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EVANGEL PRISON MINISTRIES

Black & White Banquet



We are having the Black & White Banquet March 29th, 6:00 PM @ Minors Lane fellowship hall. The speaker will be Kevin McKnight.

This event (along with the Ladies Brunch) is our fund raiser to support the 'On the Yard' events in the prisons and youth centers, the Christmas concerts, the Christmas card give away at LLCC, Christmas for the Officers at Eddyville, Christmas give-away bags at Blackburn & Madison Adult Center, and Christmas bags at the Metro jail for the women and one walk for the men.



These events take a lot of work and prayers, but the rewards are great. Just by us being there with a small gift really touches their hearts, and enables us to give them Christian material and to pray for them. God works in mysterious ways, doesn't He?

These events are a mission field in our own back yard, especially the 'On the Yard' cookouts. Come join us at the Banquet and be a part of what God is doing through EPM.

Call 964-3304, ext 1227 for more info.

Thanks and God bless,

Nadine Daugherty, Director

Thank you (For giving to the Lord)

Many, many thanks for helping make the stockings, Bibles & Coats possible with your prayers and support.

Again, there were approximately 7,000 stockings given to inmates' children with the help of churches and individuals in Louisville, LaGrange, Mt. Washington, Shepherdsville, Lexington, Bardstown, Crestwood, E-town, Southern Indiana, and many other areas. Some stockings came from as far away as Florida.

We were able to supply 450 Bibles (comic book style) that were given out at seven prisons – 1 per family. 175 coats were picked up by Chaplain Burnelle (Lee Adjustment Center) for the Appalachian Mt. Project 'Coats for Kids'. There was not enough coats. This year (2014) we are asking you to purchase a coat, cap & gloves, package of underwear, package of socks or a pair of shoes. If each one of us would provide one item, I believe we could fill the need. Our team will be going up and spending 3 days to help deliver the gifts. They will be going into 5 counties – Estill, Lee, Wolfe, Owsley and Breathitt.

Your prayers are needed to make this a success.

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Christmas Day at Audubon Youth Center

Christmas day is considered by many to be the most wonderful day of the year especially for children. This is a day when families and friends are gathered together to exchange gifts, have dinner, and extend love to one another.

But, for many Christmas day is not the most wonderful day of the year. As a matter of fact, it is bittersweet. On Christmas day there are Service men and woman, separated from their love ones, who are longing for a letter, a special package, or maybe even a call from home. There are homeless men, women, and families hoping for a hot meal and a warm place to sleep on Christmas day. There are adult prisoners, male and female, desiring a visit from their loved ones. And, then there are the children who are a part of the prison system in this country on Christmas day. I am not referring to the children of the inmates, but the children who are locked up. On Christmas day, these children find themselves waking up in a state or federal institution with no family. All these individuals are God's creation.

On the news reports and commercials we hear the world saying, "Seasons Greetings", or "The Holiday Season." Christians say, "Jesus is the reason for the season." So, if this is really what we Christians believe, shouldn't we be doing what the Word of God instructs us to do in Hebrews 13:3 ESV "Remember those who are in prison, as though in prison with them, and those who are mistreated, since you also are in the body." As a result, we must remember those in prison even on Christmas day. The Word of God says in Matthew 25:36 ESV "I was in prison and you came to me." So, even on Christmas day we are to be Representatives of Christ and servants of the Lord to all of God's creation.

On Christmas day December 25, 2013 volunteers from Evangel's prison ministry were at Audubon Youth Development Center as Representatives of Christ and servants of the Lord. The volunteers were there to share the love of God with the youth (all males), who woke up Christmas day in a state institution for teens. Regardless of what they have done, they are still children with broken hearts and wounded souls. They are someone's child, and they were fearfully and wonderfully made by God.

