



Freedom Focus

“Proclaiming Freedom for Prisoners”

Special Update for January 2015

WE APPRECIATE SO MUCH your support during the past year of 2014. We had generous contributions totaling **196,496**. Our contributions budget for the year was **\$199,915**. Gifts came from hundreds of churches, businesses, and interested individuals. Even though we just slightly missed our goal, we praise the Lord that SFPM was able to end the year in the black. **WE ARE SO THANKFUL FOR YOUR PARTNERSHIP WITH OUR LOCAL MISSION OUTREACH TO THOSE IN PRISON.**

SUPPORT FOR PRISON MINISTRIES

IMPACTING LANCASTER COUNTY, PA. by:

Sharing God’s love and hope to men and women in prison

Assisting the church and concerned persons to get involved in prison ministry

Inviting churches, businesses, and individuals to partner financially with local mission opportunities.

For 2015, we will continue with our contract to provide chaplain services and Christian programs at Lancaster County Prison. We have 7 paid staff and 12 regular badged chaplain volunteer. Annually, we respond to about 14,000 requests for services and/or contacts with about 1,000 inmates; 90% men, 10% women.



At Lancaster County Youth Intervention Center we have 3 part-time chaplains, plus about 20 church groups and area pastors minister to about 40-50 juvenile residents in detention and shelter care.



PLUS SFPM works with inmates being released to connect them with after/reentry ministries, raises funds through their annual benefit auction for various prison ministries, and provides speakers and education programs and training for local churches, businesses, and the community.

THANK YOU, NELSON MARTIN

Support for Prison Ministries is grateful to Nelson Martin for his faithful work at SFPM for more than 15 years. While Nelson plans to enjoy his retirement years, he has also agreed to continue working with SFPM one day a week. Nelson will use his expertise in the work to continue the smooth transition for Del, as Director and help with the auction, public relations, and other details. He is also available to speak to churches on the dynamics of prison ministry and what we do at SFPM. His presentation of the work is very interesting and well received by church audiences. Thank you, Nelson, for your many years of service to SFPM.



Nelson Martin welcoming Del Burkholder as the new Director of SFPM

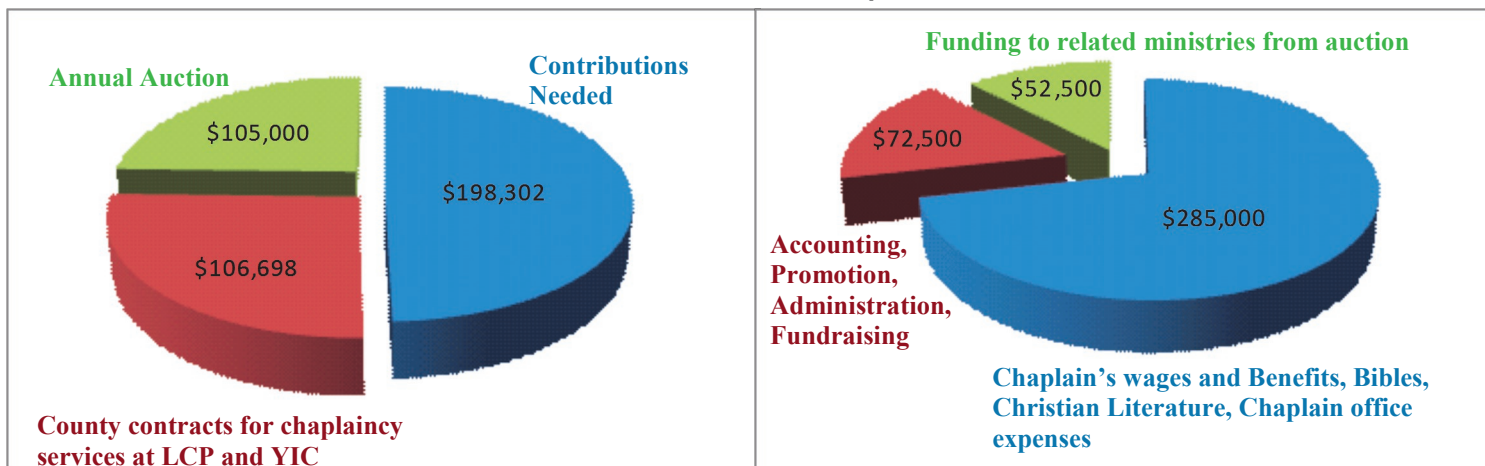
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Focus On Finances

Income

2015 Budget: \$410,000

Expenses



For 2015, our board of directors approved a budget/financial plan that totals \$410,000. As you can see in the chart, about ½ of this (\$200,000) is needed in annual contributions. About 17% of all income is used for management, promotion and office/auction administration, leaving 83% to go directly to chaplains, literature, and in-prison and aftercare ministries.

You can also give to SFPM in other ways besides cash, such as estates, will distribution, and long term annuity and giving plans. We have regular contact with Mennonite Foundation/Everence financial advisors who offer helpful services.

A self-addressed envelope is enclosed for your gift to partner with SFPM. THANK YOU !!



Inmate Facts & Figures

PA State prisons normally house 50,000 inmates a day. County Prisons have another 32,000. PA Federal Prisons have about 12,000. That is not counting aftercare facilities of inmates.

It is at the county level where most inmates may be seeking Christ for the first time. Continue to pray for our chaplains and volunteers at Lancaster and the youth intervention center as they do their work.



Director's Report

By Del Burkholder



I want to take a moment, as new director, to thank all the supporters of Support For Prison Ministries in financial gifts, prayer, and encouragement this past year. I never cease to marvel at the generosity that makes our work possible.

In regards to the inmate figures above, I share this brief experience. Camp Hill is the State prison that classifies prisoners, which will then go to other prisons for their permanent stay

in the system. I preach at Camp Hill on a regular basis. One time, as I was watching the new prisoners come in to the service, an elderly inmate (incarcerated since 1970) who was ushering made a comment I will never forget: "I look at that door and every week they keep coming in. You would think they would run out of people to incarcerate, but they never do." This continual influx of prisoners is the reason SFPM does what we do and that is to proclaim the Good News of Jesus Christ.

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