



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

## February 2014 Newsletter

LTTL Friends and Supporters:

I pray this finds you well. And, I personally want to thank you, the supporters and volunteers of Less Than The Least (LTTL) Ministries, for the way you have responded to LTTL being asked to do more than ever in ministry to the incarcerated. It has been my privilege to serve as Director of LTTL more than two years now and God has blessed us mightily. We have been able to do more because of you and your support.

Our vision is to build a continually growing team of called and trained volunteers who bring the gospel of Jesus Christ to the incarcerated and at-risk youth. We are doing this through worship services, bible studies, classroom instruction, PALS (Prayers and Letters), study bible distribution, radio, evangelistic crusades and youth events. A numerical summary of these activities for 2013 is included below along with our current ministry schedule for February & March.

Our mandate for ministry to the incarcerated is clear (Matt 25:35-40 and Heb 13:3). We have a great mission field here in the State of Texas. And, God is blessing you and your efforts through changed lives. Thanks to all again and please keep me and LTTL Ministries in your prayers.

God bless,

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## **PALs (Prayers and Letters) Needs Volunteers**

“God loves you and there’s nothing you can do about it!” That’s the standard greeting from LTTL volunteer David Ingersoll as he hands a PALs prayer request form to each inmate. PALs, the shorthand name given to the Prayers and Letters ministry of LTTL several years ago by Buddy Griffin of Sagemont Church, matches inmate prayer needs with faithful prayer warriors who follow-up with prayer and cards or letters. David attends one or two prison services almost every week and takes responsibility for getting a prayer request form into the hands of each inmate. When asked about why he does this, David said, “I get a blessing from it and just enjoy seeing the smile on their faces when I tell them that God loves them.” And, David reports that several inmates have asked, “When is Bud coming in?”



Bud Guffey is 92 years of age and unable to go into prison units. But, he is willing and able to pray and write letters. He responds to 20 to 30 inmate requests per week. Beverly, his wife, picks up PALs prayer requests at the Sagemont Church office that have been left for him by LTTL. “I can’t get out and drive any more. This is the only way I can serve”, says Bud when asked about why he does this. In addition to praying for the inmates and families, Bud tells them how to be saved and how to tell others. He uses scripture such as John 14:6, Mat 10:30, and Rev 20:15. “Alma Goeman (known to LTTL volunteers and prison inmates as Grandma Alma) got me started in this ministry nine years ago”, says Bud. “But, Merry Jo Cecil has been at it even longer than me.”

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 being in the PALs ministry. 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.”

Perhaps these personal endorsements have stirred your interest in the PALs ministry. If so, please email or call David Gunter for additional information. (For example, David will explain how all correspondence to and from inmates flow through the LTTL ministry address.) We average about 500 prayer requests per month and really need additional prayer partners to share the load and enjoy the blessings of responding to God’s call to ministry to the incarcerated.

## **Radio: ZTeam Takes Flight**

It was during 2002, one year after Less Than The Least (LTTL) Ministries was incorporated, when an inmate appealed to Zeke Young, “We want you to do a radio program for us. We think you would do a good one.” In similar fashion to LTTL’s beginning following receipt of an inmate’s letter, this was the nudge that resulted in the radio ministry of LTTL. Zeke and Grandma Alma began a weekly program on one station (KIVY FM in Crockett) that later expanded to five stations, again in response to inmate requests as they moved to different units within TDCJ. Today the radio team of Zeke Young and Lyn Rosen, called the ZTeam, is broadcast on 12 FM stations and 10 translators reaching 32 prison units (see the broadcast schedule below). The programs are also available on the Internet.



“Thanks so much for the ZTeam radio program. I just flushed the razor blade that I was going to kill myself with down the toilet. I have a family now.” This is the chilling and amazing testimony of one inmate’s letter to the ZTeam. Radio can be a life line to inmates who are isolated from the general prison population by Administrative Segregation and beyond the reach of most ministries. Letters from inmates are received each week by the ZTeam and followed up with prayer and correspondence and Christian materials.

Zeke reflected recently, “Twelve years ago inmates planted the seed for me to start a radio program aimed at inmates. Our supporters watered this effort and God – the only One who could—gave the increase!” Now, the ZTeam is taking a new step forward.

The ZTeam, having recently been certified as a 501 c(3) organization, left LTTL effective Feb 1, 2014 in order to pursue plans for growth and expansion of the radio ministry. Zeke and Lyn shared their heart for the future of the radio ministry in the 2013 LTTL banquet testimonial booklet, “Thanks for supporting the radio ministry. But, thanks most to God for giving the increase. He always does! Praise God! Please pray for us as we expand this ministry.”

Let’s pray for the ZTeam and their radio ministry to the incarcerated as we wish them God’s speed and great ministry effectiveness for the future.

ZTeam address:           ZTeam Radio Ministries  
                                   P.O. Box 750699  
                                   Houston, TX 77275-0699

## News Items

**New Board Member** – Marc Gentine’s qualifications and commitment to LTTL Ministries were recently recognized as he was added to the LTTL board of directors. Marc leads in monthly bible studies at the Ramsey Unit and the Stringfellow Trusty Camp and works in the LTTL office two mornings each week. He also coordinated preparations for the 2013 LTTL banquet. He and his wife, Sue, are members of First Baptist Church Webster. Marc joins ten other members on the LTTL board: Mac Archer; Bob Crites, Chairman; Lloyd Digby, Secretary; David Gunter, Exec Director; David Miller; Jim Parks; Fred Sallee, Treasurer; Ron Sanford; Roger Stigen; and Kirk Taylor.