Evangel's Prison ministry volunteers arrived at Audubon on Christmas day at 9am. The volunteers began to prepare a Christmas feast for the youth, consisting of fried chicken, honey baked ham, green beans, macaroni and cheese, mashed potatoes, a tossed salad, dinner rolls, an assortment of cakes, pies, and peach cobbler. We set up tables and the food buffet. Also, one volunteer was dressed as Santa, and another was dressed as an Elf.

All children, toddlers and youth, want to open a special gift on Christmas day. As a result, the youth received a special gift from Evangel's Prison ministry. They received the gift of the Word! As the teens entered into the gym, Santa handed them a wrapped gift, their very own Action Bible. The Action Bible gives 215 narratives of the Bible's historical flow of events in chronological order using a compelling blend of writing and dramatic illustration. A great Bible for teens.

The atmosphere was peaceful and joyful as the volunteers served the youth their food and fellowshiped with them. Youth from Evangel Etown blessed everyone with live music as they ate and fellowshiped. As the time together came to an end, many of the young men graciously thanked the volunteers for coming out.

The volunteers left Audubon at 2pm that afternoon. The volunteers expressed how they were not just a blessing to the young men, but it was a blessing for them to be able to serve. The volunteers didn't have to leave their own families on Christmas day, but they wanted to represent Christ and show the love of God to those in prison on that special day. Evangel's volunteers really did show that, "Jesus is the reason for the season!"

A few weeks later a package was delivered to Evangel's Prison Ministry office. The package contained beautiful thank you cards and drawings from the young men and staff of Audubon Youth Development Center. One of the cards expressed how, "The visit from the volunteers was something very special for our kids and staff. We've never had any group actually come in and volunteer and share their love on Christmas. Your kindness is greatly appreciated."

--K. Shauntee, Volunteer

Christmas at Luther Luckett

Once again we had the privilege to celebrate Christmas with Luther Luckett Correctional Facility. Our ministry team was able to minister to the inmates in a special way during this time. Once we arrived, we unloaded boxes of hot chocolate and snacks, which we would share with the inmates throughout the night.

We had such an anticipation of what God was going to do in the heart and lives of each inmate. Our first joy of the night was walking outside Christmas caroling. We went from dorm to dorm and sang in the prison yard as the inmates walked outside to listen. We were so blessed because not only did they listen, but they sang along! At one point, they even surprised us and sang a Christmas song for us. What a blessing!

After singing from dorm to dorm, we then went into the Chapel where we sensed God's presence there in such a powerful way. Each inmate was able to enjoy hot chocolate and snacks as some of our team lead worship songs in the Chapel. What an excitement when the inmate praise team took up their instruments and began to sing and worship right along with our team. We watched as they lifted their hands and sang to the Lord with all their heart. Such smiles of joy on their faces! Words can't even describe the atmosphere in the room! What an honor it was to be able to speak into the lives of these men and offer them hope during the holiday season. We truly are seeing a transformation take place in the lives of these men! All glory to God!

--Kim Lutes, Worship Leader

Recent Inmate Thank You Notes

Thank you for this study. I am a 50 year old man and honestly, I didn't know anything about the Nobel prize other than hearing someone get presented with it. Now to know the real story behind it is amazing and if you stop and really think about what Lincoln said, it is great to know we can learn from things people said a hundred or even thousands of years ago. I continue to praise you and the staff there at Evangel Prison Ministries. As I sit in my cell tonight, rereading the material and info in this study, I can't help but think of how my words and attitude in the past caused so many of my problems. I pray that one day I can meet someone like you who is truly sincere in their beliefs and convictions, and can establish a lasting and strong relationship through God. In Christ's love, David.

—David Shepherd, Amarillo, TX

This Bible study series has had a profound impact on how I view/do my prayers and fellowship. It has been a true blessing being able to do these lessons. I'm getting a better understanding of who I am as a person, and what I can do to become even better under God. The deeper I get into your courses, the stronger I feel getting closer to God. I know this is not just for me, but also a way for God to be able to get closer to me. Thank you so much for your help, and I look forward to more.

