



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

March 2016 Newsletter

Dear Friends of Less Than The Least (LTTL) Ministries,

I am so thankful for God's blessings on LTTL Ministries. As you will see in this newsletter, 2015 was a special year in many ways.

For example, you may have heard that we recently purchased a van to replace the old 1998 ministry van. Your giving during 2015 completed the funding for this debt-free purchase. And, the Lord allowed us to mail 756 Study Bibles to inmates during 2015. Every month the requests for Study Bibles seem to rise. So please pray that we are able to keep up with the demand. There is no better part of our ministry than putting God's Word into the hands of those searching for Him. The Lord also blessed us in starting the very first regular worship service at the Terrell Expansion Unit. What a blessing! And, what a response from the inmates. Praise God!

I want to thank all volunteers of LTTL and all who support us. May God continue to bless each of you and this ministry, His ministry, to the incarcerated.

God bless,

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FCA Youth Event
Pasadena Memorial High Gym
With Dr. John Morgan
Join Us - April 6, 6:30PM
Host: Fellowship of Christian Athletes
Sponsors: Hellfighters Motorcycle Group,
Less Than The Least Ministries

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Van Replacement – Done!

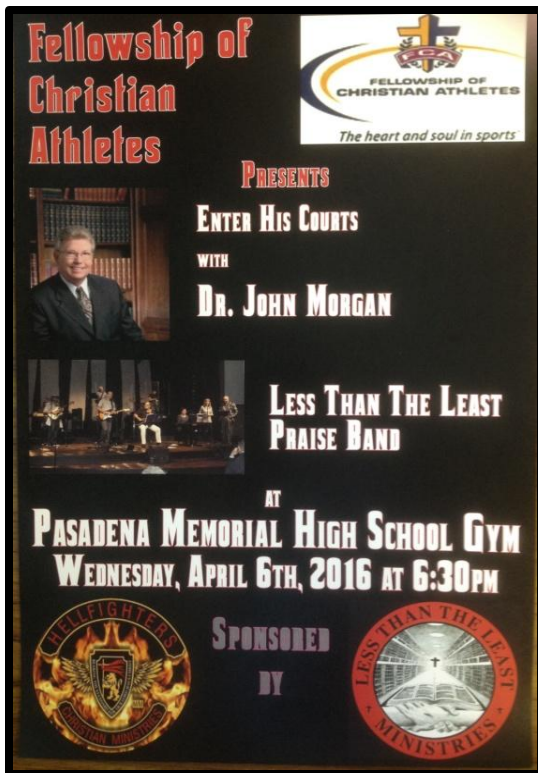
It's a done deal! The fund drive begun in August 2014 and aimed at providing reliable transportation for our ministry volunteers has concluded with success.

Fred Sallee, our Treasurer, announced it in a Feb 9 letter to supporters: "On February 3rd, the Board of Directors voted to purchase a replacement van for the ministry. We were providentially led to a 2014 twelve passenger Ford van with only 36,400 miles on it. We were able to pay cash and take possession of it on the 4th, and have already used it to take our ministry volunteers to conduct services at the Wynne Unit."



Ministry volunteers average eight events per week inside prison units and 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 and usually to the more distant units and always with groups of volunteers. We should now have reliable transportation well into the future.

Sincere thanks go to our faithful supporters. Fred expressed it well in his letter: "Many have come to faith in Christ this year (2015) as result of your prayers and your faithful and sacrificial giving! We pray that in your quiet time, you will feel the LORD's pleasure for all that was done for men and women throughout the Texas Department of Criminal Justice Units we touched with your support. There is no greater calling than seeking the lost and making disciples. So please keep all of us at LTTL in your prayers first and foremost."



"Enter His Courts" – April 6 FCA Youth Event

Less Than The Least (LTTL) Ministries along with the Hellfighters Motor Cycle Group will lead in the "Enter His Gates" Fellowship of Christian Athletes youth rally at the Pasadena Memorial Gym on April 6 at 6:30PM. The LTTL Praise Band will lead in worship through music and Dr John Morgan will speak.

LTTL has conducted youth events for years in schools and churches with ex-inmates giving testimonials and challenging young people to live for Christ and make good life decisions related to such things as drugs, alcohol, and gangs. This event will include praise music by LTTL, a challenge to youth from the Hellfighters, and a sermon by Dr Morgan.

Please come out and join us for a great evening of worship in music and the Word. Invite the youth in your family and your church. Please make the youth leaders in your church aware of this rally. Everyone is welcome....young and old.

2015 Ministry Highlights

Equipping Inmates

"I'm writing to thank you for caring the way you do," writes Mark. "God is so amazing the way He uses his children to love others. You went way beyond what I could have even thought possible by donating this beautiful Les Paul Epiphone, which plays like a dream."

