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# LIBERTY BEHIND BARS MINISTRY

Sending Church: Black Creek Baptist Church

APRIL 2023 NEWSLETTER

#### Psalm 103:1 A Psalm of David. Bless the LORD, O my soul: and all that is within me, bless his holy name.

We pray that you all had a very blessed Resurrection Day! He is Risen... He has Risen Indeed! With all the traveling this past quarter, we were grateful to celebrate this blessed day at our home church!

**Upcoming Trips:** We will be in our home area (NY) until the end of June. We have an outstanding opportunity to preach a revival in King Ferry, NY in May. We are pleased that we will be available to attend our home church's "Youth Week" special meeting at the end of June! In July we will be traveling to Maine for a couple of weeks. Next we will be in Blain, PA to assist in a VBS! We then head to Newark, OH for a week meeting! In August we will be in Lynchburg, VA and then hoping to make a visit in Tabor City, NC.

**PRAISES!!!** WOW!! Now unto him that is able to do exceeding abundantly above all that we ask or think, according to the power that worketh in us, Unto him be glory in the church by Christ Jesus throughout all ages, world without end. Amen. (Eph 3:20-21). We put a call out to our supporters back in Jan/Feb about raising enough money to purchase 500 Bibles; approx. \$3500. We are so pleased

to let everyone know we were indeed able to purchase those 500 but will have enough to purchase 1200 additional ones in the future! Over \$10,0000 was raised by God's people!!! Words cannot express our gratitude to those churches

and individuals who contributed to this fundraiser! We are mailing in close to 100 bibles a month to those that are incarcerated. If you want to continue to donate towards bibles; please designate your giving.

The online Zoom church services have been going well in Tompkins County Jail, however, it has impressed the administration that we come in once a week for a face-to-face church visit! So weekly, we hold church services in both Cortland and Tompkins County Jails (NY). We received a plea that we start holding services for the women at Tompkins, so Amy has been approved and will be joining me

each week. When I am out of town, I am able to continue the services either through Zoom or Bro. Ronnie Scolton will go into these jails to make sure our friends have the Word of God preached to them!

Just this past week, I have been asked by the chaplain to come into the Cattaraugus County Jail (local here in NY) on Wednesday evenings. I am both blessed and humbled by such an opportunity! I am looking forward to seeing what the Lord will do in our local jail!

In March I had an opportunity to preach a revival in Taber City, NC. The "young missionaries" (3yrs old to 2nd grade) raised over \$1700 for LBB! It was humbling that these little souls care so much for missions! It was after this meeting that my sister-in-law was saved! Praise the Lord for his longsuffering and goodness. She held onto a profession for 20 years! During the week long meeting she came under heavy conviction and realized she was lost. It was in her alone time, reading the Word of God that the Lord graciously met with her! It was asked that I would hold a Zoom bible study with her and her neighbors.

In our last newsletter we stated we were at 66% support. With some churches increasing their monthly support and additional church and individual support; we have increased to 90%!!! It has been so amazing to see how the Lord works! This is such as blessing to us and we are so grateful for all those who both support us financially and prayerfully.

Luke is almost finished with his first full year of college! What?!? Although he has faced many challenges with learning and working alongside the "world," the Lord has strengthened his faith and ability to handle things in a more humble way. We are hoping that he will be able to travel with us this summer but are preparing our hearts that this may be the last year he will be with us. This transition is always hard, but we know that the Lord will have amazing things for Luke!



Autumn is looking forward to finishing her homeschooling for the year and to be able to travel this upcoming summer. She has had many opportunities to "step outside of her comfort zone" by singing and playing her ukulele at various churches. We looking forward to seeing how the Lord will use her for his glory!



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## Prayer Requests

- IN-HOUSE LBB volunteers it was placed on my heart years ago to help train born-again men, who will never be coming home, to preach and teach the King James Bible while they are in prison. Most missionary goals are to win the natives of that specific area, train them, and then send them back to their own people. That is what I am trying to do with the men that I work with - especially to those who have life sentences. Currently we have 5 men who have stepped up and believe they are called to preach the Word of God to the men within their prison. These men now preach and teach in their facility We have a fund that was started by one of our supporting churches to help supply bibles, study material, and any other material to help them grow in their walk and ministry. If your would like to donate specifically to this aspect of the ministry; please designate in your giving to "Mentor Fund."
- A Place of Refuge a transition home for men and/or women. We have met with and attorney to start the initial process of purchasing a home to house four women. Please pray for direction with this vision.
- The van has been such a blessing! However, it is much larger than we need! We are in need of a smaller one! We are looking for mini-van or something similar.
- Pray that we have more opportunities to present the ministry to churches and that they would partner with LBB. We are close to our full support but need a bit more!
- Pray we have the opportunity to minister in jails/prisons locally and nationwide
- Opportunity to have more regular Zoom/online church services on a regular basis with jails/prisons nationwide



FELLOWSHIP

It was laid upon my heart about a year and a half ago to start a Men's Fellowship at my home church on a quarterly basis. I believe that men need to exhort one another as stated in 2nd Timothy 4:2 Preach the word; be instant in season, out of season; reprove, rebuke, exhort with all longsuffering and doctrine. It is my intent to have surrounding churches gather to worship together. The following are the upcoming dates. All are welcome, just RSVP as we do have a light meal after the service.

> July 28 - Pastor Terry Fenton September 8 - Pastor Mike Watson November 17 - Pastor Bruce Ireland

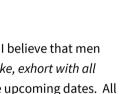
#### **LBB Helps Ministry**

Just a special thanks for all those who have stepped in to help with LBB! We have various people who help us with several aspects of the ministry such as mailing of bibles, coordination of assembly line bible packages, mail pick-up, online church services, and email pen pals! It is so encouraging to us that people love to involve themselves in serving the Lord!

#### Ways to Support LBB

There are several ways you can support LBB:

- PRAYERFULLY! Please keep us in prayer so we are sensitive to the Lord's leading for the ministry, safety in travel, and wisdom
- FINANCIALLY -
  - By check (mail see address to LBB or Black Creek Baptist Church, PO Box 83, Black Creek, NY 14714
  - PayPal (libertybehindbarsministry@gamil.com please select "Friends and Family" to avoid fees
  - Cash App (\$LibertyBehindBars)
  - Wire Transfer (please contact us personally for bank info)
- SUPPLIES -
  - Copy paper, Legal peel/stick envelopes, US stamps



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