

SFPM Welcomes Two New Chaplains

In October, the Chaplain’s Office at Lancaster County Prison welcomed two new chaplains:
Louis Davis and Deepak Rai.



Davis Family: Michael, Kayla, Elijah, Quincy, Kali, Jacob, Kaylana, Louis

Louis Davis lives in Lancaster with his wife, Kayla, and their 6 children. Louis attends the Worship Center. He served 10 years in children’s ministry at ACTS Covenant Fellowship. He has taught at Potter’s House, which is an aftercare program.

Louis is a graduate of Millersville university with a business degree. His hobbies include cooking and trying new recipes, playing basketball, and attending his children’s sporting events.

When asked how he came to Christ, Louis responded, “I first believed the Gospel at the age of 6 when a youth group that was doing outreach at a park close to my house shared with me the message of salvation. However, all of my childhood and my years as a young adult I lived in rebellion to God. It was by the age of 23 that I came to know what it meant to have a relationship with Jesus because my wife had started to attend church at Acts Covenant Fellowship. Since then I have rededicated my life to Christ and have been a witness to the life changing power of God’s love through Jesus.”

A favorite verse of his is John 12:46. “I have come into the world as light, so that whoever believes in me may not remain in darkness.”

Deepak Rai lives in Lancaster with his wife, Sita, and their 3 children. Deepak is the pastor at Bhutanese Nepali Church of Lancaster. He is currently studying for his MDiv from Evangelical Theological Seminary. He will graduate in the Spring of 2024.

Deepak enjoys editing music, playing soccer, volleyball, and badminton with his children. He received Christ through the healing of his father when he was a child. His father had a serious illness and when he was healed from it the entire family came to know Christ.

His favorite verse is Acts 10:35 “In every nation he accepts those who fear him and do what is right.” (NLT)

Welcome, Louis and Deepak, to the chaplain’s team at LCP!



**Rai Family:
(back) Deepak, Sita
(front) Deson, Thea, Blessa**

THANKSGIVING THANKFULNESS

Caring for the spiritual needs of inmates is what our chaplains do daily at Lancaster County Prison. However, our chaplains also enjoy looking for ways to bless the officers and staff throughout the year. During the Thanksgiving season, our chaplains order Stroopie bags from Lancaster Sweet Shoppe. Each bag contains 2 Stroopies and 4 pieces of chocolate. Then a note is attached to each bag thanking the officers and staff for all they do at LCP.



The week of Thanksgiving you will find the chaplains going around the prison handing out the Stroopie bags to all officers, staff, nurses, counselors, maintenance, K-9...and the smiles that these bags bring to peoples faces is priceless!

This is one small way that we share the love of Jesus with others at LCP. As the gift bags are handed out we also offer prayer to anyone who wants it and let them know that our office is always open to be a safe place to come and talk.

Another way we bless the staff each year is by providing a pocket calendar for them to use. Because we are in a prison setting, no cell phones are allowed. This means that officers have to use a pocket calendar to keep track of their schedule instead of an electronic calendar. Every November we hand out a new calendar for the coming year. And each year we have officers asking us in October if we are going to passing out pocket calendars again! It is a loved gift and a way to show that we care about each person at LCP.



Our office door is always open and we count it a privilege when officers and staff come in to talk, laugh, cry, and pray together. We want the chaplain's office to always be a safe place to come and we are grateful for the opportunity to reach out to everyone in the building, not just inmates.

Thank you for coming to our chicken dinner on October 27!

SFPM board, chaplains, and volunteers plus individuals from Potter's House, Revelations of Freedom, and We Care came together at three locations to serve the chicken dinner to the community. Each location had a system for packing the cold and hot dishes and serving them to persons as they drove through the pick up line.

A big thank you to Mellinger Mennonite Church, Martin's Country Market, and Shady Maple/Good's Store for allowing us to use their parking lots to serve the meals. What a blessing!

Special thanks to the many business and personal sponsors who helped cover the cost of the food. Thank you to each person who came, bought dinner, and gave above and beyond the suggested donation.

Our 4th annual chicken dinner was a success and we are grateful for your support. If you missed it this year....be on the lookout for the last Friday of October in 2024!!





