



...I was in prison and you came to me. Mat 25:36b

December 2015 Newsletter

Dear Supporters and Volunteers,

I pray all had a great Thanksgiving and are looking forward with anticipation to the Christmas season. We at LTTL Ministries are wishing you a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

Christmas is about celebrating the birth of our Lord and Savior and enjoying family time together. But for our brothers and sisters in white, it can be a very lonely time. And, for many on the outside, it is also a time of loneliness and separation. Please keep all in your prayers this Christmas season and be active in ministry to others.

I want to thank you for supporting LTTL Ministries financially this year. Because of your giving we have already been able to mail 591 study bibles to inmates during 2015, including ninety-nine during October. Also, as you will see in the reports below, the ministry van replacement fund now stands at \$18,450 headed toward the goal of \$25,000. Praise God!

As we close out another year of sharing God's Word with those behind bars, please remember that without your help, we can't do what we do. If you can make a year-end contribution, we will be grateful and will use it wisely.

God bless,

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Year-End Gifts
Study Bibles
Ministry Van Replacement
Please consider. Thank you!

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Van Replacement Fund Balance - \$18,450

We are thankful to report that \$18,450 has been contributed to the ministry van replacement fund. A fund drive was initiated in August 2014 to replace our 1998 GMC ministry van within two years. And, faithful supporters are responding.

Ministry volunteers average more than seven events per week inside prison units. Personal transportation at personal expense accounts for most of the travel to these events. But, the ministry van makes one or two trips each week, usually to the more distant units and always with groups of volunteers. **The van is also used to transport equipment and supplies, such as delivering indigent supplies to female inmates. (See snapshot).** And, the years have taken a toll on the old green van.



Please consider contributing to this cause which is vital to our ministry inside-the-walls. You may contribute by mailing a check or by using the “Donate” button on the www.lessthantheleast.org web site. Please specify “van replacement” when making contributions to this fund drive.

Ladies In White – Part 2

This is part 2 of a spotlight on our ministries to ladies in white. Less Than The Least (LTTL) Ministries is about sharing the gospel of Jesus Christ with the incarcerated. Every time we go inside the walls of a Texas prison, we are reminded once again of man’s sinful condition and our calling to minister to those who are suffering from sin’s consequences in a very tangible way. And, when we enter a prison for women, the heart strings are



pulled even more seeing the ladies there in white. LTTL volunteers are privileged to minister on a regular basis to these ladies at Plane State Jail and Henley in Dayton and Carol Young Medical in Dickinson.

Indigent Care

Some women experience increased hardship because of having no family support and no money for purchase of basic personal items such as soap, shampoo, tooth paste, and deodorant. These ladies may also have no clothes to wear when their release day comes. Less Than The Least Ministries and other ministries cooperate with TDCJ Chaplain Dunn to meet this need at Plane State and Henley.



Joyce Hill and her friends Dee Warren, Jana Pierson, Rebecca Dawson, Joyce Huddleston, Sue Hobby, and Nina Phillips help meet this need. On their 2nd Wednesday visits to Plane State, clothes that have been contributed by fellow church members at Sagemont Church, First Baptist Pearland, Cowboy Church Montgomery, and Fellowship Bible Church Pearland are provided to Chaplain Dunn.

Bill Riley and his wife, Mary, have worked with several different Sunday School classes at Sagemont Church to collect clothes and money for purchase of personal items. Twenty-one bags of clothes were recently contributed at one time and thirty-one bags a few months before that. Bill also helps with the purchase,

packaging, and delivery of personal items. LTTL Exec Director, David Gunter, has coordinated our efforts with Chaplain Dunn and also received contributions from his fellow members at Shady Crest Baptist Church in Pearland. And, Marc Gentine has received contributions from First Baptist Webster.

These LTTL volunteers and contributors have made a difference in the lives of many indigent inmates. And the need continues. Can you and your church make a difference?

Prayers & Letters (PALs)

Merry Jo Cecil doesn't remember when she started praying for female inmates and following up with cards. She just remembers Grandma Alma getting her involved following a Women In Touch meeting in Pearland. "I started out of compassion for the women and their children. If I can help one lady draw near to God, it is worth it. I want them to know that God loves them and that there is hope and that God can use them right where they are." That is Merry Jo's heartfelt reason for writing to women at Plane State, Henley, Carol Young, Gatesville, Marlin, and Lockhart. She uses scripture such as Isa 41:10, Ps 139, and Ps 103:1-4 and says, "I just want to plant seeds and give the glory to God. Sometimes I get overwhelmed with so many prayer requests. But, it gets done." And soon after this report from Mary Jo, the Lord blessed with more laborers as a group from CityView Church in Pearland joined in the PALs ministry to ladies.

Inmates have commented that LTTL is a ministry that writes them in response to their prayer requests. This dedication results in the ladies being encouraged and in them giving the gospel of Jesus Christ a greater hearing.

Study Bibles

For several years now, LTTL has given a study bible free of charge to each inmate who requests one. And, as the news spreads word of mouth, more requests come to us asking for a copy of God's word. During 2014, LTTL mailed 416 study bibles to inmates and 591 have already been mailed through October of 2015. David Miller procures these study bibles and gets them out to inmates. He reports that about 50% of recent requests have come from women even though women account for only 8% of total inmates in Texas prisons. Here are three examples which illustrate the impact of this ministry in the lives of these ladies in white.

