and beyond

LIBERTY BEHIND BARS MINISTRY

Sending Church: Black Creek Baptist Church
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Philippians 4:13
I can do all things through Christ which strengtheneth me..

Happy New Year! We are so excited to see what the Lord will do this upcoming year. Looking back at 2024, the Lord blessed tremendously. Honestly, he has blessed every year. Even through difficult times, the Lord blesses. Every day we should be thankful for what the Lord has done in each of our lives... *Psalm 103:1-5 A Psalm of David. Bless the LORD, O my soul: and all that is within me, bless his holy name. Bless the LORD, O my soul, and forget not all his benefits: Who forgiveth all thine iniquities; who healeth all thy diseases; Who redeemeth thy life from destruction; who crowneth thee with lovingkindness and tender mercies; Who satisfieth thy mouth with good things; so that thy youth is renewed like the eagle's.*

It is one thing to say that we believe the Word of God - but it is another to prove it and live it. I used Philippians 4:13 in this prayer letter for a reason. We use it so flippantly - but do we live it? God could care less how many verses we know - he is more concerned on how many we can live and put into practice.

I have to say - the Lord gives me strength to do what seems impossible to me. At times, I am human and fall short in exercising that verse - but recently, I was put to the test. As many of you know, I am extremely petrified of heights and terrified of flying. There were two incidents in my past life that I flew and both were horrendous experiences. I have not flown in close to 28 years and was bound and determined to never step foot on an airplane. However, the Lord had different plans. As many of you know my past history and know that I would have to jump through hoops to get a US Passport. The Lord made that happen last year-with no jumping of hoops. I told the Lord, that if he allowed me to get my passport, I would eventually fly. Remember...the Lord marks your lips! A few weeks ago, I was invited to a revival meeting out in Houston, Texas. A dear brother asked me if I would fly with him. Honestly, even though I was caught off guard, I had an overwhelming sense of peace. Long story short, the Lord gave me strength, courage, peace, joy, and a whole bunch of other things and I stepped onto that plane with not a single ounce of anxiety. Only God can do that!

We have no excuse to do what the Lord asks us to do. We need to stop making excuses and exercise the measure faith the Lord has given us (Romans 12:3).

A Place of Refuge Update

We are excited to report that much of the work at the Woman's home has been completed! We are hoping to have the windows and siding completed by spring. We are expecting to have a short video made to show all our supporters the progress. Please go to our website and check periodically (https://www.libertybehindbars.com/a-place-of-refuge/).

We are still raising monthly support for the home and are looking for donations for items such as curtains, bedding, and bathroom items.

We are asking that you fervently pray that the Lord show us who will be the first women to be guests of the home. We need to be working with a woman who truly wants a new life in Christ, not just somewhere to go after she does her required incarceration time.

Praises

- We would like to personally welcome our new pastor, Mr. and Mrs. Timothy McVey and their children to Black Creek Baptist Church!
- We are so excited and praise God for answered prayers in that we are allowed back into the Monroe County Jail, Rochester, NY!! We have started a weekly bible study in the Veteran's dorm on Tuesday nights and a church service for the Mainframe on Saturday nights!
- We have several young men who have been called to preach that are involved in helping with LBBM
- We are thankful for our pastor and Brother Ronnie Scolton (our older men) who are willing to step in and help and minister whenever possible.

<u>Prayer Requests</u>

- Pray we have more opportunities to present the ministry to new churches and they would partner with LBBM and support "A Place of Refuge" we need more monthly support in order to maintain the home.
- Wisdom and guidance from the Lord for running the Woman's Home. We will need more volunteers to help with ministering with the women.
- Pray we have the opportunity to minister in jails/prisons
- There is a potential possibility to have an extension of LBBM outreach in Olean, NY. Please pray for wisdom and guidance.
- Continued financial support for the bible ministry within LBBM

If you know any churches that would be interested in the ministry - please pass our information along!



LBBM Helps Ministry

Thank you to those who volunteer to help LBBM with various aspects of the ministry! We truly appreciate all that you do for LBBM and for the individuals we work with!

Ways to Support LBBM

There are several ways you can support LBBM:

- 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
 - Cash App (\$LibertyBehindBars)
 - Venmo App (@Liberty-BehindBars)
 - Wire Transfer (please contact us personally for bank info)

PLEASE DESIGNATE YOUR GIVING:

- General
- Place of Refuge
- Bibles



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