

and beyond

LIBERTY BEHIND BARS MINISTRY

Sending Church: Black Creek Baptist Church

JULY 2024 NEWSLETTER

The Spirit of the Lord GOD is upon me; because the LORD hath anointed me to preach good tidings unto the meek; he hath sent me to bind up the brokenhearted, to proclaim liberty to the captives, and the opening of the prison to them that are bound (Isa 61:1)

Isa 40:31

But they that wait upon the LORD shall renew their strength; they shall mount up with wings as eagles; they shall run, and not be weary; and they shall walk, and not faint.

Greetings! My goodness it's August already! It sure has been a busy last couple months since our last letter.

In May we preached at a meeting in King Ferry, NY and was ecstatic to hear that a man that I have been working with that has been in and out of prison and an addict, got saved at this meeting! He was baptized at the end of June and has relocated to Allegany County and attends our home church. He has traveled with me to several meetings and the changes in his life are amazing. Thank you folks at Anchor Baptist Church and Bethel Baptist Church for your involvement and working this man! Please continue to pray for him and his walk with the Lord.

In July we attended our home church's meeting and saw a great work of God. Several people have made good professions of faith in Jesus Christ and we look forward to seeing them grown in the knowledge of the Lord.

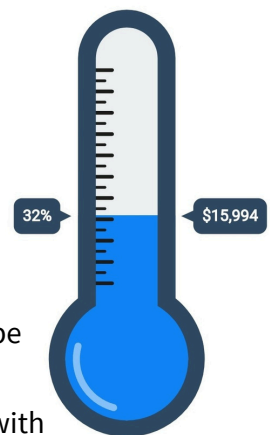
Amy and I took a short trip in July to Lake Placid to celebrate our 20th anniversary! All odds were against us when we married. But God... He has done amazing things in our marriage and family these last 22 years and we want to give Him all the glory for it!

After our 3 day break - the Lord has called us to be in meetings ever since. As of today we are in our 4th week of meetings and we have 3 more to go. The Lord has given stamina and strength for this. The Lord has met many needs of the ministry through these meetings. We have several new churches that we will be presenting the ministry and ask that you pray that they would consider financially supporting the ministry.

GOAL: \$50,000

A Place of Refuge Update

We have encountered some backlash from the town with regards to opening the woman's home. However, there are more silent supporters than not. We are still waiting for the electric to be turned on in order to do some improvements to the inside of the home. We have done a lot of cleanup and tree removal on the outside of the home and it looks marvelous. We do have an estimate for a new forced air furnace that we would like installed by October. Please continue to pray for the funds to be available. We have most of the home furnished with kitchen items, beds, dressers, kitchen table/chairs, and other furniture. What a blessing that these items were donated! We are working with an attorney to work out the legalities of having guests in the home as NY has stringent "squatter" rights. Please pray that we can have that in place prior to our first woman guest. Please continue to pray as we do need additional funds for improvements before we can have our first woman guest. The goal that is listed is for immediate improvements. Praise the Lord that we are a third of the way!



This home will open in God's timing. We are waiting for His next move.

Praises

Praise
the Lord

- Praise the Lord that we are able to purchase an additional 300 bibles that we either hand out in the jails or mail into the jails/prison nationwide!
- We appreciate the opportunities for open doors to present the ministry at new churches and share our burden for those in and beyond the jail/prison walls.
- Autumn finished her homeschooling!

Prayer Requests

- Our son Luke believes he has been called to preach and has had several opportunities to preach at different churches. Please continue to pray for him and the will of God in his life.
- Pray the Lord direct Autumn as she finished her homeschooling.
- Pray we have **more** opportunities to present the ministry to new churches and they would partner with LBB and support "A Place of Refuge" - we need more monthly support in order to improve and maintain the home.
- Wisdom and guidance from the Lord for running the Woman's Home. We will need more volunteers to help with the improvements and then down the road with ministering with the women.
- Pray we have the opportunity to minister in jails/prisons locally and nationwide - specifically Allegany, Cattaraugus, and surrounding counties.
- Opportunity to have additional Zoom/online church services on a regular basis with jails/prisons nationwide.

If you know any churches that would be interested in the ministry - please pass our information along!



LBB Helps Ministry

Thank you to those who volunteer to help LBB with various aspects of the ministry!
We truly appreciate all that you do for LBB and for the individuals we work with!



Ways to Support LBB

There are several ways you can support LBB:

- **PRAYERFULLY!** Please keep us in prayer so we are sensitive to the Lord's leading for the ministry, safety in travel, and wisdom
- **FINANCIALLY** -
 - By check
 - Cash App (\$LibertyBehindBars)
 - Venmo App (@Liberty-BehindBars)
 - Wire Transfer (please contact us personally for bank info)

PLEASE DESIGNATE YOUR GIVING:

- General
- Place of Refuge
- Bibles

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