**Correspondence Course** – Brandon Warren, honorary LTTL board member and current staff member at the Southwestern Seminary extension in the Darrington Unit, has provided a correspondence course to inmates for several years. The course, called The Enlightened Prisoner Project, focuses on critical thinking, Christian world view, theology, and following Christ. Over 650 inmates are now enrolled in this course. Text books are supplied at no cost to inmates who show dedication and adequate progress through the 4-module course. Please pray for this ministry. And, it is worthy of your financial support if you are able to contribute. The address for this ministry is: The Enlightened Prisoner Project, P.O. Box 84583, Pearland, TX 77584.

## By the Numbers

	<b>2013 Summary</b>
Prison Units	21
Worship Services Conducted	141
Bible Studies / Classes Conducted	256
Inmate Attendance	23,600
Study Bibles Mailed to Inmates	248
Cards/Letters Mailed to Inmates (approx)	6,000

Radio Broadcasts (on 22 Stations)	52
3-Day Evangelistic Crusades	3
At-Risk Youth Events	1

### Ministry Finances

	2013 Summary
Expenditures	\$120,985
Contributions	\$99,112
Excess / (Shortfall)	(\$21,873)

Contributions are needed and appreciated in order to continue and expand LTTL ministries. Expenditures exceeded contributions during 2013 causing us to dip into reserve funds. **Contributions can be made on the LTTL Ministry web site or mailed to Less Than The Least Ministries, 1414 South Friendswood Drive, Friendswood, TX 77546.**

### Radio Schedule

#### Z Team Radio Schedule

2012 Expansion Stations - Kingdom Keys Network				Existing Stations			
KJRT	Amarillo, TX	88.3 FM	Tues 7:00 PM	KIVY	Crockett, TX	92.7 FM	Sun 9:00 PM
KPDR	Wheeler/Pampa, TX	90.3 FM	Tues 7:00 PM	STAR 106	Abilene, TX	106 FM	Sun 8:00 PM
KASV	Borger, TX	88.7 FM	Tues 7:00 PM	KKHT	Houston, TX	100.7 FM	Sun 9:00 PM
KVED	Vernon, TX	88.5 FM	Tues 7:00 PM	KNES	Fairfield, TX	99 FM	Sun 9:00 PM
KWAS	Red River, NM	91.3 FM	Tues 7:00 PM	KLSP	Angola, LA	91.7 FM	Varies
KJDR	Guymon, OK	88.1 FM	Tues 7:00 PM		(Prison station)		
KIJN	Farwell, TX	92.3 FM	Tues 7:00 PM				
Translators:							
	Canadian, TX	88.1 FM	Tues 7:00 PM				
	Childress, TX	88.3 FM	Tues 7:00 PM				
	Elk City, OK	88.3 FM	Tues 7:00 PM				
	Plainview, TX	91.1 FM	Tues 7:00 PM				
	Pampa, TX	91.9 FM	Tues 7:00 PM				
	Perryton, TX	91.9 FM	Tues 7:00 PM				
	Memphis, TX	91.9 FM	Tues 7:00 PM				
	Hereford, TX	91.7 FM	Tues 7:00 PM				
	Tulia, TX	94.9 FM	Tues 7:00 PM				
	Dumas, TX	106.1 FM	Tues 7:00 PM				

## Ministry Schedule

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### LTTL MINISTRY SCHEDULE

Feb/Mar 2014

Regular Events							
<b>Weekly:</b>							
<u>Day</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Type</u>	<u>Volunteers</u>			
Tue	6:30-8:00PM	Ramsey GRAD	Bible study	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			
<b>Monthly:</b>							
<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 Ingersoll	Lois Jowers	
2nd Fri	6:30-8:00PM	Ramsey	Faith Based Dorm	Dave Miller			
2nd Sun	6:00-8:00PM	Ramsey	Bible study/ Praise	David Gunter Robert Williams Lloyd Digby	Marc Gentine Lois Jowers	David Ingersoll Lynette Christy	
1&3rd Mon	6:30-8:00PM	Ramsey	Faith Based Dorm	Sam Miller			
2nd Wed	11:00AM-2:00PM	Plane State	Visit AdSeg/ Materials	Joyce Hill Sue Foshee	Dee Warren + Others	Jana Pierson	
3rd Sat	8:30-10:30AM	Stringfellow Trusty	Bible study	Marc Gentine	David Ingersoll	Lloyd Digby	
3rd Sat	6:00-8:00PM	Ramsey Trusty	Worship	Mike Boessling	Judy Boessling		
3rd Sun	8:45-10:45AM	Terrell	Worship	David Gunter	David Ingersoll	Jimmy 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	Jimmy Hatchett Kirk & Lorie Taylor bi-monthly	David Ingersoll	
Special Events							
<b>Feb:</b>							
<u>Date</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Type</u>	<u>Volunteers</u>			
6	6:30-8:30PM	Eastham	Worship	David Gunter Jimmy Hatchett	Bill Riley David Ingersoll	Estella Davis	
8	3:00-4:30PM	Plane State	Worship	David Gunter Bill Riley Jimmy Hatchett	Lynette Christy Brenda Ortiz	Bill Fry David Ingersoll	
9	7:00-9:00AM	Hightower	Worship	Lloyd Digby	Brandon Warren	David Ingersoll	
16	8:30-10:30AM	Young Medical	Worship	Mike Boessling	Judy Boessling		
<b>Mar:</b>							
<u>Date</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Type</u>	<u>Volunteers</u>			
8	12:00-2:00PM	Darrington	Worship	David Gunter	+ Others		
9	7:00-11:30PM	Ferguson	Worship	David Gunter	+ Others		
29	7:00-9:00PM	Wayne Scott	Crusade	David Gunter	+ Others		
30	8:00-1000AM	Wayne Scott	Crusade	David Gunter	+ Others		
30	7:00-8:30PM	Henley	Worship	TBD			

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