

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

May 2014 Newsletter

Dear Less Than The Least Friends and Supporters,

I pray this finds you all well. We at LTTL are getting ready for revival. I can feel a change within TDCJ as God's Spirit moves within its walls. And, God has blessed us to be a part of that. LTTL is leading in revival services at the Stringfellow Unit this weekend, May 2-4. I am so excited to have Pastor Brett Dutton of Magnolia Creek Baptist Church in League City and adjunct professor at HBU and S. W. Seminary serving as preaching minister for these services. We also have the Hellfighters Christian Motorcycle Club of S.E. Houston bringing their motorcycles into the unit and leading in cell-to-cell visitation. Please pray for this special ministry effort.

We at LTTL Ministries are proud to sponsor Pastor John Morgan's radio program, *The Sound of Freedom*, on two FM stations and on our web site. For some inmates, radio is the only outside communication they have. We are working to expand our radio ministry, so please keep this in your prayers. We encourage you to go to LTTL's web site, click on radio, and listen to one of Pastor Morgan's programs.

Also, you are invited to join us on Facebook and "like" our page. You'll find feedback posted right after many of our prison services and you can also see where we are going next. And, invite your friends to "like" our page and follow our ministry. Please keep me and LTTL Ministries in your prayers.

God bless,

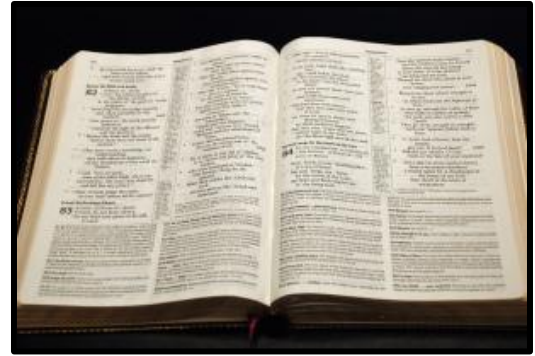
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Study Bibles for Inmates: A Gift That Matters for Eternity

"I'm in desperate need of a bible. I've been having to check one out weekly from the library but would really enjoy having my own to study and make notes", writes an inmate from the Henley Unit. And, after receiving his new study bible at the Eastham Unit, another inmate writes, "I thank you more than I can express for the study bible you sent me. This is the best Christmas present I've ever had! I received it on Dec 24, 2013, Christmas Eve. I've never had a bible this nice; I never even owned one until I came to prison. This is the best!"



This correspondence echoes a steady stream of letters coming to LTTL from prison inmates with requests for study bibles. For more than five years now, LTTL has honored such requests with the gift of a study bible. And, as the news spreads word of mouth, more requests come to us asking for a copy of God's word. During 2013, LTTL mailed 248 study bibles to inmates at a cost of just over \$3000. We want to significantly increase these numbers during 2014.

Fred Sallee and Dave Miller, LTTL board members and ministry volunteers, provide the dedicated time and due diligence required to keep this ministry on track and responsive. They procure the study bibles, confirm the names and locations associated with the requests, check and update records that document the requests (Note: Inmates are limited to one study bible.), package and mail the study bibles, and email a message via JPAY to the inmates that a study bible has been mailed. Over the years several different translations (NIV, NKJV, KJV, ESV) and types of study bibles (MacArthur, Apologetics, Amplified, Reformation, Spanish) have been provided at a cost ranging as high as \$30 per bible. Currently we are able to provide the Reformation Study Bible with its word-for-word ESV translation for approx \$13 per bible including packaging and postage. This low unit cost for placing a quality study bible into the hands of an inmate is only possible because of special prison-ministry pricing from the publisher and Fred and Dave's volunteer time.

Being convinced of the great value of this endeavor, we would like to see this ministry grow as hearts are touched to request God's word and other hearts are touched to provide funds. If you agree, please consider contributing to the study bible ministry. As more designated funds come to LTTL for study bibles, our ministry volunteers can be more proactive in making study bibles available to inmates. Just consider the sampling below of the need for and blessings of this ministry and then respond as God leads.

"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

"Thank You, Thank You, Thank You!!! For the awesome study bible you guys sent me. It's truly a blessing to have. You'll never know how blessed we are by your continued obedience to God in visiting and serving those of us behind these prison walls!" from the Wayne Scott Unit

“The guys here on the Eastham Unit said ‘write Less Than the Least, they’ll send you a good bible!’ If this is true I’d be thankful to get one. If this was false information, it’s ok. But I don’t ever count short God or His people.” from the Eastham Unit

“Currently I am here at the Henley Unit in SAFFP (Substance Abuse Felony Program.) I have had difficulties understanding my current bible (KJV). I have borrowed a friend’s bible here and it explains things so much better and is easier to read. I am writing you to request one of these wonderful bibles.” from the Henley Unit



“I do not have a study bible. I have been trying to get a New American Standard or easy read bible. I am in AD SEG (Administrative Segregation) 23 hours a day locked down due to being a gang member....well, and ex-gang member. So I have nothing but time on my hands.” Unit name withheld

In conclusion, be encouraged by the testimony below from another inmate which shows how God is using this study bible ministry along with other faithful Christians in order to reach souls for Himself and grow them.

