

His Love Ministries

NURSING HOME, JAIL, AND PRISON MINISTRY

A Ministry Dedicated to Reaching out to those the World has forgotten

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Volunteer Testimonials

My experience this last year and half has been one that has brought me so much closer with God. Marty and His Love Ministries has been so effective in bringing those people who have hope to a level of faith that they too can change with the help from the Lord. The ministry has lifted my faith, service, and commitment to carry my experience, strength and hope to those who are in need. In this last year I have met so many people with so much love for the Lord. There is so much to gain in doing Prison ministry to help grow your own relationship with Jesus. I pray that the Lord will keep my enthusiasm alive for the love of helping others. I truly believe that without Ministries like His Love Ministries, our prison systems would be full of hate and resentment. I always look forward to our church services that we take to Coastal State. There is never a service that you cannot feel the presence of the Lord being worshiped. I appreciate the opportunity to be a part of that.
Steve Farley

What do I think of the ministry?

I think it is the only real hope and love that a resident at Westview NH sees. There is a sense of hopelessness and powerlessness and when they see God's love through a birthday card they are just amazed that someone would take the time to tell them they are loved. This ministry is vital to spread hope to those who feel there is no hope.

What are you doing?

I visit the residents with birthday cards a couple of times a month. It gives me a chance to meet the resident and try to meet the need of their heart by telling and showing them that Jesus loves them. There are a couple of upcoming projects that we are excited about that will involve the youth of my home church Jasper Springs. We hope to make Christmas cards for each of the residents and for the children to sing for the residents at Christmas time. Another important campaign will be for throw blankets for the most needy residents. Many of them have literally nothing to call their own and this would give them warmth and God's love at the same time.

The impact it is having on people?

There is a very positive impact within the Birthday card ministry. I think it also provides hope to the workers at Westview. They are very interested about what is going on when I am there and they always help me to make sure that each person who is on my list will have a chance to see God's love. I have seen tears of joy when receiving these cards. Lots of hugs. That is definitely a positive spirit filled impact.
Sara Hall

2006 Ministry Accomplishments



I would like to give praise to our wonderful Lord and Savior who has allowed this Ministry to be the instrument used in at least 477 professions of faith so far in 2006.

- Had Business Cards printed so men can come by the Sav. Baptist Center after release or write me if they need help with personal matters.
- Started handing out Beginning the Race materials to help disciple new believers, it includes our address so they can contact us
- Started a weekly Bible Study at Coastal State Prison
- Sara Hall started giving out Birthday Cards and making personal visits for us at Westview Nursing Home in Port Wentworth
- Kenny Grant started helping us conduct services on Saturday, Monday, and Wednesday at the Jail
- Continue to expand the Kingdom and the ministry by training & mentoring men who can preach and teach
- John Ortman. took over our NA program at CMTC so we could start a Bible Study at Coastal on Thursday's
- Provided over 410 Bibles for the men in the Prison and Transition Centers
- Counseled and prayed with over 100 men about specific problem areas in their lives this year
- Conducted a July 4th Program at Sav. & Coastal Men's Correctional Transition Center
- Preached the morning services at First Baptist Church of Rincon in August
- Preached at First Baptist of the Islands in August
- Preached at Quacco Baptist Church in September
- Spoke to Morningside Baptist Church Senior Adults about our Ministry in September
- Referring released inmates to the Old Savannah City Mission for their year long program to help ease men back into society
- Helping guys who have been released from Correctional Facilities with food and clothing in conjunction with the Sav. Baptist Center.
- On Mission since December 1997
- 330 professions of faith in 2005, 403 in 2004
- 487 Correctional Services a year at 5 different facilities
- 120 Nursing Home/Assisted Living Services at 7 facilities

We still need people who will support us on a monthly basis. All we ask is that you consider giving at least \$10 a month. We are still about \$3,400 behind for the year.

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Testimonials

I've been a Pastor for about 20 years and I have tried to be involved in jail ministry for all of those years.

I feel very strongly about justice received for crimes done, but I also feel just as strongly that the grace of God can reach anyone, anywhere, and at anytime.

