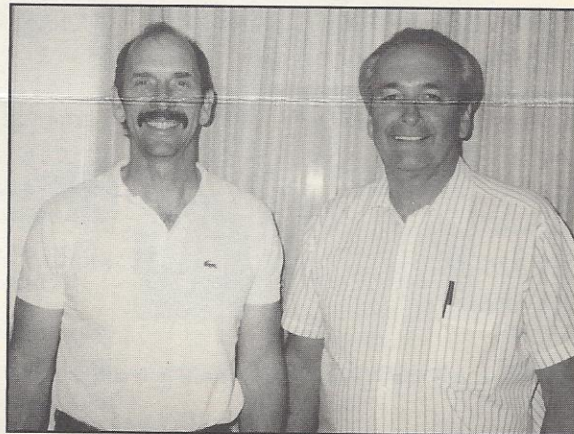


## An Ex-Inmate and a Pastor go to Prison Together

**Jim Aukamp**, from Drumore, PA knows what it is like to be in prison. He now is licensed by his congregation, Living Stones Fellowship for prison ministry. Jim leads a congregational team who regularly do worship services and prison ministry outreach in the Lancaster County prison.



*Jim Aukamp*

*Ray Deiter*

**Ray Deiter**, New Providence, PA is pastor of Living Stones Fellowship, a growing church in Wakefield, PA that is sharing the gospel in southern Lancaster County. Ray is often seen in the visiting room at Lancaster County Prison meeting one-on-one with persons he has been in contact with in his community.

### Here Are

### Their Stories

I was incarcerated in the mid-eighties in Jessup, Maryland for manufacturing marijuana. The prison strong-arm disciplined me in prison survival. He was a man who distributed drugs for the officers as well as kept order by stabbings and countless beatings. He got me involved by using officers to start smuggling my personal stash. So I continued to do the very thing that put me there.

But during that time, there were church services every Wednesday and Sunday. I went to one of those meetings,

*But their presence, love, and confidence in who they were in Christ spoke the loudest.*

and I received Jesus. Prison served God's purpose to make me think. I realized I was failing in life. God's people served to impart truth from the Word to these areas in my life. But their presence, love, and confidence in who they were in Christ spoke the loudest. I realized all people are still just people regardless of what they did. Even the strong-arm started to talk to God; he too had unmet needs, hopelessness and emptiness.

We have the answers! Ezekial 2:6 - God said "Don't be afraid, don't listen to their threats". Ezekial 3:17 says "If you tell them, they might not listen, but if you don't tell them, you're responsible for their blood". 2 Timothy 1:7 - "We

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Some of the reasons I got into prison ministry is, I have a passion for souls to be saved from eternal hell. Many years ago I had two visions of hell, which is horrible, and I know is not

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God's will that anyone goes there. That is what the cross is all about, tremendous pain and suffering for Jesus and tremendous love from Him to us. John 3:16-18 is a fact all people need to know, but especially prisoners, who feel God and everybody else is condemning them. Verse 18 says people condemn themselves when they don't believe what Jesus has done for them, and accept it by faith.

When we planted our church a few of our first members were ex-inmates and one of them was Jim Aukamp. I believe I was able to help Jim mature spiritually, but Jim has helped me as a pastor to also mature as well as helping me to understand how to minister to prisoners effectively. Jim and I began prison ministry together about eight years ago with "We Care" Prison ministry crusades. It was also about this same time that I began ministering to inmates at Lancaster Co. Prison, and then our church became involved in the Wednesday and Saturday evening services. Last year I turned this ministry over to Jim which is a real blessing.

About 20% of our men at Living Stones Fellowship  
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# Director's Report

I am writing this report while I'm promoting Support For Prison Ministries at the annual Lancaster County Community Expo. A wide range of public agencies are part of this two day event to share information with the public.

Next to my booth is the Lancaster County prison display, complete with handcuffs, communication radios, uniformed officers and a video showing the concrete and steel confines inside the prison. Our display tells about freedom in Jesus, of hope for prisoners and of new life because of God's love.

It is interesting to watch and hear people's responses. A few say "God bless you, this is important to do." Others pick up brochures and ask a few questions, basically not knowing anything about our ministry. A few hurry past, with a smirk or frown. I overheard one say "I don't want to get close to ANY prison place". One man expressed doubt that anyone in prison could ever change. A few looked away, seemingly turned off by any message of hope that God brings.

