

LEARNING TO KNOW DEL BURKHOLDER



Del Burkholder is a hard worker who is passionate about sharing hope and healing to those in prison. For the past twelve years, while working a full-time management job, he found time to travel many week-ends and on Monday evenings to various PA state prisons. In prison he does Bible studies, church services, and shares with inmates through Streams of Life Prison Ministries. He enjoys preaching and teaching behind the bars.

The Board of Directors of Support for Prison Ministries is pleased to announce that Del has been hired as the new Director, effective January 1, 2015. Del will be replacing Nelson Martin, who is retiring after 15 years of giving dynamic leadership to this growing Lancaster area ministry.

Del Burkholder was born into a Christian home but followed a path of sinful living as a youth. At age 26, Del rededicated his life to Jesus Christ and went on a journey of Bible study and personal disciplines. He is a graduate of Moody Bible Institute. He worked with youth in his home church, Hinkletown Mennonite, for years. He was also a popular youth speaker at Bible schools, youth retreats and youth rallies over the years. Del and his wife Tammy live in the Ephrata, PA area.

In the summer of 2001, Del was instrumental in helping Mike Wenger form a non-confrontational Bible study for unsaved youth in the Ephrata area. This ministry has become TNT, one of the largest and most successful youth ministries in Pennsylvania. Del is licensed for prison ministry by Hinkletown Mennonite Church. Del was employed at the former Cloister Car Washes for thirty-six years. Twenty-eight of those years, he was on the Cloister management team.

In 2010, Del wrote a book about spiritual warfare entitled, Soldiers of the Cross. It has been used to teach and disciple people from all walks of life, including many inmates. Del also is a graduate of Maher School of Ventriloquism in Littleton, CO. He uses his unique characters; Abe Buzzard, Amishman Snoozy, Deano the Dino, and Levi Leviathan, in shows to help people laugh and learn more about Jesus Christ and God’s plan for each life.

Support for Prison Ministries looks forward to having Del join the team. They believe God will use him to continue the local mission to those in prison. We ask our supporters to pray for both Del and Nelson as they work through this time of change.

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A Visit to the Warden's Office

By Nelson Martin, SFPM Director

On a recent Wednesday morning, I spent some time at Lancaster County Prison (LCP) in the Warden's office. Warden Dennis Molyneaux has a warm smile and a healthy look as he goes about his many responsibilities. Appointed on October 1, 2012 as the new LCP warden, he was only on the job about six months when he was diagnosed with MDS, a serious blood disorder. He then took a 13 month medical leave, so he could receive medical treatments and a bone marrow transplant. He received thousands of "visits" on his CaringBridge pages. With a chuckle he said, "Of course, I am still under doctor's care, but I'm just happy to be here. I am a walking miracle. I am grateful for my wife and my entire family and all the prayers and support I have received from my friends and the community."



Joe Shiffer, Nelson Martin, Dennis Molyneaux

When Warden Molyneaux began his new role, he instituted some positive changes that continue to bear fruit today. He has an open door policy to his office and believes that the LCP staff and officers are "good workers and open to changes." He enjoys walking through the prison units to talk to people. He likes to drop in the chaplain's second floor office "just to chat."

I asked Warden Molyneaux to highlight some specific changes that are happening. He was quick to mention the reduction of inmates, "now 300 less per day than in 2012." This initiative of change took hard work on the part of many at LCP and in the county judicial system, but was also recognized by the state as a positive change. Lancaster County was given an award in June 2014 by the County Commissioners Association of Pennsylvania. The Warden also is passionate about taking better care of those with mental illnesses. Inmates now have access to staff of Mental Health of America, who are introducing various mental health initiatives. The warden also is grateful for the weekly chapel service that SFPM volunteers conduct within the Medical Housing Unit, where many inmates come out to the service or at least hear it from their cells.

Joe Shiffer, Deputy Warden, also joined our meeting. He highlighted other increased programs and in-house services to inmates; parenting classes, job training for work release, new beginnings for the female section, and various connections with the Teen Challenge programs. Mr. Shiffer said, "In the past 2 years, some 80 inmates have chosen to go to a Teen Challenge program when they are released."

Support for Prison Ministries chaplains play an active part in the faith based programs at LCP. Assisting them are many volunteers, area churches, and pastors who regularly provide services and/or visit inmates. Thanks to the warden and his staff for the hard work and dedication to those in LCP.

FROM OUR SFPM STAFF:

- *Area pastors do about 3,000 one-on-one visits to inmates at LCP and YIC annually.
- *Over 2,000 Bibles are given out annually, plus many Christian books and Bible study materials.
- *At LCP, about 25 area churches and/or ministry teams do regular worship services in various units.
- *At YIC, about 15 churches and volunteer groups do services and various activities with the youth.



