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LIBERTY BEHIND BARS MINISTRY

Sending Church: Black Creek Baptist Church

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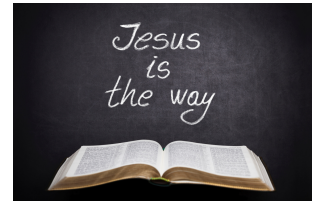
The Spirit of the Lord GOD is upon me; because the LORD hath anointed me to preach good tidings unto the meek; he hath sent me to bind up the brokenhearted, to proclaim liberty to the captives, and the opening of the prison to them that are bound (Isa 61:1)

Isaiah 41:13

For I the LORD thy God will hold thy right hand, saying unto thee, Fear not; I will help thee.

Greetings! It has been wonderful to see the hand of God in all the autumn foliage this year! *Psalms 19:1 The heavens declare the glory of God; and the firmament sheweth his handywork.* It has been a busy few weeks with traveling to new churches to present the ministry with our burden for those in and out of jails/prisons. We have had a few new churches partner with LBB and will be supporting us monthly. We thank the Lord for this! With starting a Place of Refuge, we are still looking to increase our monthly support, thus the continued traveling to new churches.

In between trips we have had the opportunity to make some one-on-one visits to men and women in various NY State prisons. It is during this time that we can take a few hours and counsel through the bible and offer hope and encouragement to those who are downhearted!

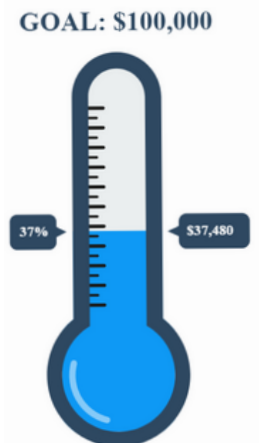


The services in the jails have been going well. When I am out of town at a church, there is no way I can be in two places. I praise the Lord that he has reared up a few men from my church who are saved, called to preach, and will go into these jails to preach the Word of God!

A Place of Refuge Update

In our last newsletter we let everyone know that we were raising money for a Woman's transition home. We kickstarted our efforts in July during a VBS that generated a love offering of \$4700 and have since raised a total of \$37,480 (37%) in just a few months! We have looked at a few different properties, but unfortunately they were not a good fit for the ministry. The Lord will provide exactly what is needed for this home! We are thankful that we have a Christian realtor and a construction contractor that help us!

Thank you all who have financially and prayerfully supported this next facet of the ministry!



Praises

*Praise
the Lord*

- Praise the Lord that we had enough in our Bible fund to purchase an additional 700 bibles for this year! Thank you to those who continue to sacrificially give to this part of the ministry.
- It was placed on a woman's heart at one of our supporting churches to start a card/letter ministry to some of the women in prison. Although she may not get many responses back, these women are extremely blessed with the encouraging words, scripture verses, and hope that they receive.

Prayer Requests

- IN-HOUSE LBB volunteers - If you would like to donate specifically to this aspect of the ministry; please designate in your giving to "**Mentor Fund.**"
- Pray that we have more opportunities to present the ministry to churches and that they would partner with LBB and support "A Place of Refuge." Wisdom and guidance from the Lord in purchasing a building and direction for the transition home.
- 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.
- **If you know any churches that would be interested in the ministry - please pass our information along!**



LBB Men's Fellowship Meeting

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.

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, email pen pals, and carpooling! 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@gmail.com - please select "Friends and Family" to avoid fees)
 - Cash App (\$LibertyBehindBars)
 - Wire Transfer (please contact us personally for bank info)

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