

## KEVIN SCANLAN'S STORY

**I** was born in Darby, Pennsylvania, and raised for the most part in Ephrata. For the earlier part of my life I grew up with loving Christian parents in a safe, secure home. When I was twelve years old, I began getting into trouble; I started stealing, lying, not caring about school and smoking marijuana.

Over the next eight years my drug habit became much worse and by the time I was fifteen, I was using heroin. I dropped out of high school, was arrested five times, spent time in nine rehabs, sent to prison one time and lived a homeless lifestyle. My addiction and lifestyle was unbearable on my parents. There was no way they could help me, or deal with me while I was in my addiction; they tried to in every way imaginable, but I was just too far gone.

In August of 2000, I was living in Minnesota in my addiction. I hated my life. I had nobody to turn to, no money and no place to live. I knew that I was getting one step closer to death everyday. My life was nothing but misery and I had reached the end of my rope.

I called my mom who lived in Ephrata and I asked her if Jesus could help me. She said if I wanted Him to and if I was willing to invite Him into my life, He would.

At that time, I made the second most important decision in my whole life, I came home to Ephrata. I tried to detox at my mom's house, but I was rushed to the hospital when I went into kidney failure. I don't remember much over the next several weeks.

My mom was very much a part of Faith Covenant Church of Ephrata. FCC was very involved with the Lancaster County Prison, drug and alcohol counseling and had an inner healing ministry as well. She arranged for me to live with a member of the church named Matt Adams, who had been a former addict for many years himself.

Matt opened his home to me, got me a job working with him and spent the next three months just being my friend. He taught me how to be a Christian, live without drugs and

have fun at the same time.

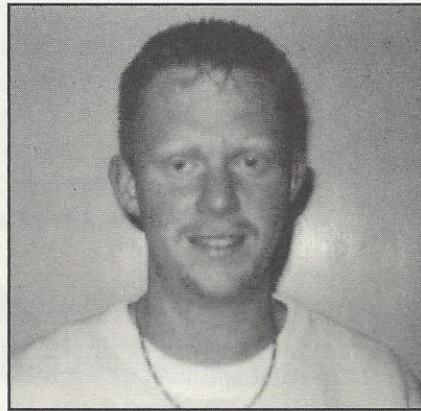
I then moved in with Pastor David Hornsby and his wife Ginger. Pastor David is the Senior Pastor of FCC and a Chaplain's Assistant at the Lancaster County Prison. He is also deeply involved with The Jesus Connection of Lancaster County and Support For Prison Ministries. Those ministries made it possible for me to live with Pastor David and Ginger. If it had not been for the church, the help I got from TJC and for those who work in the Chaplains office at the prison, I'm not sure where I would be today.

I lived with the Hornby's for about a year. During that time, I surrendered my life to Jesus Christ. I divorced myself from my old lifestyle and my old friends. I began to rebuild my relationship with my mom and dad. I developed relationships with fellow believers, learned a Christian work ethic, was taught financial responsibility and shared my conversion experience and my new life with Jesus with those still in their life of addiction.

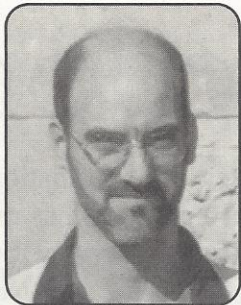
God has done so much in my life since I accepted Him as my Lord and Savior. He's changed my entire way of thinking and acting. He's blessed me with job stability, raises, promotions, and real Christian based friendships. I've had my own place for seven months now and I'm totally debt free. But, my greatest joy is my engagement to Rebecca Fulmer. I met Rebecca at FCC when I first began my walk with Christ; she is a true blessing from God. We are to be married June eighth of this year.

Sometimes I look back at how my life was, then I look at how my life is now; it seems like a dream come true. God has blessed me so much.

The Gospel is free, but proclaiming it is not. It cost many believers their time, their money and their energy. I want to thank those at the Lancaster County Prison, The Jesus Connection, Support For Prison Ministries and FCC for changing lives, one at a time, beginning with mine.



# HEALING ON THE INSIDE



I used to wonder why the divorce rates are so high. Why are people so angry? Why do people use drugs and alcohol? Why do people snap and do crazy things?

I should have known the answer all along because it is so simple. People are hurting!! People hurt other people because they are full of pain. The guy who looks tough and acts macho is just a hurting little child in reality, only he's big enough now, physically, to do some damage when he throws a temper tantrum.

