

Solid Rock

Our Mission Statement

Taking the Gospel of Jesus Christ to the imprisoned and persecuted church through music evangelism.

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YEARS OF PRAYERS ANSWERED!

We have been working in the country of Cuba for almost 19 years and some doors have opened wide for a 5-day SPIRITUAL SUMMIT. I cannot find the words to express how important this event is for the Cuban people! It has taken years of prayer, dedication, suffering and perseverance to get to this point. Now, we need your help and prayers.

We will be presenting a SPIRITUAL SUMMIT for 700 pastors and 700 guests over a period of 5 days.

- 1) Myself and Mr. Ron Nikkel, retired president of Prison Fellowship International, who has extensive cross cultural experience will be providing a 2-day training conference for prison ministry for 200 pastors.
- 2) The next two days will be a worship training conference for 500 worship leaders and will be taught by Mr. Rick Krive. Rick has extensive experience in this area and is a world-class musician.
- 3) On the last day of the summit we have been asked to organize and launch the FIRST Cuban Christian Music Festival with 5 local bands and special guest, Bobby Carcasses to be annualized every year with new international guests. We are inviting 700 Cuban guests to be part of this first event.

The goal is to reach key pastors and leaders throughout the island with information from these conferences so that they can return to their villages and impact the island for Christ. We are transporting many of these pastors from great distances, as far as 12 hours one way.

The average income in Cuba is about \$20.00 per month and no one has any available resources to come to an event like this without help. That is why we are asking you for help at this time.

Cubans spend their time trying to survive day to day. The people are seriously lacking nutrition and encouragement. This SPIRITUAL SUMMIT will accomplish both. We need your help and prayers!

SPONSORS are needed for these pastors and guests to attend this spiritual summit.
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SPONSOR A PASTOR FOR 2 DAYS TRAINING
(Food, lodging and transportation \$25.00)

SPONSOR A GUEST FOR THE FESTIVAL
(Food and Transportation \$10.00)

Thank you for helping us reach out to the poor and to encourage the persecuted church. Your gift will help populate Heaven and you will see the results when you get there. *Rev. Tony Loeffler*

2018 Spiritual Summit

HABANA, CUBA

May 21st through May 26th



CLICK HERE TO DONATE ONLINE
www.thesolidrock.org



SPONSOR A CUBAN PASTOR!

\$25.00 covers transportation, 3 meals per day and lodging. SPONSORS NEEDED!

Pastors Prison Training Conference (2 DAYS)

- ▶ 200 Pastors need sponsors.

Worship Leader's Training Conference (2 DAYS)

- ▶ 500 Pastors/Worship Leaders need sponsors.

FIRST Christian Festival (1 DAY)

- ▶ 700 Guests (Cost per person \$10.00 for lunch with chicken, rice and beans and transportation.)

\$25.00 per pastor provides two days training.

\$10.00 per guest - attend FIRST Christian Festival.

___ **YES!** I would like to sponsor a pastor to attend enclosed is \$25.00.

___ **YES!** I would like to sponsor a guest for the Christian Festival enclosed is \$10.00.

___ **YES!** Enclosed is my SPECIAL gift of \$_____ to help sponsor ___ pastors and/or _____ guests.



WE NEED YOUR HELP NOW!

- ▶ **.....SPONSORS NEEDED BY APRIL 10th.**
- ▶ The International Solid Rock will be presenting this Spiritual Summit in May. **We need you. Can you help?**

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"VOICES FROM PRISON"

By David Berkowitz

"For the wages of sin is death; but the gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord." (Romans 6:23)

I have been incarcerated for thirty-eight years. However, it was approximately 27 years ago when I received Jesus Christ as my Savior and Lord while alone in a prison cell. My life has not been the same since. It was the best decision I ever made.

Many others in prison today have also received Christ. They have repented of their sins and are now living for the Lord. Here are testimonies from 2 such men, with their answers to the question, "What would you say to young people today?"

Felix: Age 57 doing a double life sentence for two homicides. He was "an ordinary working-class guy" with a wife and two sons, and a good job in construction. When I asked him about alcohol and what he would say if he were standing before a group of young persons, Felix said, "Alcohol only leads to trouble, divorce and broken homes." Felix knows this from personal experience.

Felix, who drank liquor and often got himself into trouble because of it, told me that shortly after he came to prison, both his sons got into drinking and using drugs while still in their teens. His oldest, Felix Jr., died two years ago from an overdose of heroin at the age of 36. His second son still struggles with alcohol addiction.

Felix realizes his sinful and selfish lifestyle spilled over onto his boys; his marriage was destroyed as well. Fortunately, about 12 years ago he became a Christian.

Ronald: Age 68, doing a life sentence for murder. Ronald started drinking alcohol for "fun" when he was in his mid-teens. He said, "I started off mostly drinking wine and beer, then began using marijuana." At the time he was on the track team in high school. He ran track for three years and won a few races as well. He was also hoping to one day become a baseball player.

Today, Ronald too is a Christian. He is enrolled in College and attends mandatory AA classes in prison. When asked what he would say to teenagers, Ronald said, "First I would like to say, you don't have to drink alcoholic beverages to feel good. It's a big lie that booze and happiness go together. And you don't want to put anything into your body that will muddle your thinking."

