



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

September 2015 Newsletter

Dear LTTL Volunteers and Supporters,

I pray this finds you all well. Here it is, September, and our annual banquet is quickly approaching. I am pleased to tell you that Pastor Wade Owens, Mission / Teaching Pastor at Sagemont Church, will be our keynote speaker when we gather on Oct 8 at Sagemont Church. You'll find additional details concerning the banquet below. I hope you will make plans to join us.

As you know, the LTTL annual banquet raises funds that help us operate all year. Please pray about LTTL and see what God lays on your heart. If you are unable to attend and cannot afford to contribute, I just ask that you pray for us. LTTL is so blessed to have prayer warriors who keep us lifted up. Can we count on you?

I am so thankful for the work LTTL Ministries is doing for those in white and for all the volunteers that make up LTTL Ministries. We are growing in number of volunteers and in what God is asking us to do. We could not do this work without you. Your prayers and support keep us going. I want to say thank you and God bless you.

God bless,

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Annual LTTL Banquet

Oct 8, 2015

6:30-9:00PM

Sagemont Church

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[Make plans to attend the 2015 LTTL Banquet on Oct 8 at Sagemont Church.](#)

Thursday evening, Oct 8 promises to be a great time of fellowship and encouragement for LTTL guests, volunteers, and supporters. The 2015 LTTL Banquet will be at Sagemont Church with doors opening at 6:30PM. We'll enjoy food from Ernie's and music by the LTTL Praise Band. The theme for the night is "Free



Indeed". Pastor Wade Owens, Missions / Teaching Pastor at Sagemont Church, will be our keynote speaker. Individual seats are \$40 and tables are priced at \$400, \$600, \$800, and \$1,000 depending on supporters' desired level of support to LTTL Ministries. Also, some items will be offered in a silent auction including an acoustic guitar built by an inmate. Please make your plans to attend. You can purchase seats or tables on the LTTL web site (www.lessthantheleast.org) by using the "Donate" button and specifying the purpose of the donation. Or, you may mail a check to the ministry office or call.

[Ladies In White – Part 1](#)

Less Than The Least (LTTL) Ministries is about sharing the gospel of Jesus Christ with the incarcerated. Every time we go inside the walls of a Texas prison, we are reminded once again of man's sinful condition and our calling to minister to those who are suffering from sin's consequences in a very tangible way. And, when we enter a prison for women, the heart strings are pulled even more seeing the ladies there in white. LTTL volunteers are privileged to minister on a regular basis to these ladies at Plane State Jail and Henley in Dayton and Carol Young Medical in Dickinson. This is part 1 of a two part spotlight on our ministries there.

[Worship Services](#)

Bi-monthly worship services lasting 1.5 to 2 hours are conducted at each of these three units. Praise music and a gospel message are always included and a testimony from an ex-inmate is not uncommon. Bill Riley speaks frequently at Plane State and Henley and brings his 80+ years of wisdom and humor to bear as he first gives them a lift, "This is every man's dream....to be in a room full of fine looking women." The crowd of 200+ at Plane State roars and claps as Bill proceeds to share his testimony and the gospel message.

Lynette Christy plays keyboard in these services and counsels with the ladies during and after the response time. "Many of them are so young. I am glad we go to meet the special needs of these women. They need to know that somebody cares and loves them. They need the gospel. I pray that we do or say something that will keep them from returning to this place."



"The first time I went into Plane State I was just blown away by how they worship", says Heather Dutton. "The women experience such freedom in worship. Many can hear the Word maybe for the first time and they just

hang on every word. We really need to pour out the love of Jesus on them. Tell them ‘there is hope; you are not forgotten; we love you because He loves us’.”

