

Lots of excitement was in the air as about 80 men inmates gathered in the second floor gym at Lancaster County Prison (LCP) on a Friday in November. Special guests were a Gospel Echoes Team, who gave a lively program of singing and sharing about the love of God. Inmates joined in singing with choruses such as “Lord, I Lift Your Name on High” and “Jesus Loves Me This I Know”.

The guys pondered the meaning of a powerful song called “Lord, Help Me Remember”. The words pointed out how our sins made Jesus pay the awful cost, and the need to keep seeing the cross as we journey through life.

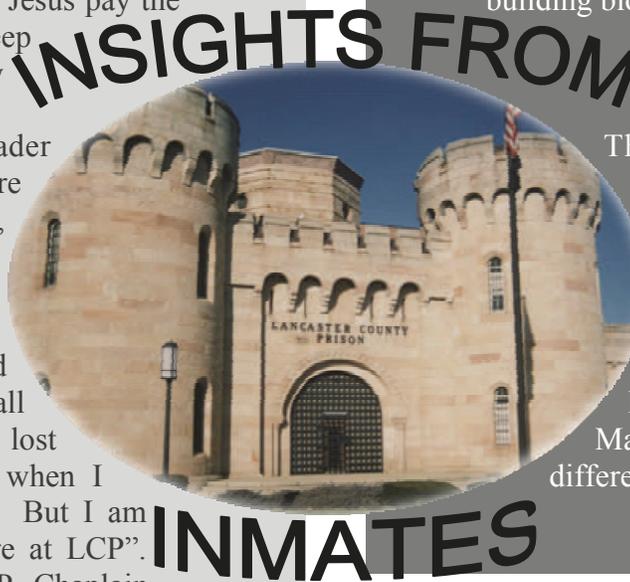
When the team leader called for spontaneous “what are you thankful for” statements, various inmates responded with many things they were thankful for. I was moved as a middle-aged man stood, looked around and said, “You may all find this hard to believe. I lost everything that I had in life when I came to prison one year ago. But I am thankful that I found God here at LCP”.

That is what the LCP Chaplain ministry is all about!!

Chaplain Bud Roda, an active member of New Song Fellowship Church in Lancaster, continues to teach classes on sexual purity in LCP using the book “Everyman’s Battle”.

Inmate SW wrote, after a 2010 class, “I am keenly aware of the need for Jesus to be the perfecter of my faith, because we live in a very fallen world. I believe our casual attitude towards sexuality in our society is fueling a delusion which is at the core of the destruction of a key building block . . . the family.”

SW continued, “God knows I have my share of work to do to live in purity. Thanks for donating the ‘Everyman’s Battle’ books and the chaplain services that aid us in identifying and dealing with our behaviors and attitudes that want to keep us in bondage. My testimony is that one Man, Jesus, does make a difference!”



**“I have gone from being an atheist to a believer in God,” a female inmate at LCP wrote to the chaplain’s office. “I have been reading God’s Word. That has brought me peace during my stay. It also opened my eyes to my faults and needs. I now have a personal Savior and understand some of God’s plan for my life”.**

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## Focus on Volunteers

“Volunteers are special and they make a difference”

Chaplain volunteers give about 75 hours per week. This spotlight features these committed persons who share so much inside the prison walls.

**Marvin Lyons**, ministers to men inmates at LCP three to four hours per week. He also does a service at Youth Intervention Center one Sunday per month. “Trusted friend, faithful follower of Jesus and outgoing personality” are phrases that describe Marvin. As a pastor, he started coming into LCP in 1989 to visit inmates. Marvin has been a chaplain volunteer since 1994. He loves sharing with and following up on inmates that need help and encouragement.

Marvin and his wife, Liz, live near Lancaster with their five children. He is employed by Howells Glass Company in Lancaster. Marvin is licensed to the ministry by Oasis Fellowship, a DOVE congregation in Akron, as a pastoral evangelist. Marvin likes to travel. He has been on various overseas missions trips and has friends in many places. He has seen the power of God set people free in many situations and areas. His long-term goal is to be faithful to Jesus, to his wife and children. Another goal for 2011 is to spend more time inside LCP on a regular basis, sharing the light and hope that God has brought to him, with other persons. His outgoing personality and hearty laugh helps to open contacts in his connections to prisoners.



*Marvin Lyons accepting his volunteer of the year award at the September 2010 staff picnic.*

### DAVID HAIN MOVES TO SOUTH AFRICA

November 2010 was a special date for the David Hain family. After a successful counseling ministry to addicts and needy persons in Lancaster County, the family (David, wife Shawn and two sons) have moved to Cape Town, South Africa to begin a new ministry to prisoners and ex-inmates.

David was well known in the Lancaster area for his addiction counseling classes and work with needy families and individuals. Ordained by “The Lord’s House of Prayer”, David was a LCP chaplain for the past four years under Support for Prison Ministries. He has written two books, “From Addict to Disciple” and “The Heart of an Addict” which are excellent study and resource guides.



David Hain and his family

On a missions trip to South Africa six years ago, David discovered huge prisons with overwhelming needs. The most “famous,” Pollsmoor, has 7,400 inmates and is known for regular murders, gang activity and out of control housing areas. Since South Africa prisons are so hopeless, the government is now looking to faith-based agencies for help. David’s addictions curriculum will be used in training sessions at Pollsmoor, as well as 57 other African prisons. A network of churches and Christian agencies will be asked to be involved.