Inmates are just like you and me, times about fifty. We all react to people and situations around us, with a pocket of pain we've collected over the years. Naturally, a person with a lot of pain, reacts with more intensity, does more damage, and eventually does time for his/her crime. Most of us

have managed to keep our pot from boiling over, but I often wonder where we would be if we would've walked a mile in the shoes of an inmate.

**The good news is this. Healing is available to everyone who asks for it (and we all need to be healed of something).** I have never seen Jesus reject anyone who comes to Him, humbly asking to be cleansed and healed.

What I do see a lot of is what the apostle Paul talked about. "Where sin abounds, grace does even more". God is merciful where you and I probably wouldn't be, because He sees the big picture. He knows where the pain started. He sees where people have been ripped off by the devil. Anyone who sincerely desires a change of heart will discover the wide open arms of Jesus, and many prisoners are doing just that.

It is a thrill to work with the Holy Spirit, as He heals people on the inside. This gives them the opportunity to see things accurately, make some wise decisions, and receive the truth, which sets them/us free.

Thanks so much for co-laboring with us in prison ministries. God Bless,

*J.R. Fisher, Chaplain, Lancaster County Prison*

## A WORD FROM THE BOARD...

Recently in my devotional time I am reading through the Old Testament and I am now in the book of Deuteronomy. I again am impressed with the emphasis that God has placed on relationships. First our relationship with Him, then our relationships with family, spouse and children, then with those around us. God in giving direction to His people, the children of Israel, made it very clear what His desire is. He desires total allegiance and obedience to His word. "Take heed to yourselves, lest your heart be deceived, and you turn aside and serve other gods and worship them" (Deut. 11:16).

It is really great to be a part of an organization that is actively involved in restoring relationships. Precisely intro-

ducing those incarcerated to the God of the universe and a relationship with His Son the Lord Jesus Christ. What a privilege it is to be a small part of what God is doing through SFPM. As a member of the executive board I would like to take this time to personally express appreciation and thanks to all who support SFPM with your gifts and prayers. May God richly reward and bless you.

Larry Martin, Ephrata, PA

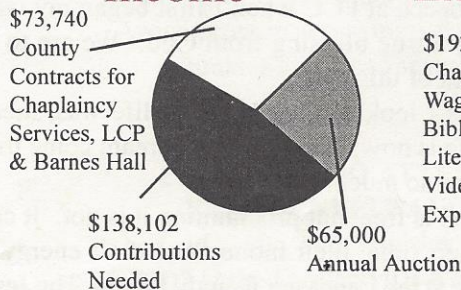
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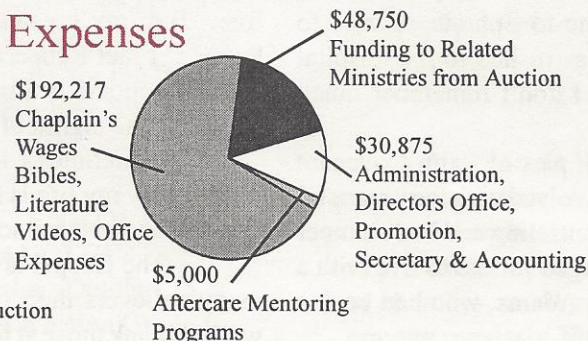
## Focus On Finances

2002 Annual Budget - \$276,842

### Income



### Expenses



*As you can see from the graphs, our annual budget is based on contributions of just over \$200,000. We anticipate \$65,000 from the Annual October auction. The remainder is needed in gifts from businesses, churches and individuals. WE APPRECIATE THE GENEROSITY OF GOD'S PEOPLE IN SUPPORTING PRISON MINISTRIES.*

*Please use the enclosed envelope to share a gift with SFPM. A tax-deductible receipt will be sent for each contribution received.*

# NEW YOUTH CENTER OPENS

Lancaster County officials, surrounded by about 100 invited guests, cut the ribbon on the new \$18.3 million Youth Intervention Center on a cold Monday morning in February. On March 9, about 25 juveniles from the previous Barnes Hall were moved into the new center on Sunnyside peninsula in the southeastern section of Lancaster city.

