

No Turning Back on Jesus!

One Way 

About 3 years ago, I made the decision to follow the Lord, and this time there would be no turning back!

Hello! My name is Brian Striver. From 1991 - 1996, I've been incarcerated 5 times. Upon my second visit to the Lancaster County Prison, I met the Lord Jesus Christ. I was in need of some serious forgiveness, and I couldn't find it anywhere. One night while I was lying on my bunk in my cell, I heard over the intercom that if anyone wanted to go to church that night they should get ready. Church was to start in 10 minutes. I did not know what to expect, because I came from a very traditional church. But when we all got seated, and the man brought forth the message, there was a sense of freedom in the air. Little did I know that in a few minutes there would be freedom in my spirit.

That night I accepted my Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ into my life. I then wrote requests to the Chaplaincy requesting a Bible and some Bible Study Correspondence Courses. And then after speaking with some Chaplains, they encouraged me to enroll in the weekly Bible Studies taught by Pastor David Hornsby.

I was then released some months later. Unexpectedly, I was back into the old sinful ways. Alcohol crept back into my life. I was once again entangled in the bondage of sin, losing my relationship with



Brian Striver and family.

my children, family, jobs, etc. I continued on a downward spiral, visiting the LCP frequently.

I just thank God that there are faithful brethren in the Lord who have a heart full of grace. I remember vividly a time when I came into the prison and I was sitting in con-

finement. I heard a familiar voice, Al Huber. He was giving a sobbing person a Bible who I believe had hit his bottom. Chaplain Al had started to walk down the corridor. I called him over to my cell and asked him if he could bring me a Bible. He did. I believe if it weren't for the Al Huber's, Dave Hornsby's, Marvin Lyon's, Marvin Reed's, Mr & Mrs. Wills, Cody Hall's and many others I'd like to mention but the list is too long, I wouldn't be here. Many times I was in need of fellowship and they were there by my cell door. Many times I was in need of encouragement and they were there to give me a verse to pick me up and get me back on the right path. Their faithfulness and endeavoring love for the Lord Jesus Christ, I pray has yielded some peaceable fruits in the life of Brian Striver, his wife, and his children.

After getting out of prison for the final time, about four months later I met up with Pastor Dave Hornsby at a Bible Study of Cody Hall's for Prison Ministry Aftercare. We talked and I had told him we were looking for a church, and he referred us to Faith Covenant Church. We went that following Sunday and have been blessed ever since.

Brian Striver

Ministering to Women in Prison

Faye Stauffer, who lives in Manheim is a chaplain to the women at Lancaster County Prison. Faye's husband, Steve, is pastor at Kauffman Mennonite Church. They have 3 children and a son-in-law. Faye enjoys reading, sewing, tennis, and walking. The following tells about her assignment as a staff chaplain with Support for Prison Ministries.

I began going into the Lancaster County Prison in 1984 when I was asked to help the women inmates with crafts. I later started teaching a monthly Bible study. I realize now how I was drawn to any articles involving prison ministry, and believe God was calling me to this work. I also began attending Mennonite prison workers meetings and felt called to take Clinical Pastoral Education (CPE) at Lancaster General Hospital. After taking 2 units of CPE, from the fall of 1988 until the spring of 1990, I started at Lancaster County Prison 2 days a week as a chaplain to the women.

The two days that I am at LCP each week we have a morning group Bible study. I set up the room, record a list of registered attenders, and get any volunteers that are coming in from the outside up to the chapel area. During the study, if I'm not involved in leading it, I do paper work and make phone calls. The rest of my day I meet individually with inmates. I do counseling,

(which involves much listening), encouraging, praying and sharing Scriptures.

It is so exciting to see someone get ahold of Jesus, experiencing His hope, peace, truth, and healing.

I see persons turn in a new direction to follow Jesus. For some this is just a small step in the right direction. For others, it involves many steps, daily trying to walk in God's ways. I don't think I've ever had a day in prison when no one wanted to hear about Jesus.

There are disappointing and difficult times as well. It is hard to be the one to tell an inmate of a family tragedy, which is one of our jobs at LCP. It is also disheartening to see the continual flow of repeat offenders. But when we see them return, we realize they are still alive and maybe tired enough of their life of sin to be more open to Jesus. **And so we press on in God's hope and truth.**



