

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

February 2015 Newsletter

Dear LTTL Supporters,

I pray this finds you well. I want you to know that I am on the mend after suffering a broken leg two months ago. Physical therapy is now underway after enduring a cast for three weeks and a full leg brace for another three weeks. I was blessed to resume ministry inside the walls this past Sunday.

A big "Thank You" goes to all who stepped up and covered for me. LTTL is blessed with faithful volunteers! The inmates know that we can be counted on to show up as scheduled. And, you did not disappoint during this time as no scheduled events were cancelled.

One of the great desires I have is to see more churches and individuals involved in ministry to the incarcerated. Today I was reading about the delight of sacrifice (2 Cor 12:15). When the Spirit of God penetrates our hearts with His love, we begin to identify with Jesus Christ's interest in other people. And, He is interested in all people, including prison inmates.

"Preaching to the choir", you say? Yes, but I pray that you will take advantage of every opportunity to witness about what God has done for you and what you do with Less Than The Least Ministries. Remember to speak up because you may be the only person who has the opportunity.

Please keep me in your prayers along with all LTTL efforts to reach the incarcerated for Christ. Let's thank the Lord for faithful volunteers and financial supporters who God uses to sustain this ministry.

God bless.

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Praise Items

416 Study Bibles to Inmates during 2014! -- For several years now, LTTL has provided a study bible free of charge to prison inmates upon request. This ministry of placing the Word of God into the hands of inmates is one we feel strongly about. So, going into 2014 we purposed to place significantly more study bibles. God



blessed through regular and designated contributions resulting in 416 study bibles being mailed to inmates, an increase of 68% over the prior year.

We would like to increase this ministry again during 2015. But, we are expecting an increase in the cost of study bibles this year after enjoying a very attractive \$9.00 per copy during 2014. Postage and packaging materials add another \$4.00 per copy. Please help us maintain this ministry during 2015. You may contribute by mailing a check or by using the "Donate" button on the www.lessthantheleast.org web site. Please specify "study bibles" when making contributions.

Van Replacement Fund Grows to \$9,770 -- A fund drive was initiated last August aimed at replacement of our 1998 GMC ministry van within two years. The goal is to raise \$25,000 for a low-mileage 12 to 15 passenger van. And, faithful supporters have already contributed \$9,770!

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. 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.



We Get Letters

One of the ministry segments at LTTL is correspondence. And, this ministry reflects an earlier, maybe more interpersonal time before telephone, personal assistants, internet, and social media. That's because our primary constituents, prison inmates, don't have access to these means of communication. So, we write letters and get lots of letters. And, for LTTL supporters and volunteers who don't go into prison units, these letters provide a window for seeing how God is working in the lives of prison inmates. Some letter excerpts follow:

"I thank Jesus for leading you to my cell that day where you advised me of what I needed to help me in my bible studies so I could understand what I was reading. I have life in prison and I want to use that time which will be for the rest of my life locked up reading and learning God's Word so I can help others in prison learn of a better life with my Lord Jesus. I hope I can help someone to not come back to prison and maybe help lead them to Jesus." from the Terrell Unit

"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

"I will pray for your ministry and I ask that you please put me on any prayer list you may have. I'll be going to the TDC hospital soon to be checked because some tests indicate I may have prostate cancer. I know the Lord will use this trial to draw me closer to Him. So, I just ask for strength and patience throughout my ordeal." from the Michael Unit

"Thank you for blessing me. I pray that the Lord continues to expand your ministry so that the word can continue to set free so many more prisoners. Does your ministry offer any mail bible studies? If so, I would be interested in taking them. Thanks again." from the Hilltop Trusty Camp, Gatesville

"I'm trying to open my heart, learning to offer my body as a living sacrifice so that I may obtain the renewed mind the Word talks about. I desire with all my heart to know the power of His resurrection but first I must understand the fear of the Lord for by this one departs from evil. I pray your ministry continues to grow and is used to help thousands find the answer me and you know is in our Lord and Savior Jesus." from the Garza East Unit

"Thank you so very much for the bible! I just know that I am going to enjoy it as I love to study the Word of God and I want to use this time here as productively as possible and nothing can be more productive than studying the instructions to Godly living given by the Creator of life Himself, the Lord Jesus Christ!" from Tennessee Colony

"I thank you for all that you do for the Terrell Unit. It truly has been a pleasure to have you guys come to the unit over the past year, and I can't wait to see what 2015 has in store for us. Thank you again and may God continue to bless all that you do." from the Terrell Unit

We also receive letters from TDCJ Chaplaincy and ministry partners.