I am glad that SFPM has a small part in prison ministry today. Your counsel, prayers and financial gifts are important.....and appreciated. Please let me know if you can use free literature, need more information, have suggestions for this newsletter, or have any questions or concerns. Write, email, or phone.

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Staff outside Lancaster County Prison, L to R:  
Al Huber, Marvin Reed, Nelson Martin, Faye Stauffer, Diane Fulmer, Cody Hall

## *(Jim Aukamp continued from Page 1)*

have not been given, by God, a spirit of fear". Many Christians need healing in their own lives, so they can be used by God to disciple these men and women, both in and out of prison. God wants to prepare a Moses and Elijah spirit upon His church today, to be able to love these people instead of fearing them. Ephesians 2:20: "The apostolic and prophetic anointing and ministry is to be the foundation of the church". As God rebirths this in His church, only then will we mature to the standards of Christ and meet the call of Christ in an end-time church.

Jim Aukamp

## *(Ray Deiter continued from Page 1)*

are ex-offenders which is great and a real blessing and fruit of our ministry. One fellow was out for ten years, but then had to go back to serve more time for what he had done years ago. The night before he went back to prison we had a party for him and his family at church, and then prayed for them and commissioned him for prison ministry. He couldn't believe we did this for them, but will never forget it, and he is now helping to lead a cell group, praise the Lord. I could tell you about many others who went through many rehabs which didn't help, but Jesus did. Jesus is the reason for my prison ministry, and the many victories make it worth while.

A servant of Jesus, Ray Deiter

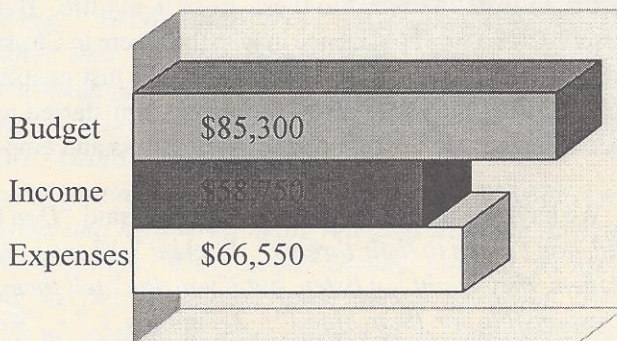
## Focus on Finances

Our annual budget total is \$227,969.00. Of this amount, \$100,878 is anticipated from contributions. We are thankful for strong giving, including some new persons and a few new congregations, during this first part of 2001.

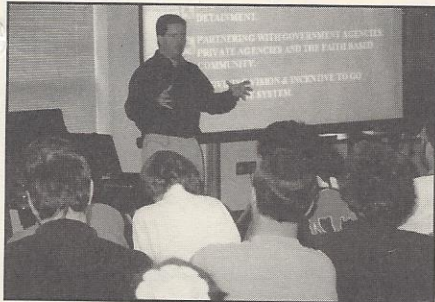
Generally, we receive more of our income (year end giving by persons and the October auction) toward the end of the year. Since our monthly expenses stay fairly constant, we are thankful for gifts that help fund each month of the year.

An envelope is enclosed for you to share a gift with SFPM. A receipt will be sent for your contribution.

January 1 - May 15, 2001



# Overwhelming Response to Training Seminar



*Cody Hall teaching an Advanced Session*

A Prison Training Seminar, featuring 16 hours of teaching, was attended by interested persons from about 100 different congregations. Held at The Worship Center near Leola, 315 persons registered for the March 14-17 classes,

counselor from Fort Wayne, IN. His work with probation courts and parole boards blended with his theme of "Thinking Errors/Biblical Encounters".

Sponsored by SFPM, a unique blessing happened on the last day of the event. Although persons paid a \$10 registration fee to cover

given both for Basic and Advanced materials. 275 received certificates at the end of the course.

David Sawtelle, area director for Prison Fellowship, taught Basic Sessions. Cody Hall taught the Advanced Training, assisted by other Lancaster area chaplains. Separate video feed and translation was done for a room of Spanish participants. All sessions were audio and video taped.

