

and beyond

# LIBERTY BEHIND BARS MINISTRY

Sending Church: Black Creek Baptist Church

JULY 2022 NEWSLETTER

*The Spirit of the Lord GOD is upon me; because the LORD hath anointed me to preach good tidings unto the meek; he hath sent me to bind up the brokenhearted, to proclaim liberty to the captives, and the opening of the prison to them that are bound (Isa 61:1)*

Hebrews 13:15

*By him therefore let us offer the sacrifice of praise to God continually, that is, the fruit of our lips giving thanks to his name.*

Greetings! And just like that...it's summer! We have enjoyed the warmer weather for sure!

This past quarter has been so busy! Once Memorial Day hit - we have been in a whirlwind! Luke graduated in May! He will be starting Alfred State (NY) in the automotive program at the end of August. He is praying that he can use his skills to help those in need; especially traveling missionaries and evangelists! We had the opportunity to travel throughout NY and PA to give updates to our supporting churches - it was such a blessing to see everyone! We just returned from Maine from special meetings and it was a glorious time! We will be heading back at the beginning of September to visit a new church! With all our travels we are pleased that we can still minister to our people when we are on the road!

## **TECHNOLOGY:**

How we think of ministering to jails and prisons in the year 2022 and beyond must change! Not only in NY, but with many of the jails/prisons we deal with nationwide, they are drastically changing. Covid has ushered in a new way for jails and prisons. Correctional facilities have seen a drastic decrease in contraband and an increase in security measures with having **little or NO** personal face to face visits. Many (not all) family visits are now done digitally through video and email. Numerous jails are not even letting paper mail go through. For example, in Missouri, they scan all paper mail and then email the letters to individuals in an electronic form. Jails and prison administration are also seeing a decrease in overhead (\$\$\$) with these changes! Money talks - thus things will be staying this way!



So, do we just give up on ministering to those in jails and prisons nationwide because of these changes? Absolutely not! We need to adapt to these changes and allow the Lord to open other doors... and HE HAS! Not only do we work (when we can) with those inside the jails, we now are using technology to reach hundreds of people nationwide! Since our last letter we have increased to close to 600 individuals that we minister to! We work with those in 43 different town/cities in 17 different states!

**PRAISE!!!** We have solidified a weekly online ZOOM church/bible study with individuals in Tompkins County Jail, NY! We are praying that we can establish relationships with more jails/prisons to hold such services. We thank a good friend for donating a brand new system (microphone) to make the visits heard better!



## **BIBLES UPDATE:**

As the number of individuals we minister increase - so do our King James Bible distribution! Praise the Lord that year to date we have mailed into jails/prisons and to incarcerated family members close to 550 bibles. We have also been contacted by several prisons asking if we could provide bibles! ABSOLUTELY we would! We want the true, infallible Word of God in these places - not some perverted version!!

## **Black Creek Baptist Church LBB HELPS Ministry:**

Volunteers from Black Creek Baptist Church recently prepared 750 bibles to be ready to be sent! Praise the Lord for their willingness to help! We are so very thankful for our home church and all the work they do for LBB!!



## **UPCOMING TRIPS**

We have been blessed to have been invited to several special meetings and mission conferences to present our burden for those behind and beyond jail/prisons across the United States. Typically, we have stayed on the East Coast. However, in September we will be venturing out to Idaho, Indiana, Oklahoma, and Texas! We are humbled by this opportunity and look forward to developing stronger relationships with these churches and extended church family! This month's venture will be our longest and without our son Luke! Please pray for safety, emotional support, and clarity to present the ministry to these churches.

## HOW YOUR SUPPORT HELPS?

Here are some testimonials from those we work with! Let their words be an encouragement to you!

### *Testimonies*

How are you doing brother Dale, God bless you, I pray everything is good. I want to tell you that sister Roz (*note she is a Chaplin*) was inspired by the Bibles you sent and she said she will be sending you a thank you letter. And if you still had those other Bibles you could send it to her the same way you did the first time. There are a lot of inmates here that are happy to receive one of those Bibles. God has used you and TJ (*note this is his Christian pen pal*) to teach me things I never knew... what you are doing is making a huge impact to mine and others lives. Thank you Pastor Dale, I hope you have a great day and may God continue to bless your family and friends and LBB Ministry. - A.O.

I hope this email finds you in good health and doing well. May the Grace of God shine on your ministry this day and every day to come. I would like to know if it would be possible for me to receive several tracks of "BIBLE SALVATION" (*note: track written by Dale*) I would like to pass these out to fellow Christians in our Bible study group. This track has been a big inspiration in my Bible studies - I go back to it all the time to read verses that I find compelling to learn and memorize. It is a daily reader for me and I feel that it would be a daily reader for others. Thank you for sending me this track. May God bless you and your ministry and keep you safe always. - C. G.

Thank you for my King James Bible, for your testimony, and for starting the Liberty Behind Bars Ministry! I'm so overjoyed the Lord called you to the prison ministry. There has been a sharp decline over the years in regards to support of prison ministry and help to those who are incarcerated. May God continue to grow the LBB ministry! - L. H.

Good morning friends!! I wanted to let you guys know that I received my books this morning and I appreciate you guys very much!! I pray God bless you guys for looking after your brothers in Christ (in jail). I wanted to let you guys know what it means to me to have family outside these walls who care about, are still thinking about us inmates, and interested in winning the lost to Christ! Praise God and may he bless you guys for your compassion. - A.G.

First and foremost I want to say glory be to God on behalf of you and all of the work you are doing within the ministry. I want to thank you for all of your time and support because you have truly become a blessing to me over the past year. I have held a lot of resentment in my heart after my final sentence to serve 10 years in prison. However I have started back really meditating on my bible studies and after you sent me my KJV I have had a total complete change of thought with the help of you and God! P.S. I cannot thank you enough for the LBB Devotional in the mail. - K. J.



### *Prayer Requests:*

- Pray that we have more opportunities to present the ministry to churches and that they would partner with LBB. We currently are close to **51%** support! God has blessed and we pray this number continues to rise!
- Luke will be starting at Alfred State in the Auto-Mechanic program on August 29th. Please pray for this transition!
- We may have the opportunity to minister in the Maine jails/prisons - please pray that this opportunity comes to fruition
- Safety as we travel out west in September/October
- Opportunity to have more regular Zoom/online church services on a regular basis with jails/prisons nationwide

*Praise  
the Lord*

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