

Solid Rock

Our Mission Statement

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

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I GET MANY, MANY LETTERS FROM THE PRISONS. THIS IS JUST A SMALL EXAMPLE OF THE IMPACT OF THE CBB. THANKS FOR PRAYING FOR CBB. Rev. Tony

“Tony, Hey my brother, first may God touch you through this here letter. Now Tony you have been the very first ever, I mean ever, to call me up on stage to speak in front of people of what I was or have gone through in life. Well, I was nervous at first but as I walked up those steps I said God just be with me and that was it. Tony I thought highly of what you have said to me as I write this letter I have tears in my eyes. I’ve only known you for two months now and I’ve got older brothers that hate me so it’s like I don’t have any brothers but (Tony, honestly man, I feel as God has sent you to Marion CI for a reason and one of those was to meet me. Tony, I look at you as a friend and I don’t have many of those. Not only that you’re my big brother, but you’re my big brother I never had. I’ve felt that tonight as you called me up to the stage). Tony please let me tell you this: I’ve never called anyone my friend or brother that I’ve just met so please it’s a very special place in my heart that God has allowed you to be there. Now I can honestly say from my heart Thank You for being a man of God and my big brother. Well, I’ll close for now. Love your brother, P”

We have now completed 4 months of ministry at Marion Correctional Institution and Lowell Correctional Institution. We have had 51 salvations, 150 who rededicated their lives to the Lord and 163 requesting more information that we have sent. That is good fruit for eternity and we are excited about the ongoing growth that is happening. Please continue to pray for these people.



Comments From Church Behind Bars Volunteers and Staff

“Lil Miss Debi and I were honored and happy to take part in the 'Church Behind Bars Movement' with Solid Rock. Working with Tony Loeffler and his team was easy for us and seeing the affect this ministry had on the men and women in both units at Ocala Prison, made the event all the worth while. It is one thing to come into a prison and perform/share and plant seeds; it’s another to also provide teaching materials for them to grow and become the Church Behind Bars. We commend Pastor Tony Loeffler and his lovely wife Mary Ann and would highly recommend them as an organization to support. God bless y'all!” **Danny & Debi Brooks**

“Blessings and Peace! It has been such a blessing to spend time with so many of the volunteers and get to know them and to see how God has grown and blessed their ministries while they serve and teach Gods word to the inmates. Personally, to witness the growth of the women at LCI in the Church Behind Bars has been a miracle that only God could perform. It has brought me to tears to witness the freedom and joy that God has restored to their hearts in just three months. My personal witness has been strengthened and my joy has been lifted by these experiences of His grace and redemption through Jesus Christ. I eagerly look forward to the remaining nine months to witness Jesus building His church behind bars. Glory to God in Jesus name!!” **Scott Hazen**

“Each month I am in Lowell with the ladies and I love it. I’ve enjoyed seeing their excitement to realize that they are the church. They don’t have to wait till another church group comes in to feed them spiritually. One of the changes the ladies have started making is they have started praying together for each other. Inmates always fear that they will look weak if they share a prayer request. In prison, it is assumed you have to be tough, self sufficient – relying on no one . That way you won’t get hurt. Their motto is Trust No One!! Some of the ladies have started sharing their prayer request and other ladies are saying – I have that same need. I thought I was the only one, then with tears, they hold hands and pray for each other. How glorious to see this first hand. The team sees this over and over. Please pray for the ladies and men for they have many fears being in prison. Some of their fears are “Will I ever get out of this place? Does anyone care if I live or die? Will I die here? What’s happening to my children? Can God really forgive me for what I did? Can I live a victorious life here in prison?” And the list goes on. Thank you in advance for praying for the Church Behind Bars! We wouldn’t be here if you weren’t partnering with us. ‘The earnest prayer of a righteous person has great power and produces wonderful results.’ James 5:16b NLT.” With much gratitude, **Mary Ann**

“Suzan and I consider it a very high honor to be part of what God is doing through the Church Behind Bars. This month, we had the opportunity to minister at MCI for the first time since January. It was great to see so many familiar faces as well as lots of new ones. I know prison life can wage a constant war against ones joy. The joy of the Lord is our strength! Romans 12:12 says: ‘Be joyful in hope, patient in affliction, faithful in prayer.’ Despite what each day may bring, we as followers of Christ always have HOPE! Therefore we can always be joyful. God has assembled this army of veteran/volunteer soldiers for the purpose of stirring up hope and restoring joy to the inmate community!

