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Special Thank You to my Faithful Supporters & Dear Friends

I pray this newsletter finds each of you in good health, 3 John 2, and pressing into the Father and His love. I hope each of you have a blessed summer and enjoy the gift of our freedom which has never been free nor ever will be and continue to count each day as the gift that it is. Remember, yesterday is history, tomorrow is a mystery, and today is the present. Let each of us, by the grace of God, open the gift with a grateful heart for the blessings that we in America still have to enjoy. I want you to know that I continue to be on my knees in prayer for each of you and would so appreciate if you would do the same for me and our team. Thank you for doing so and for the sacrifices you continue to make to help me help those who have no means to help themselves.

For me, it continues to be a challenging year. As we become closer to the return of our Risen Savior, evil is on the rise. Just stop for a minute and think, "Where is our country today compared to a few years ago?" This is why it is more important than ever that we stay on our knees praying for our family and country. As for me, I will, by the grace of God, continue to do as did Paul,

"That I may finish my course and the ministry that I received from the Lord Jesus, to testify to the gospel of the grace of God."

During the war, a church in Strasburg, Germany, was totally destroyed; but a statue of Christ which stood by the altar was almost unharmed. Only the hands of the statue were missing. When the church was rebuilt, a famous sculptor offered to make new hands; but after considering the matter, the members decided to let it stand as it was-without hands. "For," they said "Christ has no hands but our hands to do His work on Earth. If we don't feed the hungry, give drink to the thirsty, entertain the stranger, **visit the prisoner**, and clothe the naked, then who will?" Christ is depending upon us to do the things which He did while upon the Earth. If the Gospel we preach doesn't have social application, if it will not work effectively in the work-a-day world, then it is not the Gospel of Jesus Christ! **This is why we here at Lighthouse Educational Ministries "visit the prisoner."** **We need your support and fervent prayers to help us help the prisoner.**

RECIDIVISM :

Through the Revolving Door by Erin Chewning

“They all go right back in anyway”, my friend said. Her off-handed comment in a casual conversation fairly well sums up the attitude most Americans have about ex-prisoners.

With more than 2 million inmates nationwide and correctional facilities at 106% of their capacity level, some see the staggering numbers as indications that offenders are perpetually going “right back in.” The harsh reality is that more than 40% of ex-prisoners are re-incarcerated within 3 years a phenomenon experts call **recidivism**, which begs for answers to many questions. Are our correctional facilities failing? Shouldn't inmates be leaving prisons as changed men and women? Or could it be that the problem, lies elsewhere → that, perhaps, there is more than meets the eye?

If a person's past is marked by a prison sentence, then finding a job is a very difficult, discouraging process. Where will a former inmate live if there's no money for rent? How will one pay for food? Will family members be accepting or unwelcoming? Even obtaining a driver's license seems nearly impossible when you're labeled an ex-con. Eventually, the former life the one that landed a man or woman in jail to begin with starts to beckon. And the difficulties of re-entry push people toward the past, not to a better future. Without education, job skills, and other basic services, offenders are likely to repeat the same steps that brought them to jail in the first place. With practical guidance and support, more offenders successfully get out and stay out. Our churches can and should play an important role in answering these questions. Andrea would be the first to admit that, like many Christians, she was completely ignorant of the world behind walls. She didn't know anyone in prison and didn't want to know anyone in prison. Then her older brother Mark got sentenced to 15 years. “Before that,” she recalls, “I forgot them.” I know I read the book of Hebrews many times, but it never hit me until it was personal. **“Remember the prisoners, as if chained with them, and those who are mistreated, since you yourselves are in the body also”** How many like Andrea and Mark do we know?

Lighthouse Educational Ministries was founded to give hope and encouragement to those that our society, for the most part, has forgotten about and locked away. We believe that the entire debt a born again person owes has already been paid for through the shed blood of Christ, and that those who come to God in repentance are forgiven of their sins. However, Jesus drew a sharp distinction between the debt that a person owes to their government and the debt owed to God. (Matthew 22:16-21).

Won't you please help us help those who have no means to help themselves?