COME TO THE AUCTION!!

Friday Evening:

4-7 P.M. Big John's Complete Chicken Dinner
(Donation)

5:00 P.M. Auction of quality merchandise, furniture, meats, produce, groceries, theme baskets, wall hangings and framed pictures.

Second Auction Begins:

6:00 P.M. DeWalt and Makita tool sale

7:00 P.M. Winross trucks and collectible toys auction

Saturday:

7 A.M. Start your day with a Delicious Pancake and Sausage Breakfast (Donation)

8:30 A.M. Auction begins with quality merchandise for home, farm, and business, including framed pictures, hand-crafted items, pedal tractors, and theme baskets.

Second Auction Begins:

1:00 P.M. Quilts

Join us for our 31st annual auction at our NEW location.

Ephrata Business Center,
400 W. Main St, Ephrata, PA

October 24 and 25, 2014



1945 John Deere B
Sold at 12 noon

Our auction goal is to clear \$105,000 after expenses, to be shared with Lancaster County Prison and Youth Center Chaplaincy Programs, Freedom Gate, Spirit & Word Ministries, Transition to Community/The Potter's House, and We



MANY VALUABLE GIFT CERTIFICATES

From area businesses for food, lodging, professional and home services.



HOME MADE FOODS AVAILABLE THROUGHOUT SALE

SHARE A MEAL

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We invite you to participate in the following ways:

- ◇ Donate a meal and be a host/hostess (contact Darel Seibert at 717-989-8979 or djseibert@dejazzd.com)



- ◇ Purchase a meal for yourself, family, or friend at the auction.

Have you looked at our website recently?????

Many people are checking it out and getting updated information at:

www.supportforprisonministries.org

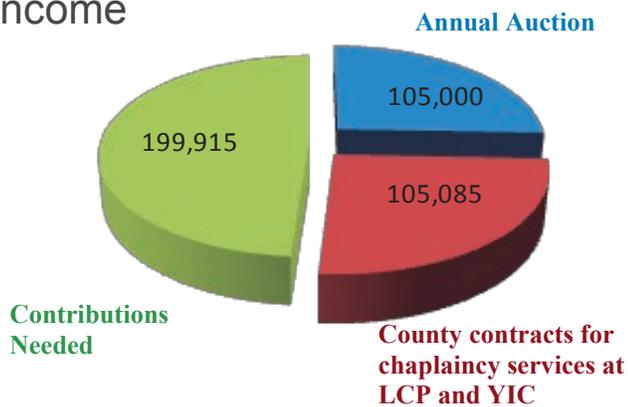
On our website, you'll find pictures and updates about the auction right up until the sale day. There is an interactive map to Ephrata Business Center. Plus pictures of items to be sold at the sale, and details about the sale.



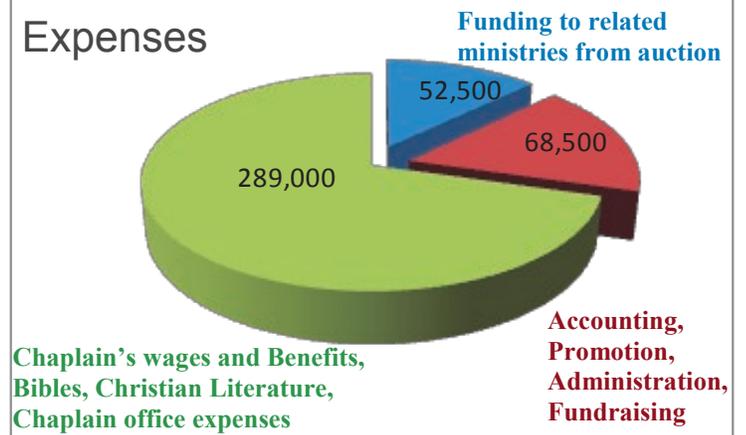
Focus On Finances

2014 Budget: \$410,000

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Expenses



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DIRECTOR'S REPORT By Nelson W. Martin

Recently I was blessed by a few "unusual" details in the last verses of Acts. Paul was taken as a prisoner to Rome, but "For two years he stayed in his own rented house, welcomed all who came to see him, and proclaimed the kingdom of God and taught about the Lord Jesus Christ - - with all boldness and without hindrance."

How much that reminds me of our staff who are inside the prison and youth center every day. The chaplains are not prisoners (as Paul was) but they spend their time behind bars relating to prisoners, sharing hope and healing that God is so willing to give.

Stacey Catigano, summer intern with the chaplains put it this way, "The heart of rehabilitation begins when (chaplains) listen to the angry, the frightened, the lonely, poor and forgotten. The chaplains have their ear to the ground and their hearts with the people."

