

Special Update for January 2023

2022 Reflections

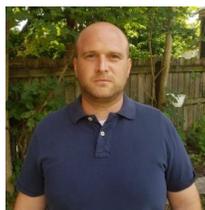
By Katie Harnish, SFPM Chaplaincy Coordinator at Lancaster County Prison (LCP)

As I reflect on this past year, there is much to be grateful for! In March, LCP removed some of the COVID lockdown procedures that had been in place since March of 2020. This was such good news! We were able to resume Bible studies, volunteers could come in again and clergy were permitted to visit with inmates. What a blessing to see the spiritual hunger as the classes quickly filled up and men and women were eager to participate in Bible studies. Our chaplains were blessed to be able to teach and share God’s truth again in group settings.

Through this past year our chaplains also had many opportunities to connect with and minister to staff. Conversations and requests for prayers came regularly as we connected with staff going through difficulties. I praise God for his faithfulness in this past year and look forward to what he will do in 2023!

God also continues to work at the Youth Intervention Center (YIC) where COVID restrictions have also been removed and the chaplains are again able to do full programming! Praise God!

Pictured below is the chaplaincy staff: LCP (row 1): Katie Harnish, Kendrick Bowman, Stacey Catigano, Alvaro Febus, Seth Crouse, and Jewel Sensenig; YIC (row 2): Jeryl Zimmerman, Ivonne Ronquillo, and Jason McKinney



We’re so grateful for each one of you who continues to support prison ministry through your prayers and financial gifts. God is moving and changing lives! We are excited to watch God move in 2023!

Thank you!!

Roast Beef Spring Fundraiser

Mark your calendars for **March 4, 2023** and pick up a delicious meal for your lunch time enjoyment.

Where: Hinkletown Mennonite Church (2031 Division Hwy, Ephrata)

Time: 11:00 am - 1:00 pm (or sold out)

Cost: Suggested Donation \$12/meal

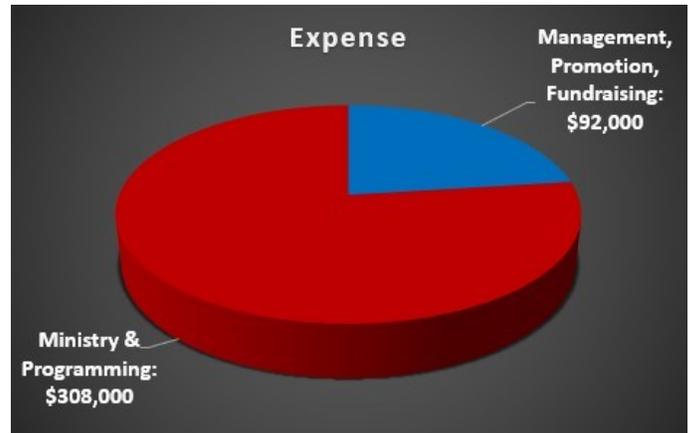
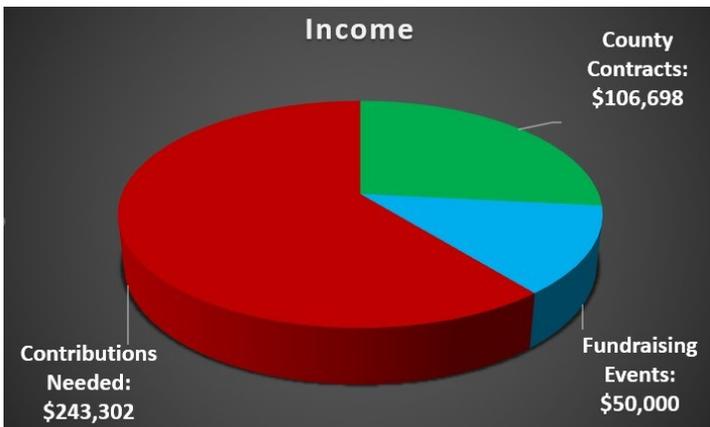
Meal: Roast beef, mashed potatoes, corn, green beans, applesauce, dinner roll, whoopie pie, and drink

This is a drive thru event and we look forward to seeing you there!!

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Focus On Finances

2023 Budget: \$400,000



DONATIONS TO SUPPORT FOR PRISON MINISTRIES HELP TO CHANGE LIVES FOR ETERNITY IN THIS NEW YEAR OF 2023.



Donations come from churches, businesses, families, and individuals.

On-line donations can be made on our website or a self-addressed envelope is enclosed for your gift.

THANK YOU SO MUCH FOR YOUR DONATIONS. LIVES WILL BE CHANGED IN 2023!!

IMPACTING LANCASTER COUNTY, PA and BEYOND 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 us.

"Thank you for the kind gesture of giving me a Bible for my own keeping. Reading The Shack and studying from my new Bible has been the highlight of my last days at LCP! I came in here mad at God. I'm leaving here knowing there was a purpose in it; establishing a stronger relationship with Him. You giving me the reading material really helped. Thank you!" LCP Inmate

The Winds of Change

There is an old saying that when the winds come, some build up walls and others build windmills. In the last few years there has been so much change in prisons. One of our sessions at the March 4th Prison Conference will ask ministry and chaplain leaders what they feel the future will be in prison ministry.

Christianity, in society, does not seem as important as 20 - 30 years ago. How do we react to this as a child of God? I am glad that there still is a hunger in the prison for the Word of God. The Bible is never changing and in a person's darkest hour they will often open the Bible to look for help from God.



**Del Burkholder,
Director**

Our prayer is that God's work will continue to change lives in individuals that we work within prisons. We want to be like those that use the energy of the wind instead of building a wall.

Jesus said in John 3:8, "The wind blows where it wants and so is everyone that is born of the Spirit." We need to adapt to God's changing wind, which is the Holy Spirit, and adapt to His divine will for us.

Thank you for being a part of Support for Prison Ministries as we continue to present the Gospel to prisoners.

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