and EXIT programs, and has many connections with ex-inmates and their families throughout the area.



SFPM GIVES ANNUAL EMPLOYEE AWARDS

Over 50 persons spent a delightful September Sunday evening at the Middle Creek Church of the Brethren picnic grove. The annual event, hosted by the SFPM Board of Directors, is a time to say THANKS to our chaplains, regular volunteers and their families. There was lots of food, singing and visiting together.



Faye Stauffer receives award for 20 years of chaplaincy work.

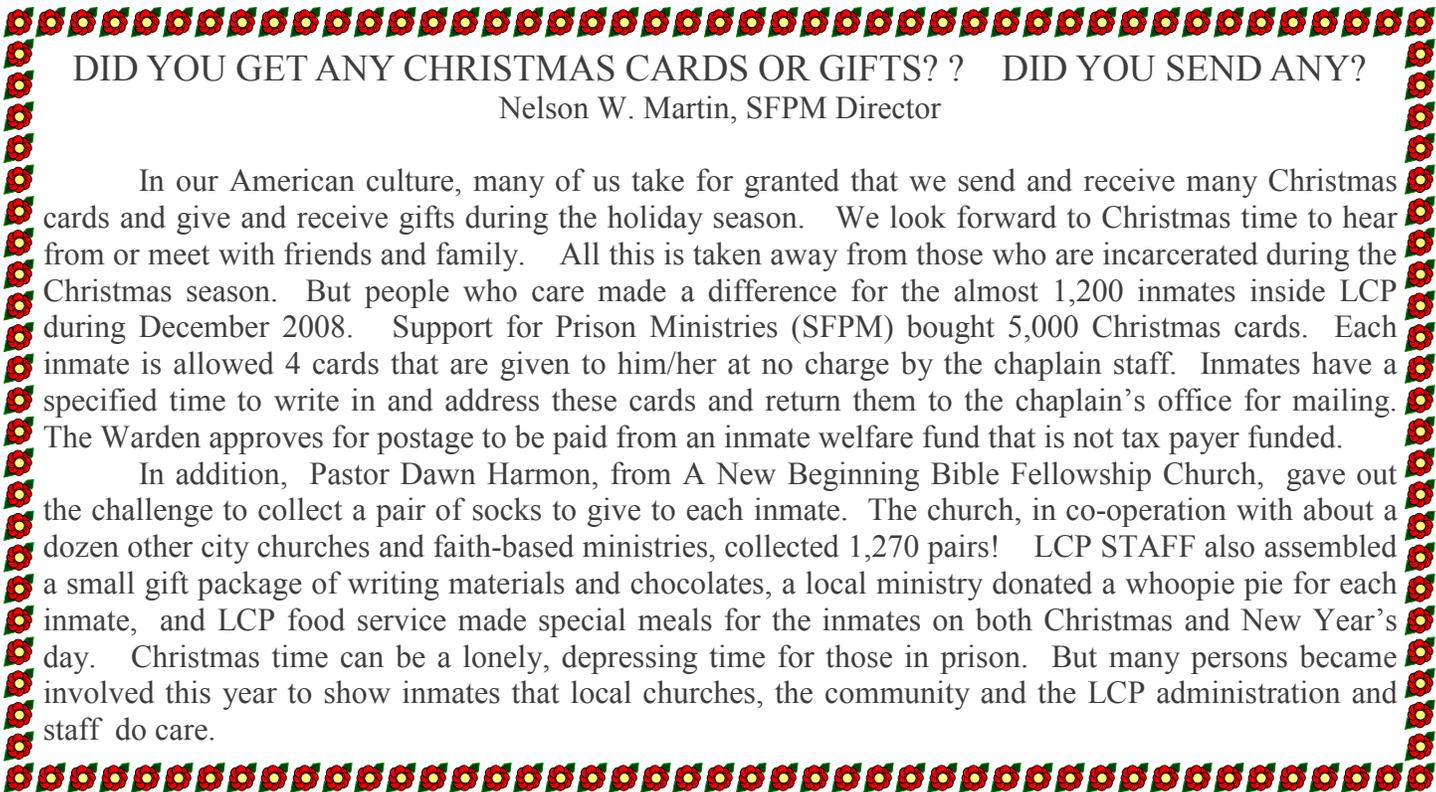
A special 20 year staff award was given to Faye Stauffer, SFPM chaplain for women inmates at LCP. Faye began doing some volunteer work in 1984, then took a year of CPE training (1988–89) to prepare for prison ministry. From 1990 to the present, Faye has been a paid staff chaplain. She was presented with a framed picture painted by her niece, Lindsey Stauffer, and a 20 year certificate.



