



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

June 2015 Newsletter

Dear LTTL Friends,

I pray this finds you well and grateful for God's blessings. I want to thank all who have been praying for my wife, Shelly, who suffered a broken collar bone recently from an accidental fall. She is slowly healing and we are thankful that surgery is not anticipated. Many who knew about this accident responded with meals and financial help. We have been so blessed with your friendship and support during this time.

In the last newsletter, I told you of my desire for more churches and individuals to get involved in ministry to the incarcerated. Today I want to tell you about the great volunteers we have in Less Than The Least Ministries. You see, the heart of a volunteer is not measured in physical size, but by the depth of commitment to making a difference in the lives of others. And we have 85 big hearted volunteers in LTTL Ministries.

Some are prayer warriors who answer the letters we get. Others go inside the walls to preach, teach, sing, tell a joke, or just be a friendly face to those in white. I am so proud of these volunteers. They are the reason for LTTL being the best prison ministry in the State of Texas. May God bless each one of you and your ministry to the incarcerated.

God bless,

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Reserve This Date

Oct 8, 2015

**Annual LTTL Banquet At
Sagemont Church**

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Van Replacement Fund Grows to \$12,545

We are thankful to report that \$12,545 has been contributed to the ministry van replacement fund. 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 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. 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.



Cell to Cell

At Ramsey

“Hello Dave, good to see you again....been awhile.” Similar responses came from more than one inmate in AdSeg (Administrative Segregation) at the Ramsey Unit on a recent Tuesday night. Dave Miller visits cell to cell each week announcing an opportunity for conversation at each cell, “Hello, chaplaincy round. Would you like to talk awhile?...maybe pray about needs you have?” Most of the men there have seen Dave before and do want to talk. On this night they were glad to spend time talking and praying with Dave and his fellow LTTL volunteer.



Ad Seg at Ramsey has 80 cells. Each cell accommodates a bed, lavatory, commode, and belongings for one man who lives and eats his meals there. Time outside this small cell is restricted to taking a shower, recreation one or two times per week, and limited phone use. Worship service or bible study attendance is not allowed. Some have no family or friends who visit. So, conversation with a person from the outside is precious.

Dave, who normally visits alone, can get around to each cell in about two months. He typically starts with general conversation and moves to the spiritual. One man, Dave remembers, told him to “move on” before finding a point of interest in a later visit and then eventually agreeing to pray with him. Some have prayed to receive Christ and others have said they became Christians since last talking to him. In addition to conversation and prayer, Dave also offers study bibles from Less Than The Least and study courses from Brandon Warren when appropriate.

At Darrington

Lanny Standley, Carroll Potts, and Paulo Soares can be found visiting cell to cell in Ad Seg at the Darrington Unit on Thursday nights two times per month and have been for more than five years. Maybe you anticipated

one of my questions, “Why do you do it? “Well, God has called us to this ministry, we have been commissioned to do it in the Bible, and we get a lot back from those guys”. In particular, Lanny pointed to Matthew 25:36 and Hebrews 13:3 as the biblical mandate for ministry to the incarcerated.

“Remember those who are in prison, as though in prison with them...” Heb 13:3a.
“...I was in prison and you came to me.” Mat 25:36b

Individually or paired, these LTTL volunteers move through the Ad Seg cells spending time with those who want to talk. “The officers are helpful and want us to be there”, says Lanny, “and most of the inmates are appreciative and sincere in their conversations with us. If individuals don’t want to talk, we just move on. Only one or two have been verbally confrontational and disruptive”. And Carroll adds, “I have never felt threatened. We need to encourage the Christians there and be encouraged by them. If not us, who will do it?”

These volunteers have seen guys get saved and they have been there for inmates in the midst of great need. “One inmate we visited with had just been notified about the passing of his mother”, remembers Lanny, “and, another time we happened upon a disturbance and asked what was going on. ‘This inmate is trying to kill himself’, was the officer’s reply. So, I asked to speak to him and did.”

Conclusion

Jim Parks remembers cell to cell ministry in the early days of Less Than The Least. “We would go to Eastham, Coffield, or Ferguson for a worship service and also visit some of the guys who could not come to the service.” Later Jim visited weekly in the GRAD (gang renouncement) area at Ramsey for more than two years. “I was there to visit and talk to them....just be there. And, we would always get around to spiritual things if they would talk to me. I made friends and learned much about myself. I am still in contact with some of them today.” And, Jim saw God work, “I saw people come to the Lord; I saw Christians who would just glow and radiate as they talked about Christ. Some of those guys saw other LTTL volunteers later and said, ‘tell Jim I am a Christian now.’”