David said recently, “This is a wonderful move of God, not only to allow us into the prisons but to create partnerships with other faith-based groups.” Another positive happening is that when South African inmates leave prison, they enter a public-service job program that assists them in transitioning back into society. **We invite our readers to pray for David and his family. . . for wisdom, strength and safety as they begin this important work in South Africa.**

**Local Addictions counseling and classes continue, both inside LCP and in several outside locations, led by Joe Bird and Kim Martin. More information will be given in the SPRING Newsletter.**

# AUCTION HIGHLIGHTS

Many persons came to Farmersville on the fourth week-end in October for the **27<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL BENEFIT AUCTION FOR PRISON MINISTRIES**. Volunteer auctioneers, led by Randal Kline, did a super job of keeping the sale moving. Board members, friends of SFPM and various persons from the aftercare programs worked hard with set up, auction helpers, and clean up. Sponsors paid all auction expenses in advance. In the end, **\$88,944** was distributed to the following seven 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), The Potter's House and We Care Programs. Since this auction began in 1984, almost \$1.7 million has been given to numerous prison ministries. **WE PRAISE GOD FOR GENEROUS SUPPORTERS OF THE AUCTION.**



## Here are some highlights from this year's auction:

- 3-D original art work by Lorraine Reiff,  
Beautiful detailed farm scene \$4,200
- Pedal Tractors \$475
- Charles Campbell Framed Painting \$210
- Grandma's leaves Quilt \$430
- Ertl model Case 730 Tractor \$200



**MARK YOUR CALENDARS FOR 2011 BENEFIT AUCTION.  
October 28 and 29 DON'T MISS THIS EXCITING EVENT !!**

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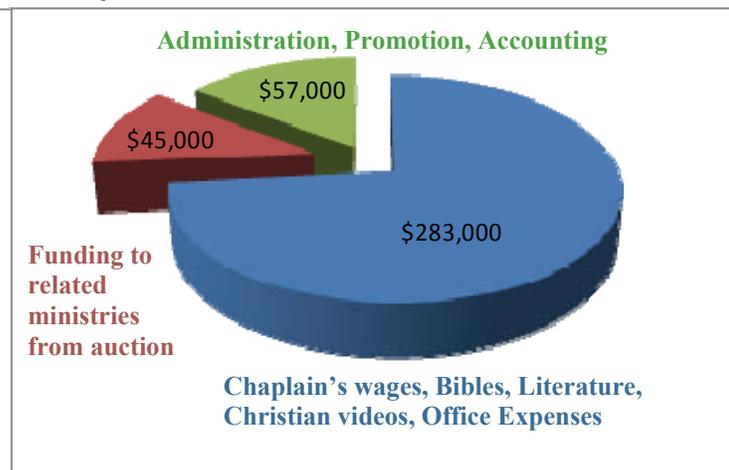
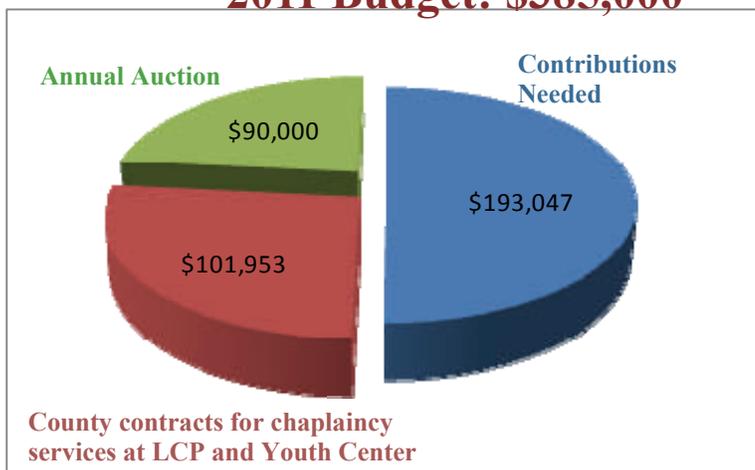
## Focus On Finances

Thanks to you, our wonderful partners, who so generously gave contributions, counsel and prayer support this past year. We praise God for so many opportunities to share hope and healing behind the walls.

### Income

**2011 Budget: \$385,000**

### Expenses



**A self-addressed envelope is enclosed for your gift to partner with SFPM. Thank You!**

### IT KEEPS HAPPENING

Director's Report

by Nelson W. Martin, SFPM Director



**900 B.C.** A fascinating story is told in II Chronicles 17 about King Jehoshaphat who followed the Lord God with all his mind and heart. This was refreshing after many generations of kings who did much evil. He sent teachers and Levites (spiritual leaders) to all the towns to share with the people the "Book of the Law of the Lord". And the reverence of God fell on all the kingdoms where they went and God blessed those abundantly who heard and received the word.

**2011 A.D.** A parallel to this Old Testament story keeps happening today. Here is the paraphrase:

And the boards of prison ministries and their directors sent teachers and pastors (chaplains) into the prisons and youth centers to give out Bibles, teach classes, listen to hurting inmates and share the Good News of Jesus with any who would listen. And the blessings of God came to those who sought Him, bringing hope and healing to their lives. Many were changed and became "new creations in Christ Jesus".