Wow! I just received the Reformation Study Bible that you sent me. What a wonderful gift. I can't thank you enough. My husband passed away not long ago. Being in here I have lost everything. But not my faith, love, and hope. I used to have a bible that was nice like this one. Thanks to you I now have another one." from Plane State Jail

"Yes, I received the bible and I thank y'all very much. The Lord is working in my life and in order to make that possible I must stay in his WORD! It's really a good thing that your ministry not only ministers to prisoners in person but also provides us with 'The Truth'". from the Henley Unit

"I have recently met a friend who has shared her bible with me from your ministry and I really love it. This letter today is to request your ministry to send me my own Reformation Study Bible please!"
 from Plane State Jail

Conclusion

The needs of incarcerated women are great and our opportunity to minister to them is just as great. As you can see, our volunteers are dedicated to meeting this need. But, we need to do much more. If you sense a call to respond to this opportunity for ministry, just contact our ministry office.

Ministry Metrics

	Jan-October Totals
Volunteers	85
Prison Units/Camps	22
Worship Services Conducted	134
Bible Studies/Classes Conducted	204
Inmate Attendance	19,960
Study Bibles Mailed to Inmates	591
Radio Broadcasts (on 2 Stations)	43
Weekend Crusades	1
MEGA Youth Events	1

Financial Summary

	Jan-October Totals
Expenditures	\$54,752
Contributions	\$65,903 *
Excess / (Shortfall)	\$11,151
Van Replacement Fund Balance (Nov 1)	\$18,450

* Includes contributions for van replacement.

Contributions can be made on the LTTL Ministry web site (www.lessthantheleast.org) or mailed to Less Than The Least Ministries, 1414 South Friendswood Drive, Friendswood, TX 77546.

Ministry Schedule

Radio

LTTL Radio Ministry Presents *The Sound of Freedom* with Dr. John Morgan.

- KKHT Houston, TX 100.7FM Sunday 11:00 AM
- KIVY Crockett, TX 92.7FM Sunday 12:15 PM
- KKHR Abilene, TX 106.3FM Sunday 10:00 PM (Sponsored by LTTL)
- KNES Fairfield, TX 99.1FM Sunday 2:00 PM (Sponsored by LTTL)

Regular Events						
Weekly:						
<u>Day</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Type</u>	<u>Volunteers</u>		
Tues	6:00-8:30PM	Ramsey	AdSeg Visitation	Dave Miller		
Wed	7:00-9:00PM	Ramsey Trusty	Bible study	Sam Miller		
Thurs	9:00AM-1:00PM	Harris Co. Jail	Visit Cells/ Worship	Charlie Sammons Roy Gage	Fred Newton Dick Gordon	Charlie Wilson
Thurs	6:00-8:00PM	Stringfellow	Precepts Class	Mike Watson		
Bi-Weekly:						
<u>Day</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Type</u>	<u>Volunteers</u>		
1&3rd Mon	6:30-8:00PM	Ramsey	Faith Based Dorm	Sam Miller		
1&3rd Thu	7:00-9:00PM	Darrington	Visit Cells	Lanny Standley	Carrol Potts	Paulo Soares
2,4,5th Tue	7:00-9:00PM	Terrell Trusty	Bible Study	Ron Sanford	Lloyd Digby	
Monthly:						
<u>Day</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Type</u>	<u>Volunteers</u>		
1st Sun	2:30-4:30PM	Stringfellow	Bible study/Praise	David Gunter Robert Williams	Mac Archer David Ingersol	Jimmie Hatchett Estella Davis
2nd Sun	6:00-8:00PM	Ramsey	Bible study/Praise	David Gunter Robert Williams	Marc Gentine Lloyd Digby	David Ingersoll Lynette Christy
2nd Wed	11:00AM-2:00PM	Plane State	Visit AdSeg/ Materials	Joyce Hill Sue Foshee	Dee Warren + Others	Jana Pierson
2nd Fri	6:30-8:00PM	Ramsey	Faith Based Dorm	Dave Miller		
3rd Sat	8:30-10:30AM	Stringfellow Trusty	Bible study/Praise	Marc Gentine	David Ingersoll	Lloyd Digby
3rd Sat	6:00-8:00PM	Ramsey Trusty	Bible study/Praise	Dave Miller		
3rd Sun	8:45-10:45AM	Terrell	Worship	David Gunter	David Ingersoll	Jimmie Hatchett
4th Sun	6:00-8:00PM	Ramsey	Public Speaking	Mike Boessling	Judy Boessling	
4th Sun	5:00-7:00PM	Ellis	Worship	David Gunter Bill Riley	Jimmie Hatchett Estella Davis	David Ingersoll

Special Events						
Nov:						
<u>Date</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Type</u>	<u>Volunteers</u>		
8	8:30-11:30AM	Eastham	Worship	Cancelled due to lockdown.		
15	8:00-10:00AM	Ramsey Trusty	Worship	David Miller	Sam Miller	
16	6:00-8:00PM	Clear Falls HS	Youth Event	David Gunter Jimmie Hatchett Bill Riley	Lynette Christy Robert Williams Tom Joeckel	Brenda Ortiz Hellfighters
21	5:00-7:00PM	Wynne Trusy	Worship	David Gunter David Ingersoll	Estella Davis Tom Joeckel	Bill Riley Jimmie Hatchett
28	6:30-8:30PM	Kegan State Jail	Worship	Rhea Daniel David Ingersoll	Wanda Daniel Tom Joeckel	Jimmie Hatchett
29	8:00-10:00AM	Ramsey	Worship	David Miller		
29	7:00-8:30PM	Henley	Worship	David Gunter Brenda Ortiz Jimmie Hatchett	Tom Joeckel Bill Riley	Bret&Heather Dutton Susie Jackson
Dec:						
<u>Date</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Type</u>	<u>Volunteers</u>		
12	6:00-8:00PM	Wayne Scott	Worship	Robert Williams	Lloyd Digby	David Ingersoll
12	3:00-5:00PM	Plane State	Worship	David Gunter		
13	8:30-10:30AM	Wynne	Worship	Estella Davis		

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