Our founding member has been incarcerated himself. He understands and knows he has found the answer for those behind bars. We have seen changed lives by the thousands through this ministry and of course by the power of the Holy Spirit. We provide Bible Studies, devotionals and other materials to inmates to assist them on their journey. Our vision is to get the message of the Gospel to as many prisoners as possible, for the time is short. Change comes through the Lord Jesus Christ.

Lighthouse Ministries is a non-profit 501 C(3) self-supporting ministry who wants to see changed lives of men and women in prison, so they can become productive law abiding citizens again. Please visit our website for testimonies of just a few of the changed lives that you helped change.

Thank you again for those of you who continue to support this very important ministry that is so close to our Father's heart. May our God richly bless you and keep you. May His face continue to shine upon you.

The Power of Prevailing Prayer **“You Shall Become A Praise In The Earth”**

Many miracles are wrought through prayer.... Even though we do not see it, know it or feel it, it is incumbent upon us to believe it!! God gives us moments and opportunities to commune with and converse with Him through the means we call prayer. He has already established this premise as a vehicle of Spiritual Elevation to the higher Realm where He dwells. If we, as believers, are going to prevail in this hour of trial and tribulation, we cannot stop seeking the face of God until we attain to this higher place and become a “praise in the earth.”

In the book of Isaiah 62:6,7 God says, **“I have set watchmen on your walls, O Jerusalem; They shall never hold their peace day or night. You who make mention of the Lord, do not keep silent, and give Him no rest till He establishes And till He makes Jerusalem a praise in the earth.”**

You and I are “spiritual Israel.” Whatever God did for His people back then He is more than able to do it today. Amen? As believers, we can declare that we are no longer going to be forsaken, left out or rejected. God is telling us not to stop praying until we, our children, our families, our communities, our regions, and our nation become “praise in the earth.” We must prevail on the “alters of prayer” until our name changes and our situation in America turns around. God is able!

He is the God of structure, order, balance, excellence, and regulation. It is imperative that we do not allow ourselves to become distracted or confused, but we must genuinely trust God if we want to see the glory of God beyond measure. It is not His will for us to fail but to end strong, so we have got to continue to --

P. U. S. H. Pray Until Something Happens!

Ministry Prayer Needs

📖 Pray for Pastor Ron Zaucha, who directs the Ministry, Educates his Teams and Educates the Prisoners.

Pray for Ron's Health and that he would have complete healing over his entire body; especially his Heart which doctors say is working at 40% capacity. But being healed by the stripes of Jesus....

📖 Pray for Prisoners that they would hear and receive God's Word and the Gift of Grace and would continue to become hungry for God's Word and the changes in their life that God wants to offer them thru His Grace and Mercy and Love!

📖 Pray for a Network of Committed Prayer Partners to under-gird this ministry.

📖 Pray for Finances for the Ministry to help cover:

- Operational Expenses: office equipment, printing needs, office supplies, staff)
- Outreach Expenses: Bibles, Tracts, workbooks, etc. for Prisoners.
- Finances to Expand the Ministry (Matt. 9:37 & Luke 4:18-19) with Weekend Conferences.
- Personal Financial Support for Pastor Ron Zaucha.

📖 Pray for God's Hedge of Protection (Job 1:10) & Wisdom (James 1:5) for the Volunteers, Supporters & Board Members.

📖 Pray for the team as we go into the following Jails & Prisons:

- Chino Institution for Women (CIW),
- Maui Community Corrections Center (MCCC)
- Skid Row (Fred Jordan Missions) with brother Mel Novak from Heavenly Manna Ministries

📖 Pray for traveling mercies to and from the jails and prisons

📖 Pray that all Hearts will be opened by the Holy Spirit to receive Jesus Christ as their Savior and make Him their Lord! That the Holy Spirit will transform them by the renewing of their minds (Rom. 12:2).

Watch and read the complete testimony of Ron Zaucha which reflects his passion for the less

fortunate and forgotten of society in his exclusive 700 Club & TBN interview go to:

www.LighthouseEdMinistries.org.

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Winston Churchill

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