"Thank you from the bottom of our hearts for the commitment, dedication and devotion to the Lord and His children at Joe Kegans State Jail. There are no words which could adequately express our appreciation for you, your investment of time and effort, and love for the Lord that He uses deftly to penetrate the hearts of men. The Chaplaincy of TDCJ is dependent upon ministers and ministries like yours to successfully meet its mission." from Joe Kegans State Jail Chaplaincy

"I am humbled to play a very small part in facilitating the very important work that God has called you to do! Thank you for your efforts! May our Lord continue to bless you and all those involved with Less Than the Least Ministries. And may you not grow weary in well doing. You and all the recipients of our Reformation Study Bible will be in my prayers." From Account Manager at Reformation Study Bible

Be encouraged by these first hand testimonies and letters of support. We pray that all of our commitments toward prison ministry will be reinforced for God's glory as we obey his instruction to "remember those who are in prison, as though in prison with them..." Heb 13:3.

2014 Ministry Metrics

	2014 Totals
Volunteers	83
Prison Units	19
Worship Services Conducted	171
Bible Studies / Classes Conducted	216
Inmate Attendance	23,752
Study Bibles Mailed to Inmates	416
Cards/Letters Mailed to Inmates (approx)	6,250
Radio Broadcasts (on 2 Stations)	52
Weekend Crusades	3
MEGA Youth Events	1

2014 Financial Summary

	Year-end Totals
Expenditures	\$58,556
Contributions	\$69,687 *
Excess / (Shortfall)	\$11,131
Van Replacement Fund Balance (Feb 1)	\$9,770

^{*} 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)

Inside-The-Walls

Inside-The-Walls LTTL MINISTRY SCHEDULE Feb/Mar 2015

Inside-The-Wa	alls		LITE MINISTRY SC			Feb/Mar 2015
			Regular Eve	nts		
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 Tue	7:00-9:00PM	Darrington	Visit Cells	Lanny Standley Tommie Perez	Carrol Potts	Paulo Soares
2,4,5th Tue	7:00-9:00PM	Terrell Trusty	Bible Study	Ron Sanford	Lloyd Digby	
Monthly:						
Day	<u>Time</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Type</u>	Volunteers		
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	Sam 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	Jimmie Hatchett	David Ingersoll
				Bill Riley	Kirk & Lorie Taylo	_
			Special Eve		•	,
Feb:			•			
Date	Time	Location	Туре	Volunteers		
7	6:00-8:00PM	Wayne Scott	Worship	Robert Williams	Marc Gentine	Lois Jowers
12	5:45-8:30PM	Stiles	Worship	Marc Gentine	Jimmie Hatchett	
14	3:00-5:00PM	Plane State	Worship	Rhea Daniel	Wanda Daniel	Lynette Christy
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15	8:30-10:30PM	Young Medical	Worship	Brenda Ortiz	Lois Jowers	
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<u>Date</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Type</u>	<u>Volunteers</u>	DILE.	Parada Hali I. da
1	12:30-3:00PM	Kegan State Jail	Worship	David Gunter Bill Riley	Bill Fry Tom Joeckel	Jimmie Hatchett
8	3:30-5:30PM	Eastham	Worship	David Gunter Bill Riley	Jimmie Hatchett Lois Jowers	Tom Joeckel Raul Yzquierdo
27	6:00-8:00PM	Estelle	Worship	David Gunter	Lloyd Digby	John Perego
29	8:00-10:00AM	Ramsey Trusty	Worship	TBD		
29	8:00-12:00AM	Ferguson	Worship	TBD		
29	7:00-8:30AM	Henely	Worship	TBD		

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