



TOTALLY RESTORED

A testimony by Adrian Rodriguez

Blessings to all in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ. This testimony is a gift from God for those who are incarcerated and also to those who might be in an invisible prison. That can be any place where the enemy has chains of deception holding you in bondage.

I grew up in the Bronx, New York. My parents were faithful believers. I remember going to church at different places. Time and time again we would end up at the Billy Graham crusades. **The God that we serve is not a God of coincidence.** I was being fed the Word at an early age.

My parents were afflicted by the enemy. My mother got epilepsy. In the 1960's my father was misdiagnosed with depression. But their faithfulness brought them through as overcomers.

God had blessed me with athletic abilities. Baseball was my favorite sport. He blessed me with the opportunity to win many championships. We left New York in November of 1977 and moved in with my uncle who was a pastor in Pottstown, PA. Doors were opened to become a youth leader, Sunday School teacher, and to prepare for being an evangelist. My love for God truly was real, but one day I looked at man and his doctrine and strayed away, just like the prodigal son.

In 1980, we moved from

Pottstown to Lancaster. In May of 1985, the Lord blessed me with a home I could own. But my life continued on a downward spiral to the point where I lost the house, car and my job. From 1989 - 1991, I was involved in heavy drug deal-



Adrian and Norma Rodriguez

ings. This eventually led me to Lancaster County Prison. I was sentenced for 8 - 23 months. I was classified as a white collar criminal due to not having a prior record.

I thank God to this day because **what the enemy meant for destruction God took and meant it for good.** When I finally ended up in ITP (Inmate Trusty Program) a brother named Frendy Castro extended his hand and said, "Jesus loves you". Right then and there I told God on my knees that I was no longer going to run like Jonah. **I promised to serve Him for the rest of my life.**

With prayer, Bible reading and fasting, God delivered me 4 1/2 months early from LCP. I can truly say I have never looked back. **Today I am a chaplain in that same prison.**

God gives me the opportunity and honor to share what He can do if we believe. Isaiah 41:10 *"Fear not, for I am with you: Be not dismayed, for I am your God. I will strengthen you. Yes, I will help you; I will uphold you with my righteous right hand."*

Glory be to God! He has restored to me the years the locusts and the cankerworm had eaten. He restored my finances. He blessed me with a great loving wife Norma and 3 children. I have a great job, car and loving brothers in the faith. I am **"Totally Restored"**.



Coming Soon: Our Annual Benefit Auction

An exciting event that includes food, fun, and fellowship, while raising funds for prison ministries. See details on back page.

NEWS FROM BEHIND THE WALLS

Reported by Nelson W. Martin
Director, Support for Prison Ministries



Lancaster County Prison houses about 1,000 inmates; 900 men, 100 women. Average attendance at Protestant worship services (held in different parts of the prison weekly and supervised by SFPM staff or volunteers) is 265.

Year to date, we have distributed about 1,800 Bible Correspondence Courses, with over 1,200 completed by inmates.

Penciled in a Bible study book by an inmate "My answer to the question if I am right with God? I know now what I must do, but I am not yet willing to take that step. My life is in a turmoil. I need your help."

A favorite greeting of an ex-inmate whose life was changed by God, from one of hate to loving and serving others: "I love you and there is nothing you can do about it".



CHAPLAINS TIME INCREASES

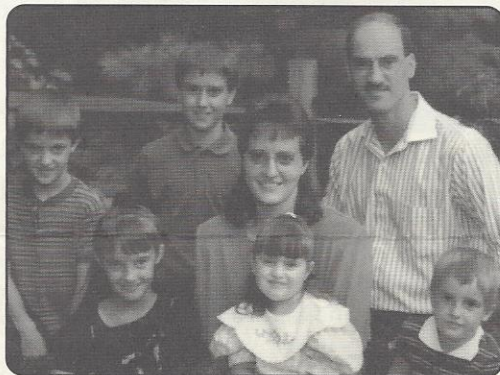
Beginning June 1, SFPM increased their staff payroll so that chaplains can have more time for the increasing opportunities at LCP.

J. R. Fisher, wife Ann and 5 children live near Lititz.

They sing together as a family group called "Fishers of Men". They have been in full-time ministry since 1994. J.R. is also associate pastor of Faith Covenant Church.

"I was raised in good old Lancaster County. I discovered in those early years that I could not relate to some of the problems that people deal with. A self righteous "get your act together" attitude doesn't go very far when dealing with hurting prisoners, both in and out of prison. God took us on a journey as we learned about soul ties, heart issues and inner pain. Now I spend most of my time at the prison helping others with inner healing.

Exciting things are happening through the chaplaincy at Lancaster County Prison. I am honored to be on staff of Support for Prison Ministries. I believe this is something that God has been preparing me for since 1994. God bless you all."



J.R. Fisher Family

Isaias Maldonado is chaplain to the Spanish speaking inmates. Born in Puerto Rico, Isaias is pastor of the Maranatha Christian Charismatic Church at 735 S. Queen St. Lancaster. Isaias lives in Lancaster with his wife Cecy and their two children; Nina Marie and Isaias, Jr.

"I was born in Adjuntas, Puerto Rico in 1954. We lived on a farm for 17 years and then went to New York City. I studied to be a teacher, but did not finish. I went back to PR and became involved in the Charismatic Renewal in the Catholic Church during the years 1974 - 1976. Then I moved to the Ephrata/Lancaster area. I did not pursue a close walk with the Lord and backslid for about four years. On July 26, 1980, I re-dedicated my life to Jesus Christ and started to get involved in many areas of ministry. I went to a Bible Institute, studied on my own at home and read good books. I became pastor in 1982. I have a bachelors degree in Theology from the Bible Seminar of the Assemblies of God.