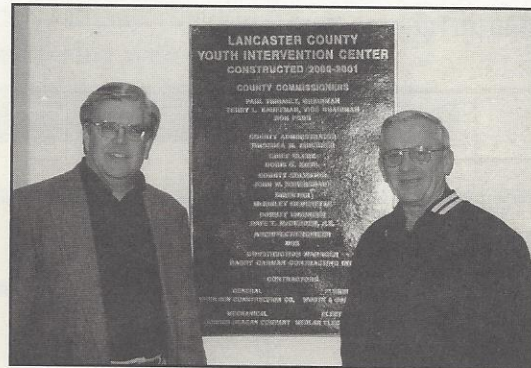
The huge, modern facility will house up to 72 juveniles (ages 10 - 17) until they have court hearings. Housing is provided for anywhere from one day to as long as six months, depending on their individual cases and circumstances. Another 48 bed unit is built but unfin-



*Entrance to New Lancaster County Youth Intervention Center*

ished and will be added later. In addition, a shelter care for up to 24 minor offenders is in operation in a separate part of the building.

Support for Prison Ministries is excited about expanded opportunities to minister. We are planning for additional chaplains, to do counseling and Bible studies with the juveniles (male and female). There will be expanded opportunities for church and youth groups to do worship services and have recreational events. The center has a small chapel, counseling office and we are providing a library with Christian books and videos. Your prayers are invited as we work with this opportunity to help guide young people who many times come from dysfunctional families and hurting life experiences.



*Director Nelson Martin (left) and Chaplain Marvin Reed in the lobby of Youth Center*



*Construction days on new site*

## ✓ UPDATE FROM THE STRAWBERRY STREET HOUSE...

Greetings in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ! *"Now unto Him that is able to do exceeding abundantly above all that we ask or think, according to the power that worketh in us. Unto Him be glory in the church by Christ Jesus throughout all ages, world without end. Amen"* (Eph. 3:20-21).

As I reflect on the beginning of the work at the East Strawberry Street house, I must admit the Lord has done exceeding abundantly above all I could ask or think.

The house is owned by Support For Prison Ministries and used by Heart-To-Heart Ministries.

Currently the house is used for children, teenage and adult programs. There are four programs a week held at the house. Normally the program consists of crafts, cooking, sewing, or games, then a devotional time followed by a snack.

The house was in bad need of flooring, wall paper, painting, etc. when we began to clean and fix it up. But with many hands and a little time it looks quite different. The new kitchen and windows also help alot. There is one more

room to finish fixing upstairs and plans are to do some work to the basement to use it for the boys craft projects.

Plans are to finish the upstairs room with help from boys from Prescott House as an interactive work project.

Last year Heart-To-Heart had given out free chicken barbeque dinners to the neighborhood and plan to do it again this year "Lord willing". It was great to get to know the neighbors and share with them the Gospel and tell them about the programs at the house.

To Jesus be the glory throughout all ages!

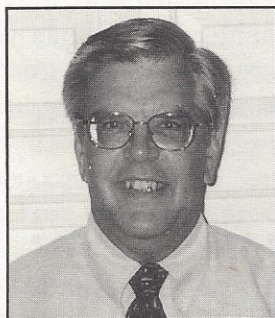
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# NEWS FOR YOU



## **Reports of what God is doing among us today**

*By Nelson W. Martin, Director, Support for Prison Ministries*

### **FUNDING FOR NEW CHAPLAIN AT SCI CHESTER**

As of January 1, SFPM is partnering with Jubilee Ministries of Lebanon to provide funding for Otha Bell, a full-time chaplain at the State Correctional Institution in Chester, PA. Opened in April 1998, this is the state's first facility designed to specifically treat inmates with substance abuse problems. It is also the state's first tobacco-free facility. Chaplain Bell, along with state chaplain Douglas Yeboah-Awusi provide active ministry for the Protestant inmates and those searching for God.

### **PLAN NOW TO ATTEND OUR FALL BENEFIT AUCTION**

to be held Friday and Saturday, October 25 & 26, 2002 at the Farmersville Auction Grounds. WE ARE PLANNING FOR THE BIGGEST AND BEST YET!!

### **OUR ONGOING WORKING GOALS**

1. To assist local churches with ministry to those incarcerated.
2. To communicate to churches and communities what God is doing in prison ministries today.
3. To provide chaplaincy services to Lancaster County Prison and Lancaster County Youth Intervention Center.
4. To raise funds for related prison ministries and aftercare mentoring programs.
5. To network with and encourage a variety of prison related ministries so that all of us can be more effective in sharing the good news of the Gospel.

### **JOIN OUR PRAYER PARTNERS**

Prayer is at the heart of what we do in ministry. SFPM prints and distributes a monthly list of prayer requests and praises about current happenings. We appreciate how churches, small groups and families use these for praying regularly. Prayer lists can be requested in printed or email form.