One of the great privileges we enjoy at Less Than The Least is the opportunity to promote the ministry of inmates to other inmates. This includes enabling inmates to minister in worship services and bible studies. It includes giving ex-inmates the opportunity to go back into prison to do ministry. And, it also includes the renovation of prison chapels and donation of equipment needed for worship and training inside the walls. Over the years, LTTL has helped many different prison units to be better equipped for Christian ministry and 2015 was no exception to this legacy.

During 2015 LTTL's donations of sound equipment, musical instruments, and musical instrument components went to six different prison facilities – Terrell, Terrell Expansion, Wynne Trusty, Stringfellow, Wayne Scott, and Ellis. This was a great blessing to inmates at these locations and resulted from LTTL supporters and volunteers working together for God's glory.

Mark's letter continues, "God working through you has inspired me to devote my life to Christ in a much deeper way. I choose to pay it forward in the same way your ministry has been doing. I give Him all I have. I just want to be used by God...in a way that impacts people's lives."

Inside-The-Walls

"It will never happen!" That was the reply from an inmate at the Terrell Expansion Facility to the comment that a monthly worship service was starting soon. This reaction reflected past disappointments with such plans. But, there was no disappointment this time as LTTL began a monthly worship services on the 3rd Sunday in January 2016 with 95 in attendance. Instead of a daunting effort by inmates and TDCJ staff that is required for inmates to cross over to the main unit to attend a worship service, now the worship service is right in their facility.

This was just one of the great blessings that came about inside-the-walls during 2015. As you will see in the ministry metrics below, we conducted over 400 events inside-the-walls last year, averaging eight events per week with over 23,000 in attendance. This was possible only because of faithful volunteers and faithful financial supporters.

And finally, LTTL has a reputation with inmates concerning our inside-the-walls ministry, "LTTL always shows up." That is, we try very hard to never be a "no-show." We take this reputation seriously. And, with God's help, we try to maintain it.

Study Bibles

2015 was a record year as we mailed 756 Study Bibles free of charge to inmates who requested them. This was possible only because of regular offerings to LTTL along with special offerings designated for Study Bibles. Placing God's Word into the hands of the incarcerated makes a lasting impact. Just one such example follows. This testimony provides inspiration for all of us to support this ministry.

"On 12/19/2015 I lost my mother to her battle with cancer and was denied emergency absence for her memorial service. She was my best friend. My grief had gotten a hold so strong, and regardless of my prayer and meditation, I had turned to complete darkness and thought how I could end my life. Through continued pray your Jpay email was received and hope began to resurface. A few days later, this amazing Bible arrived and saved my life. I was led to specific grief scripture and just bawled with adoration for the Lord. I love it! Thank you so kindly."

Conclusion

The ministries of Less Than The Least were truly blessed by the Lord during 2015. Our volunteers shared in this blessing along with the inmates to whom we ministered. We hope that you as a supporter of LTTL will also share in this blessing of the Lord and rejoice in how he has used LTTL to minister to the incarcerated. Please pray that LTTL will remain faithful during 2016 and enjoy God's continued blessings.

Ministry Metrics

	2015 Totals
Volunteers	85
Prison Units/Camps	22
Worship Services Conducted	173
Bible Studies/Classes Conducted	247
Inmate Attendance	23,444
Study Bibles Mailed to Inmates	756
Radio Broadcasts (on 2 Stations)	52
Weekend Crusades	1
MEGA Youth Events	2

Financial Summary

	2015 Totals
Expenditures	\$66,203
Contributions	\$76,854 *
Excess / (Shortfall)	\$10,651
Van Replacement Fund Balance	\$19,170

* 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 Ingersoll	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 Expansion	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						
Mar:						
<u>Date</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Type</u>	<u>Volunteers</u>		
12	6:00-8:00PM	Ferguson	Worship	David Gunter Bill Riley	Jimmie Hatchett	David Ingersoll (Darrington graduate delivered sermon)
25	6:30-8:30PM	Estelle	Worship	David Gunter Jimmie Hatchett	Tom Joeckel Michael Gunter	Ray&Wanda Daniel Bill Riley
Apr:						
<u>Date</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Type</u>	<u>Volunteers</u>		
6	6:30PM	Pasadena Mem HS	Youth Event	David Gunter Robert Williams	Michael Gunter Bill Evertts	Lynette Christy John Reyna
9	3:00-4:30PM	Plane State	Worship	David Gunter Bill Fry Brenda Ortiz	Lynette Christy Jimmie Hatchett Bill Riley	Maria Erlewein David Ingersoll Raul Yzquierdo
23	7:00-9:00PM	Wayne Scott	Worship	TBD		

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