For many years I have had a burden for the incarcerated. In 1999, I started a Bible Study in LCP for the Spanish speaking inmates. This went to two studies and then I became a volunteer assistant Chaplain. Today, by the grace of God, I am on the Support for Prison Ministries staff and do Bible studies and counsel many inmates. This is a big challenge, but the spiritual rewards are far greater than any battle we face. Thanks for your prayers and support of prison ministries."



Isaias and Cecy Maldonado

REMEMBER THESE CHAPLAINS IN YOUR PRAYERS. PRAY ALSO FOR THE OTHER CHAPLAINS & STAFF:

Al Huber, Cody Hall, Marvin Reed (LCP & Barnes Hall), Faye Stauffer, Diane Fulmer, Nelson Martin, Crystal Hoover. **VOLUNTEERS:** William Geiger, Janice Hess, David Hornsby, Bob Lewis, Marvin Lyons, Dennis Nolt, Adrian Rodriguez, Expedito Santiago, Karen White, Dick Yorgey and Lee Stauffer (Barnes Hall).

MEET DIANE FULMER

Chaplain's Office Coordinator
Lancaster County Prison



Being the Chaplain's secretary is like being a professional pen pal. Have you ever had a pen pal? You're writing to someone you've never met, but you feel you know them because of what you've read in their letters. Now, imagine having several hundred pen pals on a regular basis.

The Chaplain's office receives approximately 800 requests from the inmates every month. Since I do not have the opportunity of meeting with each of the men and women who write, their requests give me a glimpse into who they are.

Coordinating the Chaplain's office is an exciting assignment. Some of the things that our office provides are Bibles, correspondence Bible studies, to have inmates names included on a group Bible study list, to get rosaries or other religious materials from the inmates personal property box, religious books for inmates to read and return, or to schedule visits from one of the chaplains or an outside minister.

Our office also facilitates those who would like to meet with the inmates one-on-one or conduct church services. We schedule about 400 clergy visits every month and oversee 25 church services or chaplain group meetings every week. I get the opportunity to talk with just about everyone who calls!

Before becoming involved in this diverse ministry, I taught 3-year olds in nursery school for 9 years. My husband, Gregg and I have 2 teenagers, Rebecca and Stephen. Our family lives in Ephrata and we are all active at Faith Covenant Church.

THERE IS POWER IN PRAYER

We are now compiling a prayer request list, which is updated at least monthly. Churches, small groups and individuals are using this list to pray for needs and give thanks for God's working among us. List can be mailed or emailed. Contact SFPM office if you want to receive this Prayer Guide.

\$ FOCUS ON FINANCES

Our annual budget for 2001 year is based on contributions of \$165,000. Of this total, \$65,000 is anticipated from the Annual Benefit Auction (See back page for more information) \$100,000 is needed in gifts from businesses, churches and individuals. Please clip and mail this coupon in the enclosed envelope.

Yes, I want to join others in supporting the efforts of SFPM! Enclosed find my gift of \$_____.

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ Zip: _____

Tax deductible gifts may be made payable to: "Support For Prison Ministries".

Mail to: PO Box 134, Lititz, PA 17543

WE CARE NAMES NEW PRESIDENT

Dave Landis has been named as the new president of We Care Programs, as of December 1, 2001. Dave has been on staff since August 1999, currently giving leadership to the Faith Dorm at Fountain Correctional Institution in Atmore, AL. Dave, his wife Debbie and their four children are from eastern Pennsylvania. The current president Phil Weber is moving to Ohio to be on staff at the Rosedale Bible Institute. We Care has been involved in prison ministries for the past 30 years. They provide chaplain staff for a number of Alabama state prisons. They operate "Faith Dorms - God-pods" within the Alabama prison system. They have Hope Haven, an aftercare center for women in Mobile AL. We Care also conducts an annual prison crusade (January 13 - 17, 2002) in 12 prisons, with over 200 volunteers involved.

Support for Prison Ministries shares proceeds from our annual benefit auction with We Care. Various chaplain volunteers and board members from Pennsylvania have served with We Care. SFPM is glad to share with this significant ministry that has "gone out from among us to another part of God's harvest field".

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COME TO THE AUCTION

Friday, October 26 and Saturday, October 27, 2001



Specialty Items to be Sold

- *Hand-carved 3-D Framed Scenery Picture
- *Wooden Utility Shed
- *Pedal Tractors
- *Framed Paintings & Hand-crafted Items
(done by inmates)
- *Beautiful Quilts and Wall Hangings
- *Model Penjoy Trucks with Prison Ministry logos
- *Moore Teddy Bears, childrens toys and games
- *Valuable Gift Certificates from area businesses
- *Tools, hardware, farm and home items
- *Food items, groceries, produce, fruit



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 26

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

Saturday, October 27

- 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*

QUALITY MERCHANDISE AND GIFT CERTIFICATES ARE STILL NEEDED FOR THIS AUCTION. If you have donations, call Nelson Martin 626-6301 or Glenn Hoover 733-7301.

In the past number of years, about \$60,000 (after expenses) has been raised annually by the auction to go directly to prison ministries. OUR GOAL THIS YEAR IS TO HAVE \$65,000 TO GIVE TO SIX MINISTRIES THAT ARE SHARING HOPE AND HEALING TO PRISONERS AND THEIR FAMILIES.