Bud Roda accepting Volunteer of the Year Award from Nelson Martin, SFPM Director

The SFPM Volunteer of the Year award was given to Bud Roda. Bud spends about a day a week inside LCP, as well as helping with The Potter’s House and EXIT programs.

THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS IS THANKFUL FOR DEDICATED, HARD WORKING STAFF AND VOLUNTEERS. A SPECIAL APPRECIATION THIS YEAR TO FAYE AND BUD FOR TASKS WELL DONE.



DID YOU GET ANY CHRISTMAS CARDS OR GIFTS? ? DID YOU SEND ANY?
Nelson W. Martin, SFPM Director

In our American culture, many of us take for granted that we send and receive many Christmas cards and give and receive gifts during the holiday season. We look forward to Christmas time to hear from or meet with friends and family. All this is taken away from those who are incarcerated during the Christmas season. But people who care made a difference for the almost 1,200 inmates inside LCP during December 2008. Support for Prison Ministries (SFPM) bought 5,000 Christmas cards. Each inmate is allowed 4 cards that are given to him/her at no charge by the chaplain staff. Inmates have a specified time to write in and address these cards and return them to the chaplain’s office for mailing. The Warden approves for postage to be paid from an inmate welfare fund that is not tax payer funded.

In addition, Pastor Dawn Harmon, from A New Beginning Bible Fellowship Church, gave out the challenge to collect a pair of socks to give to each inmate. The church, in co-operation with about a dozen other city churches and faith-based ministries, collected 1,270 pairs! LCP STAFF also assembled a small gift package of writing materials and chocolates, a local ministry donated a whoopie pie for each inmate, and LCP food service made special meals for the inmates on both Christmas and New Year’s day. Christmas time can be a lonely, depressing time for those in prison. But many persons became involved this year to show inmates that local churches, the community and the LCP administration and staff do care.

<p>YOU ARE INVITED: We Care Program Prison Ministry Banquet Friday, March 6, 2009, 6:15 P.M</p> <p>Yoder’s Restaurant, New Holland, PA An evening of prison ministry information as well as gospel music by The Yoder Family.</p> <p>For reservations call: (610) 777-1337, (717) 626-4996, or (717) 626-8664</p>	<p>In a December 23 Lancaster New Era newspaper interview, LCP Warden Guarini was quoted “The Prison Chaplaincy, under the direction of Al Huber and Nelson Martin, includes dozens of assistant chaplains and volunteers. They do a great job throughout the year . . . their efforts are of enormous value to the inmates and staff alike”.</p>	<p>2009 SFPM Board Members New Chair is Ken G. Martin, Denver Leon Roy Martin, Vice Chairman, Lititz Warren Hackman, Secretary, Newmanstown Steve Martin, Treasurer, Womelsdorf</p> <p>Larry Fox, Mohnton Glenn Hoover, Lancaster Anthony Martin, Leola Cliff Martin, Reinholds Caleb Minnich, Lititz Dennis Sensenig, Newmanstown Wes Smith, Stevens</p>
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AUCTION HIGHLIGHTS

Hundreds of persons came to Farmersville, PA on Friday and Saturday, October 24 & 25 to enthusiastically support our 25th 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, we had almost 500 registered bidders, auction merchandise and gift certificates totaled \$68,479, and food stands received \$15,502. This year, all expenses of the auction were paid by designated gifts from businesses and sponsors, allowing a total of \$85,434 to be distributed to the following six prison chaplain and aftercare 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 great year. Since this annual Benefit Auction began in 1984, over \$1.5 million has been given to numerous prison ministries.



