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EVANGEL PRISON MINISTRIES

Black & White Banquet

We are preparing for our first annual Black & White Banquet. The Banquet date is March 20th, but the place of the event has not been finalized.

This is our fund raiser for the crusades (on the yard cookouts) in the prisons across Kentucky (10) and two in Indiana.

In Matthew 4:19, Jesus said, *“Follow Me and I will make you fishers of men.”* That’s what we are – fishers of men! This is a mission field here in the U.S.A. The food we serve is the bait that is put on the hook (the preaching of the Gospel) to bring souls into the Kingdom of God. Only about 20% of the inmates will come to the chapel. These “on the yard” events are an opportunity to reach the other 80% with the Word of God.



The Gospel is Free, but...

The means to get it to those that need to hear the Good News takes time and money. The expenses for the crusades in 2010 will be approximately \$20,000. That may seem like a lot of money – but we can’t put a price tag on a soul (or souls).

We are asking \$350.00 per couple, which will cover the cost of the banquet (\$50) with \$300 going toward the \$20,000 needed for the crusade expenses.

Pastor Bob will be the emcee and we will have music and a guest speaker. As you listen to the crusades explained, you will begin to see your money at work for the Kingdom of God. Come join us!

Nadine Daugherty, Director

Your Personal Invitation From Pastor Bob

Dear Friend, I want to extend a personal invitation to you to attend the Black and White Banquet sponsored by Evangel Prison Ministries. I am honored to serve as the Master of Ceremonies for this special event.

The prison ministry is doing an outstanding job through various outreaches to those currently living behind bars. We have a unique opportunity and season of time to impact them with hope for a better future grounded on the truth of God’s Word. It takes all of us working together, whether through personal involvement or financial support, to get the job done. I hope you will join me at the banquet and I look forward to seeing you there.

May God bless you and your family in every way as we begin this New Year.

Sincerely, *Pastor Bob Rodgers*

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Christmas Stocking Project Report

To All Concerned, I am writing to thank you for the Christmas Stocking project conducted by your ministry and other Christian faith communities. The Christmas stockings were given to the inmates' children at the conclusion of their visit with their fathers incarcerated in my own prison, Luther Luckett Correctional Complex (LLCC).



As chaplain of LLCC, I supervised this annual program and believe that it is one important way to share the love of God with the inmate's children, victims in their own right of their father's behavior. The Christmas stockings that were filled with small gifts were surely a sign of grace to these children, reminding them of the love of Christ in the midst of their confusion, frustration, and uncertainty.

I commend the many volunteers and churches involved in this outreach.

Reverend Casey Heilman, Chaplain

Christmas Stockings at KCIW

I just wanted to say thanks for all your help in putting together the stocking projects. Because of your donation of stockings, coloring books, crayons, gloves, stuffed animals and candy—we were able to make over 300 stockings.

There were enough stockings to be passed out during all four days of holiday visiting! Also because of your generosity, we were able to pass out your donated Children's Illustrated Bibles on Christmas Day!

Thank you for your generosity and support. May God truly bless your ministry.

*Kenny Talbott, Chaplain
Kentucky Correctional Institution for Women*

2009 Christmas Stocking Project in Lexington

Dear Nadine, I just wanted to give you a report on our Lexington 2009 Christmas Stocking Project.

Surprisingly, we were able to stuff 340 stockings with toys, small clothing, books, snacks, school supplies, dental supplies, etc.

Two hundred and fifty stockings went to the Fayette Co. Detention Center and ninety to the Blackburn Correctional Complex (State Prison).

Ten churches participated in the collection as well as many individuals.

I hope you and EPM have a very blessed New Year!

*--Grace Perreiah, Volunteer at
Lexington/Fayette Co. Detention Center*

Join With Us for Prayer & Fasting

Join with us on Mondays as we fast and seek God's help & direction for the Prison Ministry. It can be a full fast, a half fast or whatever the Lord lays on your heart. The important thing is that we all do something.

Come join us, in prayer, every Thursday from 11:00 a.m. to noon in the sanctuary at Minors Lane. We need to come before God and ask forgiveness for ourselves and for our nation. The crises we are facing today as a nation is not just political—it is a **spiritual crisis**. The churches across the USA have become like the Laodicean church in Revelations—**Lukewarm**. It's time to repent and "turn around." It's time to put God's Word above our will.

Come join us in prayer for our nation—our churches—our family—ourselves.

It's time to prepare and get ready for—*the return of our Lord & Savior Jesus Christ.*

Recent Inmate Thank You Notes

Praise God! This course, “Praying in Faith” kept me up some nights till 3-4 in the morning—each study package is better than the last—and with each chapter I feel closer and more loved by God. I have always wondered in my 65 years if I was praying correctly. Now I have added so much more to my arsenal—satan keeps trying to invade my mind—but with my new ‘tools’, he will never break into my heart and soul again! Thank you and God bless you! *[He’s the father of an inmate who also takes our courses!]*

—*Carmine V., San Jacinto, CA*

You probably hear this a million times a day, but I wanted to say thank you. Thank you so very much for blessing me with your Bible study course and helping me to hear and learn about God’s Word. This being the Christmas holiday season, it is especially hard to keep the faith at times and to remember that there is hope in our troubled world. 7 Steps to answered Prayer was just what I needed and at just the right time in my life! I want so much to hear the Creator’s Voice speak to me and guide my life! Please send more Bible studies. Thank you so very much.