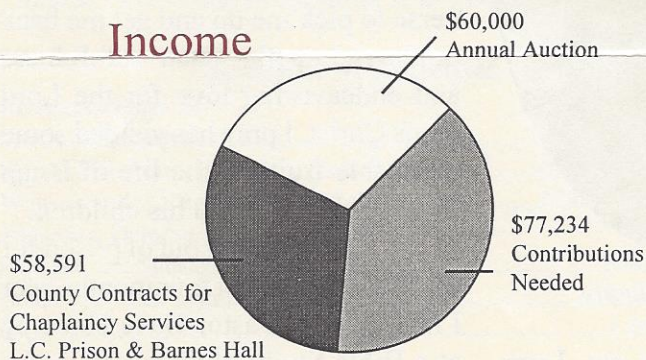
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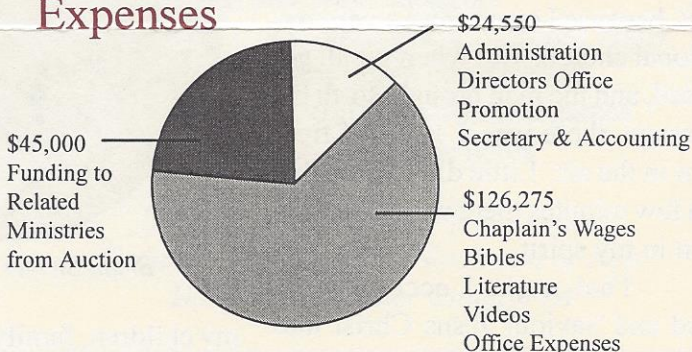
Focus On Finances

Total Annual Budget - \$195,825

Income



Expenses



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Facts and Figures about Lancaster County Prison

About 1,000 inmates:
900 men and 100 women

Around 5,000 in-
takes, exits per
year (A high rate of
recidivism)

Hundreds of area pas-
tors have over 3,000
one-on-one inmate
visits per year (Aver-
age of 8-10 daily)

Chaplain office has 5 paid
staff persons, plus another
13 volunteer chaplains who
assist with Bible studies,
distribution of Bibles and
Christian literature, counsel-
ing and sharing with inmates

Annually, over 4,000 Bible
correspondence courses
are completed by inmates

Last year, the chaplains
office had over 5,000
requests/contacts from
the inmate population

About 30 different
churches and/or ministry
teams do regular worship
services in various units
of the prison

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Report From Our Director

SFPM has experienced a wonderful summer. On the "inside", numerous conversions were reported, more inmates were personally contacted because of a new intake information system and we had our staff and volunteers together for a meaningful training seminar day. Dennis Nolt, who spent the past ten years as a chaplain in Alabama with We Care, returned to our area and joined the Lancaster County Prison chaplain volunteer staff two days a week.

On the "outside", a number of new churches blessed us with offerings, and about 2,000 newsletters were distributed in bulk to 40 congregations. I also had the opportunity to tell stories of what is happening in prison ministry today to a number of churches and interested individuals.

I am so thankful for the partnership many have with us as we proclaim freedom through Jesus Christ. Quantities of this NEWSLETTER as well as a DESCRIPTIVE BROCHURE are available at no charge for churches or individuals to distribute. Please let me know if you can use literature, need more information, have suggestions for this newsletter, or have any questions or concerns. Write, email, or phone. WISHING GOD'S BEST TO YOU ALL.



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COME TO THE AUCTION

Friday, October 27 and Saturday, October 28, 2000



Specialty Items to be Sold

- *Wooden Utility Shed
- *Handcrafted Model Ship
(made by an inmate)
- *Pedal Tractors
- *"Men-Sims" Swiss Watch
- *Enclosed 7 x 14 Cargo Trailer
- *Oak Framed Pictures and Paintings
(some done by inmates)
- *Beautiful Quilts and Wall Hangings
- *Model Penjoy Trucks with Prison Ministry logos
- *Electrified Case Steam Engine by Ebersole
- *Moore Teddy Bears, childrens toys and games
- *Tools, hardware, farm and home items

Food, fun, and fellowship while providing funds to be shared with ministries that are dedicated to prisoners, Aftercare programs, and prisoners families.

Schedule of Activities

Friday, October 27

Chicken Barbeque4:00 - 7:00 PM
 Sale of Hardware, flowers, toys and crafts6:30 - 9:00 PM
 Winross and Collectible Truck Sale8:00 - 9:00 PM

Saturday, October 28

Pancake and Sausage Breakfast6:00 AM
 Benefit Auction begins8:30 AM
 Quilt Auction1:00 PM

*Located at the Farmersville Auction
 Grounds, Farmersville (Northwest of New
 Holland, Lancaster County) PA*

The goal of this year's auction is to have \$60,000 after expenses so share directly with the following prison ministries:
 WE CARE: Provides chaplaincy, counseling, evangelism and discipleship training to inmates and families. Operates in 15 prisons throughout Alabama and surrounding southern states. Also has a residential aftercare ministry in Mobile, Alabama.
 FREEDOM GATE: Provides aftercare housing for men in Reading, PA. Has program of teaching, counseling and job placement assistance.
 LANCASTER COUNTY PRISON AND BARNES HALL JUVENILE CENTER: Has a full-range of chaplain services provided by Support for Prison Ministries.
 RIVERS OF LIVING WATER MINISTRIES: Supports the teaching and traveling ministry of Jim Newsom in prisons, schools, and churches.
 THE JESUS CONNECTION OF LANCASTER COUNTY: A newly formed ministry to provide aftercare housing for local women. Also plans to develop ministry materials to assist churches and individuals interested in aftercare, healing and restoration.