Here are some highlights from this year's auction:

- 3-D Hand Carved Wooden Picture –Leola area farm, an original work made by Lorraine Reiff \$4,500.
- Rohrer's Quarry Model Bulk Truck \$220.
- Sampler pieced quilt (top donated by Cedar Lane Fabrics and quilted by Lichty's sewing circle) \$625
- Holiday Theme Gift Basket \$150
- 25th Anniversary Auction Framed Print \$210
- Framed ink sketch scenery picture drawn by an inmate \$185
- New Nickel Mines School painting by Elsie Beiler \$150



WATCH FOR EXCITING, NEW DETAILS COMING SOON FOR OUR OCTOBER 2009 AUCTION

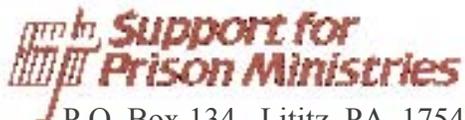
SFPM Board wants some new volunteers to be involved in planning and working in various ways with the 2009 auction. If you have any interest or want more information, contact Nelson Martin (717) 625-0232

Introducing Carl Carpenter New Chaplain at Youth Intervention Center

Carl Carpenter recently began as a part-time chaplain in the Youth Intervention Center. Carl lives near Manheim with his wife Davonna. He is pastor of Lebanon Church of Christ. Carl and his family lived in Montgomery, Alabama from 2002 – 2007, where he and his wife served as prison chaplains with We Care Programs.



**THANK YOU FOR ALL YOUR FINANCIAL AND PRAYER SUPPORT
THAT MAKES IT POSSIBLE FOR SFPM TO CONTINUE THEIR IMPORTANT
MINISTRY INSIDE THE PRISON WALLS. YOU ARE A PARTNER WITH US.**



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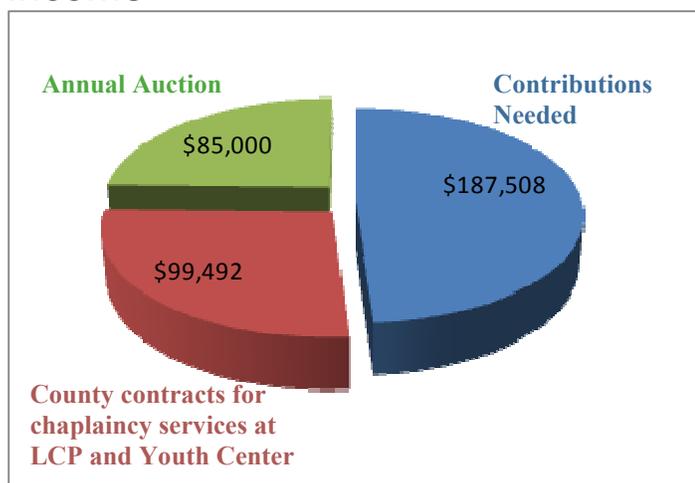
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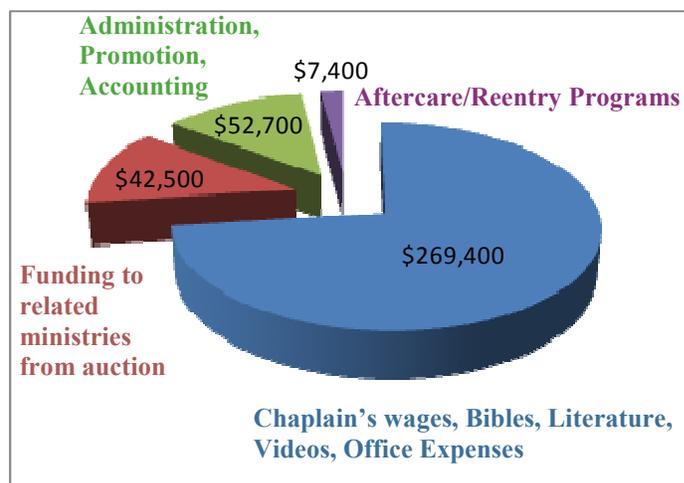
Focus On Finances

2009 Budget: \$372,000

Income



Expenses



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HELP TO BUY BIBLES FOR PRISON INMATES

AN EXCITING OPPORTUNITY FOR FAMILIES, INDIVIDUALS, CHURCHES,
 SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES OR SMALL GROUPS!

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