—*Michael B., Lisbon, OH*

This study has built up my faith and strengthened me spiritually. Thank you so much. Before I got your study I was in a depressed mood. I lost a loved one recently, but God has gave me so much comfort in my heart that one day I’ll be with them in eternity to serve our Lord Jesus Christ. I got your study and it made my heart sing! God bless you.

—*Regina A., Riverside, CA*

I am a new Christian and have been blessed by this wonderful study. I couldn’t put it down once I got started. I loved the characters in this study and can’t wait to receive the next one. Thank God that there are ministries out there like Evangel. I appreciate all the time and effort you put into making this study possible for guys like me.

—*Paul M., Eddyville, KY*

Hi. I just wanted to tell you all I was inspired so much in doing your 5 part Christian Life Study Course that I recommended it to a few other Christian fellows in here. I’ve got to say what a wonderful set of studies you have. I’ve gotten a lot out of doing your studies so far and look forward to doing them all, if I may. I believe God has sent me to you because He already knew that there was something about your studies that would give me some good inspiration on learning some good stuff. I would like to say thank you to all of you who make this possible in bringing a great study to those who are incarcerated and sharing the good news about being saved and finding the Lord, giving them a new life with God. It sure opened my eyes to a lot of things. Thank you all very much!

—*Michael A., Burlington, CO*

I truly love your studies. They are a lot different that a lot of the other studies I’m involved in, not that the other ones are bad or anything, they are great. But your studies are unique and I so enjoy them as I receive them. I’m looking forward to doing all of them before I’m released in September of 2010. Again, thanks and God bless!

—*Clifford S., Hopewell, VA*

I felt the Trinity throughout this whole study! Lots of tears, praising God, thanking Jesus and enjoying the things the Holy Spirit is teaching me. Thanks so much and praise God for ya’ll! P.S. My son, the 4th, would like to be enrolled and receive your studies. He’s my cellie, also. Here are his name and information. Thanks!

—*James C., III, Henning, TN*

This study has truly made me feel blessed beyond my knowledge. It has encouraged my faith and I’m still growing and learning humility on a minute by minute basis. I know I cannot do this my way—nor on my own. I humbly thank God for my blessings I have today. I want to continue learning how to walk with God and listen to His promises and His word. I thank you for these lessons, they are powerful in my life right now. I thank God for them!

—*Richard B., Williamsport, PA*

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*Failure never relieves us of the
responsibility to serve!*

**A short prayer will
reach the
Throne—if you
don't live too far
away!**

NEEDS:

1. **Christmas Stocking Project Coordinator.** Has God been dealing with you about this? You can help make a difference in the lives of children that sometimes have very little or nothing. Call today for more info.
2. **Assistant.** Person is needed to assist Pam Wilhite, Intercessor Coordinator. Can work at home.

Pen Pals Still Needed!

Pray about becoming a pen pal!

The Pen Pal Ministry is an opportunity to be a friend to that person that may not have anybody else to write to them. When mail call comes – how special it is to hear your name called and know that somebody does care!

We have over **350 inmates** on our wait list who are anxious for someone to write to. Some of these have been waiting six months to a year. Most inmates on our wait list are Christian and just want someone to open up to and someone to pray for them or are open to learning about God and ask how they can become a Christian.

This is a great opportunity to be a soul winner!

You can fill out the application on our website www.evangelprisonministries.org or contact our office and let them know that you are available for the Lord to use you. Heb. 13:3 “Remember those who are in prison as if you were their fellow prisoner.” AMP) God will abundantly bless you!

The prison ministry office is located in the lobby across from the sanctuary at Minors Lane. **We can be reached Mon-Fri, 10:00—4:00. If you get the voice mail, then leave a message and your call will be returned.**

—Paula Pearson, Pen Pal Coordinator
plpear7@yahoo.com

Volunteers

Are you **retired** and looking for an opportunity to volunteer your time to the Lord's work?

Here in the Prison Ministry Office you have several opportunities

1. If you have secretarial skills and computer knowledge, you are needed to help *Nadine*.
2. If your skill is using the telephone, you can help Linda with phone calls.
3. If you have a heart for children and a call of God in this area—there are several areas with the inmates' children where we need your help.
4. Is your gift fund raising? We need a dedicated fund raiser—or fund raisers—to GO OUT and talk to businesses and raise funds for the ministry to the children and for the crusades.
5. There are several other areas where help is needed. Call and get more information.

Come join us as we continue to be about our Father's business!