



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

November 2014 Newsletter

Dear Fellow Christians,

I pray this finds you well. I want to take this time to wish you all a happy Thanksgiving Day and also a great Christmas. We have much to be thankful for including family, friends, church, and especially our salvation through Jesus Christ. No matter what this season brings, know that God is with each and every one of us “who love God....and are called according to His purpose.” (Rom 8:28)

For years now, I have worked in prison ministry with Less Than The Least Ministries sharing God’s love with inmates and youth as the Lord has directed. People sometimes ask why I am in prison ministry, genuinely not understanding why I would invest so much time in ministry to prison inmates and seemingly implying that these people are not worthy of God’s Love.

I am reminded when I encounter this response that we are all prone to the ranking of sins and sinners, forgetting that all have sinned and have come short of the glory of God. We seem unwilling to believe that the blood of Christ can cleanse any repentant person from any sin. As Christians we should be eager to share God’s love and grace with everyone.

We need to pray, “Dear Lord, help me to forgive even as you have forgiven me. Amen!” May God bless each and every one of you and may God’s spirit shine in all of our lives.

God bless,

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Fund Drive for Ministry Van Replacement

“On the road again; just can’t wait to get on the road again.” These lyrics from the pen of a certain Texas song writer describe the itinerate life of a performer. They also apply to the LTTL Inside-The-Walls ministry as volunteers fan out several times each week going to prison units in the area around Houston, Huntsville, and Beaumont. Volunteers use personal transportation at personal expense for many of these trips. 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.



From August 2013 through July of 2014 repairs totaling \$6,000 were required to keep the van on the road. When the work was completed the mechanic told us to expect 2 to 3 years of reliable service. Based on that knowledge and the van’s age (1998 GMC), the board of directors initiated a fund drive in August aimed at replacement of the van within two years. We anticipate the purchase of a low-mileage 12 to 15 passenger van for approximately \$25,000. And, faithful supporters have already contributed \$7,795.

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. Either way, please specify “van replacement” when making contributions to this fund drive.

Annual Ministry Report

LTTL recently provided an annual ministry report to our supporting churches for the time period from Oct 2013 through Sept 2014. We are glad to provide this report to all LTTL supporters and volunteers.

Ministry Report Oct 1, 2013 – Sept 30, 2014

Highlights

This has been a year of growth and change for Less Than The Least (LTTL) Ministries. We have enjoyed God’s blessings and all the glory belongs to Him. Some ministry highlights follow:

- **Volunteers** – People continue to respond to the call of God for ministry to the incarcerated. Currently LTTL has 83 volunteers, 26 ladies and 57 men. This includes 15 volunteers who joined us over the past year.
- **Study Bibles** – LTTL provides study bibles free of charge to inmates who request them. After mailing 248 bibles during 2013, we purposed to significantly increase the number this year. Increased contributions have allowed us to provide 367 study bibles to inmates over the last 12 months.
- **Weekend Crusades** – LTTL continues to provide worship services and bible studies at approximately 20 different TDCJ units. We have now added weekend crusades to the mix. These are Friday, Saturday, Sunday events at prison units which include three worship services and cell-to-cell visitation on Saturday. Five crusades were conducted over the past 12 months with a total attendance of 2,513.

- **Cell-to-Cell Visitation and Small Study Classes** – Bible studies and cell-to-cell ministry have long been part of LTTL’s work thanks to faithful volunteers who respond to God’s call. Recently we have been able to increase both ministries as volunteers have stepped up at Ramsey and Terrell in Rosharon.
- **Radio** – Since March LTTL has been pleased to provide access to “The Sound of Freedom” broadcast by Dr John Morgan, Senior Pastor at Sagemont Church, on the LTTL web site (www.lessthantheleast.org). We also pay for its broadcast on radio stations in Abilene and Fairfield. And, we have been working with KHCB radio for several weeks concerning broadcast of this program on the KHCB network, which would reach the four prison units in Rosharon and many others in Texas and neighboring states.
- **MEGA Youth** – A new opportunity for ministry to youth has opened up at the Harris County Youth Village near Clear Lake. An event with music and testimonials is scheduled on November 8 for twelve LTTL volunteers to minister to approx 80 boys and girls ages 12 to 17 who are residents there while going through a mandatory program. This event may lead to ministry opportunities at other youth facilities in Harris County.