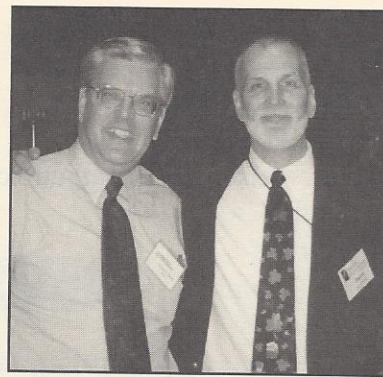
A special treat was the dynamic presentations one evening by Dr. A. Wyatt Mullinax, an interesting speaker and Christian



*Al & Mary Ann Hocke overseeing the registration table area*

basic costs of notebooks, speakers, and Saturday lunch, many persons were challenged and excited about prison ministry in new areas. An opportunity was given on Saturday to "bless" the presenting ministries with an offering to be used for more prison ministry outreach. Participants generously gave almost \$3,000.00.

Participants were enthusiastic about this training event. Many more people are learning ways to minister to the prisoners and their families. This will make a difference in many lives both now and into eternity.



*Nelson Martin welcomes David Sawtelle, Instructor from Prison Fellowship*

*"I left the Training Seminar with a greater understanding of what prison ministry is and is not. I see an exciting ministry emerging as we "trade in our small boats" (each local church working alone) and get on one fishing vessel with a large net (Lancaster County unified prison ministries) that will bring in a great harvest."  
Louis Prescott, Lancaster*

*"It was a great opportunity to attend the seminar. I was blessed beyond expectation. I have only been volunteering in a prison for a short time and the information was very helpful and useful. I learned much about prison structures, the do's and don't's, and how the criminal mind works. Great program!"  
Steve Martin, Womelsdorf*



*"Our church is involved with the We Care Prison Crusade each year in Alabama. We do monthly visits to Barnes Hall. We are interested in becoming involved in Lancaster Prison, especially challenged by the need for transitional care."  
Jeff & Jane Pfautz, Ephrata*

*"Part of any counseling ministry is to follow Christ's example in meeting people where they are. This prison training was a great resource. It has given me insight into hearts and minds of inmates. We were made aware of the challenges facing them and how we can bring hope and encouragement. Most of all, we learned what God's heart is for the prisoner."  
Sherry Cammie, Coatesville*

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## Support for Prison Ministries ANNUAL BENEFIT AUCTION

October 26-27, 2001  
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### Friday Evening

4:00-7:00 PM Chicken Barbeque  
6:30-9:00 PM Auction of quality merchandise,  
hardware, flowers, gift certificates, toys, and  
collectibles.

### Saturday

6:00 AM Delicious Pancake and  
Sausage Breakfast  
8:30 AM Huge Auction begins, with quality  
merchandise for home, farm and business.

For more information, call: Nelson Martin (717) 626-6301  
or Glenn Hoover (717) 733-7301

Donations of quality merchandise and gift certificates are  
needed for the auction.

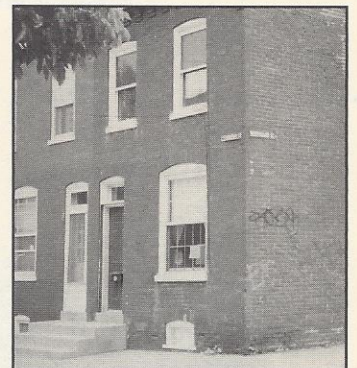
**PRISON DISPLAYS OPEN, HOME MADE FOODS AVAILABLE THROUGHOUT SALE  
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## HEART-TO-HEART MINISTRY AT STRAWBERRY STREET HOUSE

Last fall, a family interested in prison ministry donated a property in Lancaster City to Support For Prison Ministries. This brick house, located at the corner of Woodward and E. Strawberry Streets, is now a place of outreach, a sign of hope in the midst of a broken community. The following is an update, written by SFPM board member Lester Weiler.

*"With the kitchen and living room remodeled, painted, and freshly wall papered, exciting opportunities are presenting themselves. With a goal of being a light and a follow-up ministry to inmates, women's heart to heart meetings are conducted each Tuesday and Wednesday morning. Mothers of incarcerated youth along with other interested women are invited to a time of Bible study, craft project and sharing.*

*Tuesday evenings is Bible study and continuing work projects on the second floor rooms. Young men from Manos and Prescott House have taken part in these evenings. Ministry at Barnes Hall, Manos and Prescott*



*House continue to put us in touch with local youth needing friends and help when being released from the juvenile detention system. With warmer weather coming, we are planning our first Woodward Street chicken barbeque. Pray for us as we minister to those around us in Lancaster City."*