—Michael Ledesma, San Diego, CA

I really felt conviction while doing this study. In fact, I will be sharing this with a dear friend who is on the woman's death row. I feel it is important to tell you that prior to my conviction, I was a 'first responder' and thought I was on top of the world. I was not. I didn't have time for God, did not know Jesus, and I cheated on my wife many times, resulting in losing my family and incarceration. But these courses have blessed me and opened my eyes to new things. Thanks and God bless you all.

—Dennis Decker, Tehachapi, CA

The most important thing I learned from this study is that it reinforced what I already know about needing to control my tongue better. For such a little thing, it sure gets me into trouble sometimes. I like how this lesson emphasized the need to think positively, then speak in a positive manner. It sure is hard to do in prison though.

—Charles Snooks, Petersburg, VA

Thank you guys again for sending me the Bible study. I really enjoyed it and am looking forward to the next one. I would like to wish every there an early Merry Christmas. Sadly enough this will be my 4th Christmas away. But I am thankful to have Christ in my life again, it is such a joy that my eyes water. I was a gang member for 14 years and now I am happy to say that I am a Born Again Christian. Thanks and God bless!

—Jorge Miramontis, Anadarko, OK

Dear Evangel, thank you for starting me on my Bible studies! I have had a struggle all my life with trying to live for Christ...but I am really giving it all I've got this time. Each day I try to learn something new and to grow spiritually, mentally, and emotionally. I know God has a purpose for my life, and it's up to me to find out what that is exactly. Any materials you can send would be deeply appreciated. Prayers would also be deeply appreciated. I hope God will continue to bless you all, and your ministry. So many forget us in prison, and the people like you all of the world is truly a blessing for us, from God!

—T. Cantrell, Eddyville, KY

It is a blessed privilege and rewarding opportunity to be able to study the Word through your ministry correspondence courses. I look forward to the next lesson. Also, I just wanted to thank you as well for such kindnesses as including a self addressed postage paid envelope for me to return my completed lessons. I pray you and yours are mightily blessed this holiday season. Happy Holidays and happiness always. Praise God! He changed my life. I have a peace, a joy, and a hope like never before. If He will do it for me, I am convinced He will do it for ANYBODY! Respectfully, Your brother in Christ,

—Joseph Hutcheson, Huntsville, TX

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Matthew 25:34-40**



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COATS FOR KIDS APPALACHIAN MOUNTAIN PROJECT

Each year EPM collects new and slightly used coats to take to Eastern Kentucky to give to kids in need of a warm coat. This year, Sandy Brooks and I had the privilege of going with Chaplain Brunelle and his wife to homes in Eastern Kentucky. It was such a blessing to us to bless the kids. We went into homes that you would think no one lived in. Most kids lived with their grandparents. There is such a need down there, I'm sure that if given a choice between a new toy and a coat, they would choose the coat. We ran out of coats in bigger sizes. We also drove to an apartment complex where families came out to us when they heard we had a coat giveaway.

It was an experience I will never forget. That was my Christmas, giving to those in need. "Whatever you do for the least of these, you do for Me," said Jesus.

—Terry Carroll, Volunteer



LADIES BRUNCH

Our Ladies Brunch Fundraiser will be June 21st @ 10 AM, Minors Lane Campus Fellowship Hall.

Come join us for fun and ministry as we auction off hats and handbags.

Call 964-3304 ext 1227 to reserve your table or individual seat.



TRAVELING ON YOUR KNEES

I want to share with you a poem I read recently:

Last night I took a journey, to places you never see

I didn't go by car or plane, I traveled on my knees

I saw so many people there in bondage to their sin

And Jesus told me I should go, that there were souls to win

But I said, "Jesus, I can't go to prison & jails that I will never see

He answered quickly, "Yes you can, by traveling on your knees."

Remember – there but for the grace of God – go we.

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