These highlights are drawn from the ministries of LTTL in several different ministry segments. This ongoing, week-to-week activity inside and outside the walls is reflected in the ministry segment statistics below.

Ministry By the Numbers

	Oct 1, 2013 – Sept 30, 2014
Volunteers	83
Volunteer Hours	10,853
Prison Units	19
Worship Services Conducted	167
Bible Studies / Classes Conducted	221
Inmate Attendance	24,682
Study Bibles Mailed to Inmates	367
Cards/Letters Mailed to Inmates (approx)	6,600
Radio Broadcasts (on 2 Stations)	52
Weekend Crusades	5
MEGA Youth Events	2*

* Includes Harris Co Youth Village event scheduled for Nov 8.

Conclusion

We are encouraged by the response from inmates across all LTTL ministry segments. We are seeing hearts moved by the Holy Spirit as the Word is shared and decisions are being made for salvation and rededication. Inmate attendance in LTTL classes and services reached almost 25,000 over the last 12 months and more were reached through correspondence and radio.

Two financial challenges face us in addition to funds for ongoing operations: (1) having enough funds for a responsive study bible ministry and (2) replacement of the ministry van within the next two years. Study bibles make a lasting and enduring impact in the lives of inmates and we need to still grow that ministry even more. The existing van is 15 years old and is on the road to prison units each week. The fund drive balance for replacement of the van has exceeded \$7,000. Approximately \$15,000 is still needed.

We appreciate the faithful supporters of Less Than The Least Ministries. We are thankful for God’s calling and provision for this ministry in the past and trust Him for the future.

Finances

	Jan-Oct 2014 Summary
Expenditures	\$51,484
Contributions	\$59,237*
Excess / (Shortfall)	\$7,753
Van Replacement Fund Balance	\$7,795

* Includes contributions for van replacement.

Contributions are needed and appreciated in order to sustain and grow LTTL ministries. **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

(Please see the next page for the Inside-The-Walls ministry schedule.)

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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 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:						
<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	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	Mike Boessling		
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		
4th Sun	5:00-7:00PM	Ellis	Worship	David Gunter Bill Riley	Jimmie Hatchett Kirk & Lorie Taylor bi-monthly	David Ingersoll
Special Events						
Nov:						
<u>Date</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Type</u>	<u>Volunteers</u>		
1	6:00-8:00PM	Wayne Scott	Worship	David Gunter Bill Riley	Carla Jones Jeremy	Tom Joeckel
8	6:00-8:30PM	Harris Co Youth	Worship	David Gunter Tilman Dural Lois Jowers	Carl Miller Tom Joeckel Robert Williams	Rhea&Wanda Daniel Lynette Christy Lloyd Digby
9	7:00-11:30AM	Ferguson	Worship	David Gunter Jimmie Hatchett	Bill Riley	David Strong
30	7:00-10:30AM	Hightower	Worship	Brandon Warren	Lloyd Digby	Jim Parks
30	8:00-10:00AM	Stiles	Worship	David Gunter Jimmie Hatchett	David Strong	Bill Riley
30	7:00-8:30PM	Henley	Worship	Estella Davis	Brenda Ortiz	Lynette Christy
Dec:						
<u>Date</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Type</u>	<u>Volunteers</u>		
7	8:00-10:00AM	Wynne	Worship	David Gunter	Estella Davis	+ Others
13	3:00-4:30PM	Plane State	Worship	David Gunter	Brenda Ortiz	Taylor&Hanna Lonsford
14	8:00-10:00AM	Styles	Worship	TBD		
21	8:30-10:30PM	Young Medical	Worship	Mike Boessling	Judy Boessling	Brenda Ortiz