We got to spend two days & nights at Lowell CI this month. It was encouraging to see the ladies soaking up the Word of God each day. I encourage them to continue meditating on what they've heard. Don't just go to church, be the church 24-7-365! We also thoroughly enjoyed the evening programs. Their hope and joy were evident in the way they worshipped, prayed, received the word and fellowshiped with one another. We encourage them to continue to ‘to fan the flame of the gift that is in you’ 2 Timothy 1:6 and ‘spur one another toward love good deeds’ Hebrews 10:24!” **Mark Mason**



“Church Behind Bars”

Church Behind Bars Ministry
 Came to me
 With hope, joy, and peace
 To see
 Spreading God’s Rhema
 To every inmate they meet.

Greeting us with love
 Many songs do they sing
 Encouraging us to be
 The leaders in Christ
 He has called us to be.

Taking their time,
 Away from their family,
 To invest in the lost,
 Lonely and broken hearted you see.

Emptying themselves of any negativity,
 To pour out nothing but agape and
 positivity.

Winning souls, earning our trust
 Setting the captives free,
 Running His race of faith,
 They teach us is a must.

From all over the country
 They flock to the gates
 Ready to minister God’s Word,
 For just the one soul
 That must be saved.

How honored are we,
 To be able to be
 Intuned to the Spirit
 They bring.

It’s the greatest gift of all,
 Salvation covered by the blood
 Of Jesus Christ our King.

This poem was written by a participant in our CBB Movement by TMP at MCI



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Comments From Church Behind Bars Inmate Leaders

"I realized where the root of my problems lie – in my heart. I can use what I am learning to help others. We all have the same wounded problems and what I have learned can be used to help others." -LR

"The devil has told me for so long that I don't have a voice and what I say doesn't matter. He no longer has this bondage against me. Thank you Church Behind Bars!" - RC

"You all really care for us. I want to help others learn these skills and you all are helping me out more than you know. Thank you." -KD

"Now that I know that if I see Jesus I see God, with that feeling now in my heart how can I not be bursting to share it with others? I want to thank you all for giving me this opportunity to learn and grow and become what God meant me to be." -SAG

"Wow, this has been so wonderful. Every month it is getting deeper. I'm excited to go into worship with God in intimacy with Him. I'm just so excited about all of this and I truly wish it could go on longer but I as part of God's family will continue to live on all I learn and share it with others." -SN

A Message From David Berkowitz**"A NEW LIFE IN CHRIST"**

***"Therefore if any man be in Christ, he is a new creature: old things are passed away, behold, all things have become new."
(2 Corinthians 5:17 KJV)***

It's been said that God works in mysterious ways. But His ways, I'm certain, are only a mystery to us. And so it should not have been a surprise when I received a letter from a man in Ontario, Canada, who told me his story. A stranger, he explained that he'd searched online for my mailing address. He'd felt compelled to write, because, it so happened that my own story of redemption and hope touched his life. He had spent time in jail for assaulting two police officers. He'd committed his crime while he was intoxicated. He'd been drinking heavily when the officers tried to detain and question him.

In a wild, drunken rage he began to strike both officers with his fists. He was quickly subdued and was placed under arrest. Fortunately neither officer was seriously injured. But the law of the land required that he go to jail, and so he did, for a year.

Yet God had His eye on him. For it so happened that while he was locked up someone handed him a copy of my testimony tract, "Son of Hope." He read it, and as he did so, the Holy Spirit convicted his conscience. Next he quietly and privately repented of his sins, and placed his faith in the Lord Jesus Christ.

He's now out of jail and is living for the Lord. While in the years prior to his arrest, he'd become "disillusioned" with Christianity. He was "turned off" by religion and told me he'd never understood how a changed life was possible. But, thankfully, my story had given him hope. He wrote in one of his letters, "When I read your tract, it was like life came back into me."

Today he is doing much better. In a letter he'd written to me in January of this year, he said, "I haven't used drugs or smoked cigarettes or drank alcohol in ten months." For a man who'd been getting drunk since he was in his late teens, this is a big victory.

