



# Freedom Focus

*"Proclaiming Freedom for Prisoners"*

## Special Update for January 2016

### 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 2016, we will continue with our contract to provide chaplain services and Christian programs at Lancaster County Prison. We have 8 paid staff and 14 regular badged chaplain volunteers. 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 4 part-time chaplains, plus about 20 church groups and area pastors minister to about 40-50 juvenile residents in detention and shelter care



We are excited about our Prison Rally Workshop being held at Hinkletown Mennonite Church on Saturday, March 5<sup>th</sup>. A brochure is enclosed. We will have veteran chaplains sharing their years of experience and interactive panels with chaplains. There will be good food and plenty of coffee.

We would appreciate registration in advance so we know how much food to prepare. Anyone that is interested in prison work is welcome.

If you would like to give to help offset our costs just mark your envelope "prison conference." If you would like to donate a door prize also please contact us.

The day will close with a 6:00 PM Music Concert open to the public with the Wilson Family from Magnolia, Mississippi traveling with the We Care team. There will also be a message from Jim Newsom, an ex-inmate, who is considered one of the top prison speakers in the country.

## You're Invited

### Prison Ministry Rally

Saturday - March 5, 2016

Hinkletown Mennonite Church  
Ephrata, PA

**Come learn from current chaplains**

For more information, please call or email SFPM at 717-859-5519 or [sfpm@dejazzd.com](mailto:sfpm@dejazzd.com)

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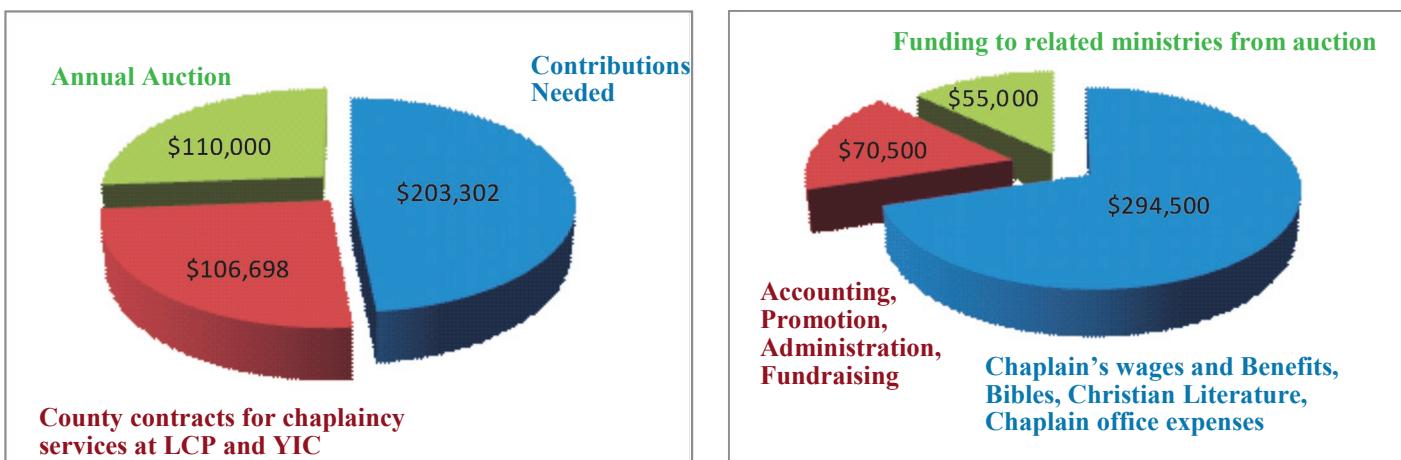


# Focus On Finances

## Income

**2016 Budget: \$420,000**

## Expenses



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



### THE GENEROSITY CONTINUES

By Nelson Martin, Public Relations

Because of generous contributions from many donors during 2015, our SFPM staff had increased opportunities to share the Good News with inmates at LCP and YIC. As I contacted a number of businesses and churches, I found much interest in our local mission to persons behind bars.

SFPM Director, Del Burkholder, and I had various opportunities to speak to churches and community groups. I, and a number of others from our congregation, are walking alongside a young man who found the Lord in prison. Although there are some bumps in his road of life, he has committed his life to Jesus.

Thanks to all who have given time, finances, and prayers for SFPM. And thanks also to the many people who made our annual October Benefit Auction a week-end to remember.

**God is good... all the time. All the time... God is good.**

My first year being a part of Support For Prison Ministries has come and gone. It has been a memorable year of learning and meeting many new people, who love the work of the Lord in prison. We have been so blessed this past year; pressed down, shaken together, and running over. (Luke 6:38)

I was saddened to hear Pennsylvania has cut state corrections funding in half with their budget problem. This will do nothing but make ministries like SFPM more essential in prison work.



As I met this morning and listened to one of our chaplains it made me think of the magnitude of opportunity that God has given to our ministry to hold up broken people. We want to thank the many that are making this work possible.

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You have been a blessing and encouragement to us. You are the reason our chaplains can do the work they do. We believe 2016 will bring exciting times for SFPM as we expand our programs this coming year.