Ronald knows this firsthand, for he stabbed a man to death when he was, in his own words, "very drunk, and very angry." He added, "Don't be afraid to tell someone that your friends are offering you alcohol/drugs. Don't stand alone. You need adult support to help resist the temptation and peer pressure to get high or experiment with this stuff. A person who insists you drink (alcohol) is not your friend."

Thankfully, Felix and Ronald (not their real names) now possess the gift of eternal life. They heard and believed the Gospel account that Christ died for their sins according to the Scriptures. Each has acknowledged his sinfulness before a holy and righteous God with the desire to repent and turn from his sins, and place his faith in Christ alone, and upon His finished work on the cross of Calvary.

Both men willingly and humbly acknowledge that sin has taken a terrible toll upon them and their respective families, and upon their victims as well. Having learned their lesson the hard way, they know alcohol for what it is: A killer!

David Berkowitz

Website: AriseandShine.org

Go to www.RoxAnneMinistries.org and click on the "TV On Demand" tab to watch the amazing testimony of Jan Savercool.

At the age of five, Jan's alcoholic mother would often leave half-filled glasses of vodka around the house, which he would quickly find and finish. While his friends were eating hard candy he was craving hard liquor, and by age eighteen he was addicted to heroin and cocaine.

As an adult, he became a musician, playing for the big stars. Then, following a drug overdose, he suffered a psychotic breakdown and was committed to a state mental hospital. After being released, he was homeless, living in shelters and sleeping in doorways. Eventually, he was sent to prison where he would scream throughout the night in hopelessness and despair, until he attended a musical program given by a Christian family, where he heard the good news of Jesus Christ.

God's offer of forgiveness of sin and a new life upon repentance and faith, struck a chord in his heart. Crying on his knees, he received Christ as his Savior and Lord. God transformed his heart and mind, freeing him from the chains and bondage of sin, addiction and mental illness.

Years later, he went on to head up a Christian ministry titled America's Keswick Colony of Mercy located in Whiting New Jersey, with the goal of presenting the Word of God and the Savior to former drug addicts and alcoholics, giving them the enabling power to stay clean and sober for the rest of their lives.

Ministry Schedule

Mar. 28, 29	Church Behind Bars, Lowell, MAIN unit, Ocala, FL
Mar. 29, 30, 31	Church Behind Bars, Marion CI, Lowell, FL
Mar. 30, 31	Church Behind Bars, Lowell, ANNEX unit, Ocala, FL
Apr. 9 - 12 CUBA	Cuba Mission Trip
Apr. 21	Sons of God MC Annual Club Rally, Palm Beach, FL
May 19, 20	Start Up Week for Spiritual Summit, Habana, CUBA
May 21, 22 CUBA	Rev. Tony and Mr. Ron Nikkel Prions Training Conference for 200 pastors/leaders
May 23, 24 CUBA	Mr. Rick Krive Worship Conference for 500 Pastors/Worship Leaders
May 25, CUBA	Set Up , Rehearsal and Decorate for First Cuban Christian Music Festival
May 26, CUBA	FIRST Cuban Christian Music Festival Organized by International Solid Rock
Jun. 28, 29, 30	Church Behind Bars, Marion CI, Lowell, FL
Jun. 28, 29, 30	Church Behind Bars, Lowell, MAIN unit, Ocala, FL
Aug.. 8	STURGIS BIKE RALLY, Sturgis, SD
Aug. 10	MT. Women's Prison, Billings, MT
Aug. 11	Passages Women's Prison, Billings, MT - 2nd and 3rd floor.
Aug. 13	Deer Lodge Prison, Deer Lodge, MT
Aug. 15	Crossroads Correctional, Shelby, MT
Sept. 26, 27	Church Behind Bars, Lowell, MAIN unit, Ocala, FL
Sept. 27, 28, 29	Church Behind Bars, Marion CI, Lowell, FL
Sept. 28, 29	Church Behind Bars, Lowell, ANNEX unit, Ocala, FL

Financial help is needed to keep us in the prisons sharing the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

HELP IS NEEDED - To Become an Impact Partner go to this link:

http://www.thesolidrock.org/Solid_Rock_Ministry/Impact_Partners.html



Praise Report - Answered Prayer

We praise and thank the Lord for financial provision. Continue to pray with us as we trust Him day to day to meet our daily ministry needs.

Praise the Lord for the strength and good health He continues to bless us to serve Him.

Pray for our Cuban Pastor Sponsorship Campaign - We will be training 700 pastors in May and still need sponsors. See Page 2 for details.

Pray for our 2018 Church Behind Bars Movement. Pray for the needed finances and for the Intern Graduates from 2017 as they teach the new Interns for 2018.

Pray for inmate believers as they understand the importance and function of being the Church Behind Bars.

Pray for our financial needs as we move by faith trusting the Lord along the way. We don't have a weekly offering like most churches so we need extra prayer.

WE LIVE AND WALK IN YOUR ANSWERED PRAYERS! Thank you.

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