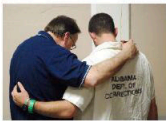


# Changed Lives Ministries Newsletter Aug./Sept./Oct. 2009



**"Go forth today, by the help of God's Spirit vowing and declaring that in life---come poverty, come wealth, in death---come pain or come what may, you are and ever must be the Lord's.. C.H. Spurgeon**

**Ohio Men's Prison News** - Belmont Correctional (near Wheeling, WV) we continue to hold "Alcoholic for Christ" meetings both in the camp and at the main prison. This program provides an outstanding support group for those who have lived lives of addiction while allowing us to share the Gospel with inmates who would not normally go to a chapel service. Belmont is the largest of the Ohio prisons with 2,800 plus inmates. Our work there is in partnership with We Care, a large prison ministry based in Alabama. Jim Slingland is our volunteer helper and instructor. At Belmont, we offer courses on Biblical Living and various other Bible Studies two days a week. These programs are well-attended. At **North Central Correctional**, we're teaching classes on Sexual Idolatry and advanced classes such as "13 Biblical Characters". Some of the men there have attended Changed Lives courses for over four years! That's Discipleship! Also, my church (FBC Spencer) holds regular religious services there on a bimonthly basis. Blessings abound! Carey Carona helps me instruct the classes there at N.C.C.I. My brother Mike continues to teach at **Trumbull Correctional**, he just finished teaching the course on Sexual Idolatry and is beginning the advanced course on "The History of Christianity". **Noble Correctional** is making the transition to a short term inmate facility and I'll be contacting them soon to see how we could be of service there. We've had good programs with them in the recent past, and I would like to see the ministry there continue. I've also enjoyed holding bimonthly church services at **Allen Correctional** (Rev. Ken Boozeman is Chaplain there). Thanksgiving Eve I'll be in **London Correctional** with John Schmid for a special service. I'm looking forward to that! (If John remembers to invite me.) 😊

**Ohio Women's Prison News** - Just before leaving to go South and then West, I held a Wednesday evening service at **Trumbull Women's Prison** (minimum security) and that was one of the most Spirit-filled evenings I have ever been a part of! Those ladies came to worship! Several professions of faith and numerous commitments to dedicate their lives to Christ were made. (Since then, one of those ladies has been released and will be sharing her testimony at our church on Sunday, Nov. 1st.). Sunday, Oct. 18th I had another awesome service at **ORW** (Ohio Reformatory for Women). Chaplain Rhonda Harris had the chapel full and got the evening started in a powerful way! It was a Spirit-filled night! If I had to guess, I would say there were more than 300 women in attendance that night and numerous professions of faith were made. God is good! I pray they will have us back again!

**Ohio Juvenile Center News** - We've begun a Thursday night Bible Study at **Indian River Juvenile Facility** headed up by Clint Fauss (Victory Baptist- Lodi OH) , Matt McHenry and Keith May (both from FBC Spencer). FBC Spencer has also "Adopted a Unit" there, meeting with 35 young men (juveniles) on a Saturday evening once a month (where they are housed) for Bible study and fellowship. Some of the folks involved with that include Matt McHenry, Scott and Brenda Lee, as well as some members from the Christian Motorcycle Assoc. ....and myself. Gadget Brooks, who is the Vista Coordinator there, has described this ministry outreach as "active and awesome".

**Mission Conferences** - I attended mission conferences at Milledgeville Baptist Church in Milledgeville, TN - Pastor James Dukes and Charity Baptist Church- Pastor Tim Gordon in Brookhaven, Mississippi. At both conferences I met some wonderful people and was truly blessed.

**Prison Ministry Banquet Speaker** - I shared my testimony in Kansas, Oklahoma and Missouri for Gospel Echoes. While in Oklahoma, I shared during a Freedom Rally at Jackie Brannon Prison, McAlester, OK. This year, I've visited prisons in two new states, Florida & Oklahoma!

**Texas** - Missionary Mark Gostlin isn't the only one who gets to visit Paris. While in Paris (Texas), 😊 I visited with Nick and Robyn Williams and their family of four (3 boys and 1 girl). Nick was Youth Pastor at FBC Spencer, and Robyn recorded some beautiful songs on our Changed Lives CD volumes 1 and 2. They are a real blessing to me and to this ministry! I hope to visit their church in Texas soon.

**Georgia** - **Valley Rescue Mission** Hamilton, GA I taught a series on "The Ten Commandments" and how they can be applied to overcoming an addictive, self-centered lifestyle. Of course, the Gospel was preached! Tim Remaley is the Director there and a good Brother!

**Alabama** - My New residence is at 100 Church St. Repton Alabama...I've been there all of one day so far, but I'm really looking forward to working as a missionary Chaplain for the **Life Tech** prison facility, Thomasville, AL the first of next year. Lord willing!

Once again, inmates at N.C.C.I.(especially their chapter of the NAACP) has come through with three new bikes for African pastors in Kenya. Throughout the classes taught at the prison, we stress the importance of seeing the needs of others before your own. It's so good to see men in prison put this into practice, not just to give as the world gives, but to give out of their need that the world may hear the Gospel and be changed!

### Ministry Needs

During my prison years, I learned a little bit about boxing and how many times the proper move is opposite the instinctive one. For instance, when someone throws a punch at you, the best move is to step into the punch, so that you're inside the reach of the blow and you can deliver a blow of your own. I've learned in the ministry, when the devil thinks he has you backing up, you take a step forward in faith. God's ways, many times, are opposite our ways. Hold on to your life, and you'll lose it. Give it away, and you'll receive it. In today's economy, we want to hold on to what we have, but God still wants us to give. This ministry needs your help to keep going. We're in need of Bibles for the juvenile ministry. I'm in need of tires and shocks for the ministry car. We're in need of monthly supporters and donations. Please consider giving. We need you still.



**These "Get Out of Hell Free" Monopoly cards are ministry tracts in great demand all over! We've passed out thousands!**



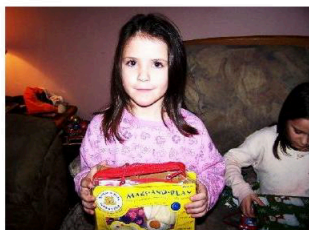
Kenyan Pastor and his new bike!

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**Angel Tree - Is Here!**



What is Angel Tree? Angel Tree is sharing the love of Christ at Christmas. It's about reconnecting parents and their children; children whose parent(s) is/are incarcerated, and who would normally be forgotten during this special time of year. This past summer I lost a very special helper, Marilyn Kidd. However, I'm sure that my loss is Heaven's gain. But if she were here, Marilyn would be urging all of you to take part in this wonderful Christ-centered ministry! I'm looking for volunteer churches and individuals to help with deliveries and financial gifts. We have 50 children again this year. I pray it's the best year yet!