



# Freedom Focus

*“Proclaiming Freedom for Prisoners”*

## Special Update for January 2018

**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 2018, we will continue with our contract to provide chaplain services and Christian programs at Lancaster County Prison. We have 7 paid staff and 14 regular badged chaplain volunteers. Annually, we respond to about 14,000 requests for services and/or contacts with inmates. LCP has about 1,000 inmates; 90% men, 10% women.



At Lancaster County Youth Intervention Center we have 3 part-time chaplains, plus about 20 church groups and area pastors minister to about 40-50 juvenile residents in detention and shelter care.

## PRISON MINISTRY CONFERENCE

**FOR PASTORS, CHAPLAINS, VOLUNTEERS, AND PRAYER WARRIORS**

**\$20/person (includes coffee & donuts and lunch)**

<b>8:00</b>	<b>Registration</b> (coffee & donuts)
<b>8:30</b>	<b>Session 1: Jim Newsom</b> Topic: Declaration, Demonstration, & Decision
<b>10:00</b>	<b>Session 2 Panel Discussion</b> Topic: The work of a prison chaplain
<b>11:30</b>	<b>Lunch</b> (provided)
<b>12:30</b>	<b>Session 3: Nelson Zeiset</b> Topic: Effective Volunteering
<b>1:45</b>	<b>Session 4 Panel Discussion</b> Topic: The challenges of an effective aftercare ministry

**Saturday, March 3, 2018**

**8am - 3:30 pm**

**Hinkletown Mennonite Church  
2031 Division Highway  
Ephrata, PA 17522**

**To register contact:  
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or  
717-859-5519  
by February 28**

**Sponsored by:**

Support For Prison Ministries  
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**Other Agencies Participating:**

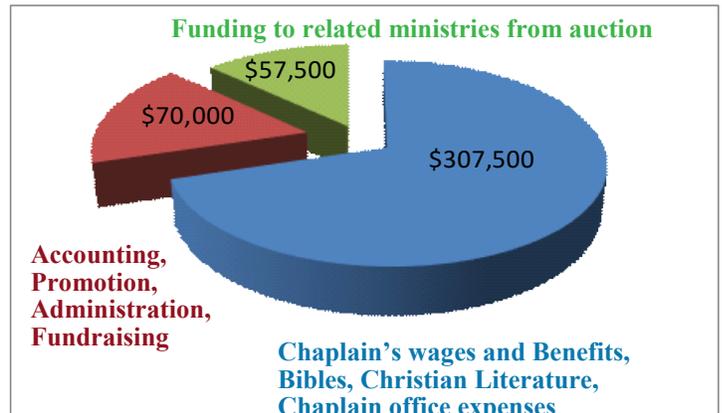
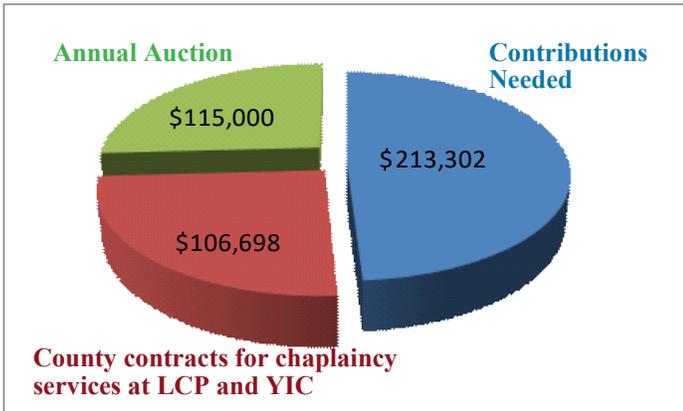
Jubilee Ministries  
New Person Ministries  
The Potter’s House

# Focus On Finances

Income

**2018 Budget: \$435,000**

Expenses



**DONATIONS TO SUPPORT FOR PRISON MINISTRIES HELP TO CHANGE LIVES FOR ETERNITY IN THIS NEW YEAR OF 2018.**

Donations come from churches, businesses and interested families and individuals. About 16% of income is used for management and promotion, leaving the remaining 84% to go directly to chaplains, Bibles, in prison and/or aftercare ministries.

**DONORS CAN ALSO MAXIMIZE THEIR TAX DEDUCTIBLE GIVING IN ADDITION TO CASH GIFTS.** We can receive gifts from wills, trusts, donations of stocks or real estate and life income plans and bequests. Professional counsel is available from SFPM staff and Everence Financial Advisors.

**THANK YOU SO MUCH FOR YOUR DONATIONS.**

**A self-addressed envelope is enclosed for your gift to CHANGE LIVES IN 2018!!**

**An inmate recently sent this note to our chaplain's office before being moved to SCI Camp Hill:** "I'd like you to know that your walk with Christ has made mine stronger by watching you. Thanks! I also want to thank the chaplain staff for your support and love. I have three more years to serve upstate. I will use it, not as a prison sentence, but as Bible college! God bless all of you."

One of the areas of relaxation that I enjoy is playing chess on my iPad usually while listening to Christian music. Probably because I have always had somewhat of an attention deficiency I usually make every move immediately when it is my turn. I find this leads to many irresponsible moves by me. I also have a tendency to get greedy and try to capture an opponent's important piece without reviewing the consequences first. This usually causes me to pay dearly to a very calculated computer opponent that shows no mercy. I find my approach and transgressions in chess very similar to the mistakes that many people make in real life that lead them to prison. They make foolish and greedy mistakes that causes great loss and hurt to many. This gives us a cause to continue to do what we do in prison work at SFPM.



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As we look to start a new year at Support For Prison Ministries there is much optimism as we are coming off a year where we have received so much mail from inmates expressing their genuine gratification to our chaplains and prison workers at Lancaster Prison, the Youth Intervention Center, or other prisons we minister in throughout PA. As one inmate stated recently, "Interacting with the chaplain staff is the part of the day I look forward to the most." Please continue to support us with your prayers and gifts as we continue to lift the name of Jesus high!