PRISON MINISTRY CONFERENCE

Saturday, March 16, 2024
Hinkletown Mennonite Church
Lunch provided

Learn more what prison ministry is like with sessions done by chaplains, prison teachers and prison ministry leaders. Presented by Support for Prison Ministries in conjunction with We Care, Outward Focus, Jubilee and other prison ministries and aftercares.

Everyone welcome!
Registration required, More details coming

For more information email sfpmdb@gmail.com or call 717-859-5519

Spring Fundraiser

Drive through Roast Beef Dinner
Saturday, March 16, 2024
Hinkletown Mennonite Church
11:00 am to 1:00 pm or sold out



We hope to see you there!

Roast Beef
Mashed Potatoes
Corn
Green Beans
Dinner Roll
Applesauce
Whoopie Pie
Drink

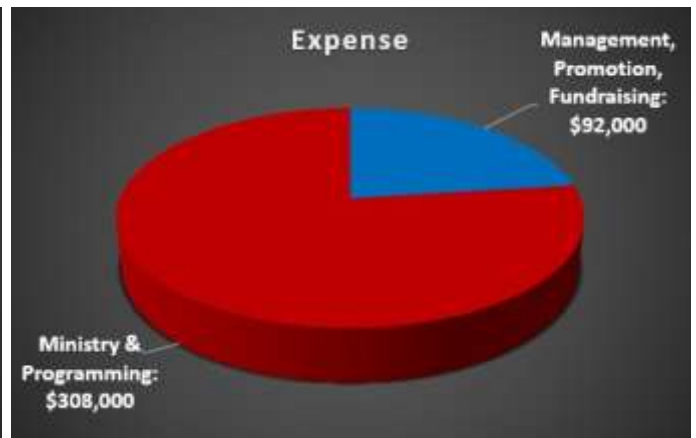
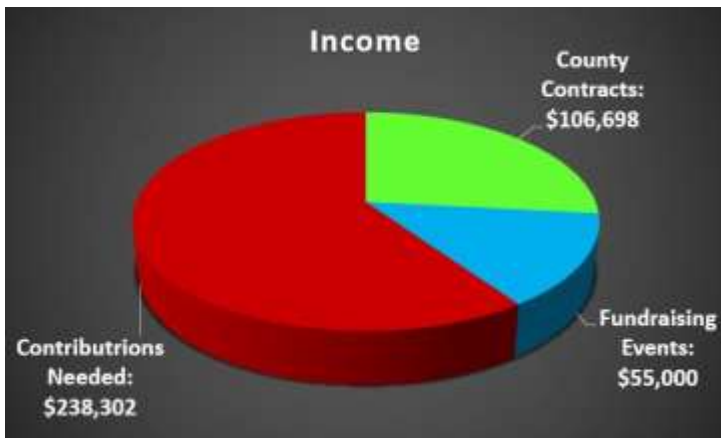


SEASON'S GREETINGS

On behalf of the board of directors and the chaplain staff of Support for Prison Ministries, we wish you all a blessed Christmas. May you take time to truly worship Jesus, not only as a baby in the manger, but as King of Kings and Lord of Lords. Just as the wise men came with their gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh, may we give our resources, talents, and hearts to follow the Lord Jesus.

We also encourage you to pray for and remember those in prison during the holidays. For many, this can be the loneliest part of the year, as they remember past times with family and loved ones. And if you are able to give a financial gift to support our ongoing ministry we would appreciate it. Your gifts will help us balance the 2023 year and have funds to begin another year, as we continue to share God's hope and healing to those behind the bars.

INCREASING YOUR CHARITABLE GIVING: Donors can maximize their tax deductible giving. In addition to cash contributions, Support for Prison Ministries can receive gifts from wills, trusts, donations of stocks or real estate, life income plans and bequests. Professional counsel is available through SFPM staff and Everence Financial advisors.



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Director's Report

By Del Burkholder

I want to take a brief moment to thank you for looking at and reading our newsletters throughout the year and having an interest in the happenings of Support for Prison Ministries. As Christmas time nears, there is often a spiritual check and reflection that takes place in a prisoner's life.

Please pray for our chaplains as they minister during this time of year to inmates who are searching for the truth. Also, pray for each inmate who experiences the loneliness of the holiday and separation from loved ones.

We need to remember the hope for mankind came over 2000 years ago in Bethlehem. Wishing you and your family a blessed Christmas season.

For to us a child is born, to us a son is given, and the government will be on his shoulders. And he will be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace. Isaiah 9:6