Brenda Ortiz gives her testimony regularly at Plane State, Henley, and Carol Young. And, she considers it a special privilege because this is where she spent time as an inmate. “Going back is a dream come true,” exclaims Brenda. “I learned how to worship at Plain State. I was healed of my crack habit at that chapel at Plane State. I remember Zeke and Grandma Alma coming to minister to us and Mike and Judy Boessling.” Brenda says she wants to give the ladies hope. “They have experienced a terrible life...sin, drugs, and all the things that go with it. They now realize all they have lost. They see someone make it on the outside and they want to do the same. I tell them, ‘start your ministry now.’ I started a prayer ministry inside, praying with fellow inmates.”

Following the praise music, testimony, and presentation of the gospel, many ladies respond. And, these LTTL volunteers are there to counsel and pray with them.

AdSeg Visitation

Joyce Hill started prison ministry in the 1970’s with her husband, Rev Billy Hill, and hasn’t stopped since. And, she started ministry at Plane State Jail with Grandma Alma many years ago and hasn’t stopped there either. For three hours every 2nd Wednesday she and up to six other ladies can be found visiting, encouraging, and equipping ladies at Plane State with the Word of God and also with craft materials and resources to meet personal needs and promote spiritual growth.

Typically, they see about 160 ladies and have opportunity to speak with individuals and groups in the clinic, incoming inmate pods, and AdSeg (Administrative Segregation). Her strategy, “I dress with color and take in God’s light.” And, she rejoices that “God always gives me words to say....’God knew you before you were in your mother’s womb and He has a plan for you.’ God does amazing things. Most of the women are glad to talk. Some are asleep or pretending to sleep but they still get the Word.”

Conclusion

The needs of incarcerated women are great and our opportunity to minister to them is just as great. As you can see, our volunteers are dedicated to meeting this need. But, we need to do much more. If you sense a call to respond to this opportunity for ministry, just contact our ministry office. And, look for part 2 of this ministry spotlight in the next newsletter. It will describe LTTL’s indigent care, PALs, and study bible ministries to ladies in white.

Ministry Metrics

	Jan-August Totals
Volunteers	85
Prison Units	21
Worship Services Conducted	107
Bible Studies / Classes Conducted	161
Inmate Attendance	15,248
Study Bibles Mailed to Inmates	421
Radio Broadcasts (on 2 Stations)	35
Weekend Crusades	0
MEGA Youth Events	1

Financial Summary

	Jan-August Totals
Expenditures	\$37,604
Contributions	\$44,131 *
Excess / (Shortfall)	\$6,527
Van Replacement Fund Balance	\$15,370

* 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

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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 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 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		
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 Bill Riley	Jimmie Hatchett Estella Davis	David Ingersoll

Special Events

Sept:

<u>Date</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Type</u>	<u>Volunteers</u>		
6	8:00-12:00AM	Ferguson	Worship	David Gunter Bill Riley	Jimmie Hatchett David Strong	Tom Joeckel Raul Yzquiero
12	6:00-8:00PM	Wayne Scott	Worship	David Gunter Tom Joeckel Lanny Standley	Lynette Chisty Carrol Potts John Pote Jr	David Ingersoll Bill Riley
20	8:00-10:30AM	Kegan State Jail	Worship	David Gunter Jimmie Hatchett	Bill Riley Tom Joeckel	Henry&Shawnda Boutte David Ingersoll
27	8:00AM-2:30PM	Stiles	Worship	Rhea Daniel	Wanda Daniel	

Oct:

<u>Date</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Type</u>	<u>Volunteers</u>		
4	8:00-10:00AM	Wynne	Worship	David Gunter	+ Others	
10	3:00-4:30PM	Plane State	Worship	David Gunter	+ Others	
16-17	7:00-9:00PM	Terrell	Crusade Service	David Gunter	Dr Brett Dutton	+ Many others
17	11:00AM-5:00PM	Terrell	Visitation	David Gunter	Dr Brett Dutton	+ Many others
18	8:45-10:45AM	Terrell	Crusade Service	David Gunter	Dr Brett Dutton	+ Many others
31	12:30-3:00PM	Kegan State Jail	Worship	David Gunter	+ Others	