Jim is no longer able to go cell to cell due to health reasons. But, he always encourages others to consider it. “It’ll be the best thing you ever did.” And, Dave Miller currently visits alone each Tuesday night at Ramsey. He needs a ministry partner and would be happy to introduce you to cell to cell ministry. Please contact the ministry office if interested.

Ministry Metrics

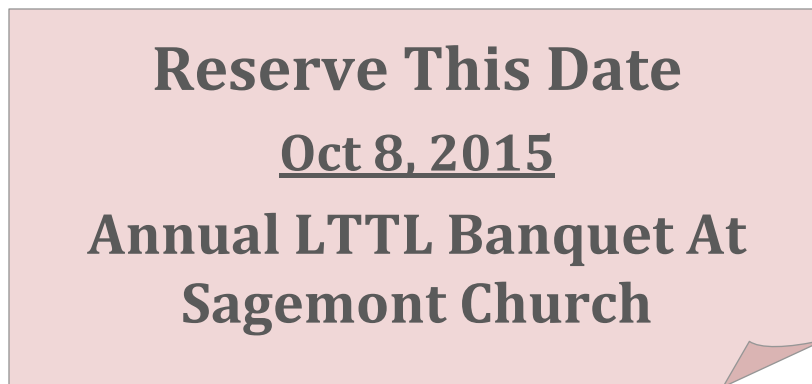
| | Jan-April Totals |
|-----------------------------------|-------------------------|
| Volunteers | 85 |
| Prison Units | 19 |
| Worship Services Conducted | 53 |
| Bible Studies / Classes Conducted | 81 |
| Inmate Attendance | 7,615 |
| Study Bibles Mailed to Inmates | 190 |
| Radio Broadcasts (on 2 Stations) | 17 |
| Weekend Crusades | 0 |
| MEGA Youth Events | 1 |

Financial Summary

| | Jan-April Totals |
|--------------------------------------|-------------------------|
| Expenditures | \$18,918 |
| Contributions | \$23,917 * |
| Excess / (Shortfall) | \$4,999 |
| Van Replacement Fund Balance (May 1) | \$12,545 |

* 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) |

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LTTL MINISTRY SCHEDULE

May/Jun2015

| 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 | Fred Newton | Charlie Wilson | |
| | | | | Roy Gage | Dick Gordon | | |
| 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 | Mac Archer | Jimmie Hatchett | |
| | | | | Robert Williams | David Ingersol | Estella Davis | |
| 2nd Sun | 6:00-8:00PM | Ramsey | Bible study/Praise | David Gunter | Marc Gentine | David Ingersoll | |
| | | | | Robert Williams | Lloyd Digby | Lynette Christy | |
| 2nd Wed | 11:00AM-2:00PM | Plane State | Visit AdSeg/ Materials | Joyce Hill | Dee Warren | Jana Pierson | |
| | | | | Sue Foshee | + Others | | |
| 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 | Estella Davis | | |
| Special Events | | | | | | | |
| May: | | | | | | | |
| <u>Date</u> | <u>Time</u> | <u>Location</u> | <u>Type</u> | <u>Volunteers</u> | | | |
| 10 | 8:00-11:30AM | Hightower | Worship | David Gunter | Jimmie Hatchett | Jim Parks | |
| 23 | 6:00-8:00PM | Wayne Scott | Worship | David Gunter | Lynette Christy | Mac Archer | |
| | | | | Bill Riley | Tom Joeckel | David Ingersoll | |
| 30 | 6:30-8:30PM | Kegan State Jail | Worship | David Gunter | David Ingersoll | | |
| 31 | 8:00-10:00AM | Ramsey | Worship | David Miller | Sam Miller | | |
| 31 | 7:00-8:30PM | Henley | Worship | David Gunter | Raul Yzquierdo | Bill Riley | |
| | | | | Lois Jowers | David Ingersoll | Brenda Ortiz | |
| | | | | Tom Joeckel | | | |
| 31 | 8:00-10:00AM | Wynne | Worship | Canceled due to lockdown. | | | |
| June: | | | | | | | |
| <u>Date</u> | <u>Time</u> | <u>Location</u> | <u>Type</u> | <u>Volunteers</u> | | | |
| 13 | 3:00-5:00PM | Plane State | Worship | David Gunter | Lois Jowers | Brenda Ortiz | |
| | | | | Bill Riley | Jimmie Hatchett | Tom Joeckel | |
| | | | | Lynette Christy | | | |
| 14 | 8:00-11:30AM | Hightower | Worship | Jim Parks | Mike Boessling | Judy Boessling | |
| 20 | 5:00-7:00PM | Wynne Trusty | Worship | TBD | | | |
| 21 | 8:30-10:30AM | Young Medical | Worship | Mike Boessling | Judy Boessling | Brenda Ortiz | |
| 26 | 6:00-8:00PM | Estelle | Worship | TBD | | | |