Many times a person can hear God in their adversity when they cannot hear Him in their prosperity. I know that God has spoken into the lives of many people while they have been incarcerated, moreover, He has spoken very deeply into their lives. I am a committed member of the "His Love" family, and I thank the Lord for it's ministry into the lives of those who are incarcerated.

Pastor Kenny Grant
Christ Community Church at Morningside

Dear Mr. McKenzie, (and other ministers for His Love)

I just wanted to thank you again for coming to Westview every 2nd Sunday and ministering to our residents. It means so much to our residents when people from the community come and show they care as you do. I also wanted to thank you for arranging that special visit by the church with the puppets earlier this year. It was great. Please remember us if they come back again.

Sincerely,

Leigh Johnson
Activity Director

How little did I realize early in 1991 what God was doing in my life when he first called me to the ministry! I for one did not realize that it would be a 6-½ year process before I would ever preach my first message on October 4th, 1997. I also did not realize it would be another 6 years before I was able to do what God had called me to do on a full time basis. Looking back I see God's hand in everything that happened to get me to where I am today. I was like Moses, saying who me; you want **me** to preach? But God knew what He was doing; He was using the weak things of the world to confound the wise. It took God's mighty hand to get me to the place where I was usable. When I was a child, I hated those oral book reports because you had to go up front and speak in front of the whole class. I dreaded them from the time I knew we had to do one, until it was over, then I would realize I would have to do one again soon and it would start all over again. I remember all of the struggle and difficulty my wife and I went through to come to the decision that God was really calling me to preach. Of course I think she knew long before I realized it. I finally came to the place that in spite of all the bad advice I got and

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obstacles that were placed in my path that I said God, I do not want to miss out on your best for my life. If that was what He wanted me to do, then I needed to do it. I realize even in these circumstances God was working out His will in my life. Genesis 50:20 says "But as for you, you meant evil against me; but God meant it for good, in order to bring it about as it is this day, to save many people alive. It was 1997 when I felt led to go the direction of the Jail/Prison Ministry and a good friend of mine gave me the name of a person to call that he said might be able to help. I called and got the name of a part time Chaplain at Effingham Prison. I called him on a Tuesday and he said could you come this Sunday. I really got nervous about it and asked him could I call him back on Thursday and let him know for sure. I was not sure I could even come up with a message by then, as I had never preached but one message and that took quite awhile to put together. Well, I immediately went to work on a message. Thursday came and I called him back to say yes, I would be there. On Sunday, I left the house about 2:30 because it took about an hour to get there. I was scared to death as I drove over the old Bay Street Viaduct, not because it was the prison, but because I had to speak in front of people and I did not even know how many would be there. I remember turning the radio over to BBN 89.5 and the announcer was saying it is not your ability God wants, but your availability. That was just what I needed to hear at that moment. I arrived and preached that first Sunday December 13th, 1997, and when I felt the power of God as I spoke, I knew this was what I was supposed to do. I don't remember much else, but I remember that hour it took to get to Effingham seemed like an eternity, but I must of flew home, because I was on cloud nine and it seemed like it only took about 5 minutes to get home. Almost nine years ago on December 13th, 1997 His Love Ministries began, even though I did not realize it at the time. This was just the beginning of God doing great and mighty things in my life and the lives of others. It all began with just an ordinary man that was afraid to speak in front of groups. Just remembering all of this brings tears to my eyes as I remember once again, we are all nothing without God and He chooses to use us in spite of who we are and what we have done. Remember what God said to Gideon, He called him a mighty man of valor while he was hiding. God does not see who we are, but who we can become. So, maybe you are such a person today that says I can't do anything for God because I have no ability or talent and look what I have done in the past, just remember, God doesn't want your ability, He wants your availability. No matter what anyone else says, if God has called you to do something Biblical, you go ahead and do it, because God opens doors no man can shut and shuts doors no man can open (Rev. 3:6). If He has called you, He will enable you do what He called you to do. Consider helping **us** as God leads you and if you cannot go, please give. We need your help.

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