In my reply I encouraged him to stay with Christ, to continue to read his Bible, and to live by faith in Jesus. I explained how God's divine power will help him stay clear of sinful and destructive things. "You have a brand new life," I wrote. Then I added, "Temptation will come, but God will make a way of escape for you." I also suggested he commit to memory,

"There hath no temptation taken you but such as is common to man: but God is faithful, who will not suffer you to be tempted above that ye are able; but will with the temptation also make a way of escape, that ye will be able to bear it." (1 Corinthians 10:13 KJV)

The fact is, Jesus Christ has forgiven this man, and granted him a new beginning. And the Lord did the same for me, too. Because, whether someone is in prison or not, is not the issue. According to the Bible, all have sinned. Therefore everyone needs a Savior. As for my friend, alcohol and other drugs were slowly destroying him. But the Lord has freed him from these things. Today he has a new life in Christ. Praise God! -David Berkowitz

Go to www.sonofsam-sonofhope.org and listen to David Berkowitz, formerly known as "Son of Sam," who was an arsonist, Satanist, and murderer. Hear him give his very first radio interview back in 1996 with Andy Andersen, as he talks about his past life and how he received from God, forgiveness of sin, fellowship with Him, and heaven, and how even in prison he has peace, hope, joy, and purpose for life and living!

Go to www.RoxAnneMinistries.org - On the home page you can read God's message of hope. Find out how God, through repentance and faith in Jesus Christ, changes lives now and for eternity! Also click the "TV On Demand" tab and watch the amazing testimony of our beloved brother in Christ, Tony Loeffler.

Ministry Schedule

Lowell CI Annex-Women's unit, Ocala, FL

May 22, Monday Day 1

May 23, Tuesday Day 2

May 24, Wednesday Day 3

*June 3-11 Cuba Mission Trip 9 days with Metro Church from Wyckoff, New Jersey

June 22, Thursday Day 1

June 23, Friday Day 2

June 24, Saturday Day 3

July 27, Thursday Day 1

July 28, Friday Day 2

July 29, Saturday Day 3

*July 30, Sunday Special Concert in the Recreation Center at Marion Work Camp 5:30-7:30PM

Aug. 24, Thursday Day 1

Aug. 25, Friday Day 2

Aug. 26, Saturday Day 3

Sept. 28, Thursday Day 1

Sept. 29, Friday Day 2

Sept. 30, Saturday Day 3

*Oct. 13, Friday First Christian Festival in Habana, Cuba sponsored by Solid Rock

Oct. 26, Thursday Day 1

Oct. 27, Friday Day 2

Oct. 28, Saturday Day 3

*Ongoing: Tuesday Weekly Men's Bible study at Work Camp in West Palm Beach, Florida 6:30-8:30PM

Marion CI - Men's unit, Ocala, FL

May 22, Monday Day 1

May 23, Tuesday Day 2

May 24, Wednesday Day 3

June 22, Thursday Day 1

June 23, Friday Day 2

June 24, Saturday Day 3

July 27, Thursday Day 1

July 28, Friday Day 2

July 29, Saturday Day 3

Aug. 24, Thursday Day 1

Aug. 25, Friday Day 2

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Pray for the many men and women who are now making the right decisions in their life.

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

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Praise Report

Praise the Lord for spiritual discernment from one of our CBB participants: "At the service Friday night, I observed a man holding a pentagram to his forehead and praying. The Spirit led me to pray against him and as I did, I realized that he was praying against the gathering! I prayed that this spirit be bound and removed and after I finished the officer approached him and escorted him out of the Chapel! It makes me sad that the spirit was so strong in him that he wasn't able to stay and hear the service but God is great!" -MS

Praise the Lord for the growth many behind bars are realizing: "I learned a lot this month. The information that I received this month helped me to realize some things that I needed to hear and learn. Learning about God and how he accepts me and sees me meant a lot to me. Before this teaching I had been struggling with this area... wanting God to accept me and to forgive me for all that I had done to him." -KJ

Praise the Lord for the Church Behind Bars stepping up to support one another. "I had a death in my family and CBB and my sisters in Christ are helping me to keep focused on my walk with Christ." -AP

Praise the Lord for the healing taking place: "What Margie said really brought healing to me." -CB. Another person shared: "I like the training. It really helps me with all of my shame and guilt. I realize I can speak freely of my past and will not be judged." JC

Praise the Lord for doors opening in Cuba for the first Christian Festival and prison and prison ministry training. (Look for more details in our next newsletter).

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

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