“I received the Reformation Study Bible you sent. Thank you so much. I love it. It will be put to good use. I’m doing Brandon Warren’s correspondence study and this bible will help. I decided that since I love God with all my heart I need to learn more about Him and His will for me. The only place to do that is by studying His word. I’ve only been a Christian for eight months. Before that I was a pagan practicing witchcraft. For two years I was the leader of the Wiccan community here at the XXXXX Unit. Three years ago I met a woman through correspondence. She is a Christian. She knew what I was but never judged me or condemned me. She never pushed me because she felt the Holy Spirit urging her to be patient, show me Christ’s love, and pray. She was obedient. I began to see something inside her that I lacked. I didn’t know what it was but started asking questions. I realized I needed something more. I went in and talked to my chaplain and he told me about Christ. The Holy Spirit was really bearing down on me. I realized all the sins in my life and asked Jesus to forgive me and be Lord and Savior over my life. My life has never been the same.” Unit name withheld

News Items

Radio -- L TTL is pleased to present *The Sound of Freedom* with Dr John Morgan each week on FM radio stations in Fairfield and Abilene, TX. (See the radio schedule below.) These broadcasts cover several different prison units and have been sponsored by L TTL for several years. But now in addition, each of the weekly broadcasts is posted on the L TTL web site (www.lessthantheleast.org) for access at any time. Radio is an important communication channel for prison ministry as it reaches into prison areas that are out of reach for many ministries. Listen to a broadcast on our web site today!

Stringfellow Revival – Please pray for the upcoming Stringfellow Unit Revival scheduled for Friday and Saturday night (6:30-8:30) and Sunday afternoon (2:30-4:30) May 2-4. Cell-to-cell visitation by ministry volunteers is also scheduled for Saturday afternoon. In particular, pray for the inmates of Stringfellow and the leaders of this special ministry emphasis:

TDCJ Chaplain	Lettie Watkins
Preaching Minister	Dr. Brett Dutton, Pastor of Magnolia Creek Baptist in League City
Music Minister	David Gunter Sr, LTTL Exec Director
Music	Stringfellow Unit Band
Cell-to-Cell Visit Lead	Hellfighters Motor Cycle Group of SE Houston

Facebook – All Facebook users are encouraged to follow LTTL ministry activities through regular reports and pictures posted after many of our ministry events inside the walls. Be encouraged! And offer your encouragement to ministry volunteers.

Ministry By the Numbers

	1Q2014 Summary
Prison Units	15
Worship Services Conducted	40
Bible Studies / Classes Conducted	53
Inmate Attendance	5,547
Study Bibles Mailed to Inmates	121
Cards/Letters Mailed to Inmates (approx)	1,650
Radio Broadcasts (on 2 Stations)	13
Evangelistic Crusades	1

Ministry Finances

	1Q2014 Summary
Expenditures	\$16,311
Contributions	\$11,425
Excess / (Shortfall)	(\$4,887)

Contributions are needed and appreciated in order to sustain and grow LTTL ministries. In particular, we want to increase the number of study bibles mailed to inmates during 2014. **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

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)

Ministry Schedule

Inside-The-Walls

L TTL MINISTRY SCHEDULE

Apr/May 2014

Regular Events							
Weekly:							
<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			
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	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/Praise	Marc Gentine	David Ingersoll	Lloyd Digby	
3rd Sat	6:00-8:00PM	Ramsey Trusty	Bible study/Praise	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							
Apr:							
<u>Date</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Type</u>	<u>Volunteers</u>			
6	8:30-10:30AM	Wynne	Worship	David Gunter Kim Williams	Estella Davis Bill Riley	Jimmy Hatchett	
12	3:00-4:30PM	Plane State	Worship	David Gunter Aaron Ausmus	Brenda Ortiz Lynette Christy	Brett&Heather Dutton David Ingersoll/L Dig	
19	7:00-9:00PM	Powledge	Worship	Service cancelled due to schedule conflict			
20	8:30-10:30PM	Young Medical	Worship	Mike Boessling	Judy Boessling	Brenda Ortiz	
26	12:00-2:00PM	Darrington Trusty	Worship	Service cancelled due to lockdown			
May:							
<u>Date</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Type</u>	<u>Volunteers</u>			
2-3	6:00-8:00PM	Terrell	Revival	David Gunter Bill Fry	Hellfighters Carl Miller	Brett/Heather Dutton Jimmie Hatchett	
				Plus 5 to 10 other volunteers			
4	2:30-4:30PM	Terrell	Revival	Same as above			
3	5:00-7:00PM	Wynne Trusty	Worship	Jimmie Hatchett	Estella Davis	David Strong	
11	7:00-9:00AM	Hightower	Worship	David Gunter	+ Others		

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