

Solid Rock

Our Mission Statement

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

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"Dear Tony,

I just wanted to write you a short letter to show my (our) gratitude to you and your merry band of musicians/disciples. For all of you to take the time out of your own lives to share your music, experiences, testimonies and the gospel is truly a blessing to us here at Marion C.I. I consider myself a Christian at heart, but like others I have at times felt "trapped" by my sins. It is very important to me, that you know your story has inspired me to rededicate my life to Jesus Christ!

I have heard you say if "one life was positively affected by your work, then it is all worth it!" Please know that at least one life has been positively affected- mine!! I have spoke personally to several men here who all share this opinion! On behalf of all of those who share my sentiments, thank you so much!! Your dedication to Christ and your willingness to share this dedication is an inspiration to all! Please keep up the great work and God bless you all."

-Sincerely, A. P. S.

"Thank you for sharing that truth to us involved in Church Behind Bars. I have been behind these prison walls forty-six years since the age of 15. I got saved in 1985 and was empowered with the Holy Spirit in 1987. Until this day, God has opened doors of opportunity for me throughout my incarceration. I care about the souls of those who are lost. Church Behind Bars is a ministry that can reel the heart, mind, spirit, and soul of anyone." - Brother R.J.

A word from one of our CBB Interns:

"The Locker Ministry"

In Malachi 3:8-10 it starts with a question. V.8 "Will a man rob God? Yet you have robbed Me. But you say, Wherein have we robbed you? In tithes and offerings...(10) Bring all your tithes into the storehouse, that there may be meat in mine house, and prove me in this, says the Lord Almighty, If I will not open the windows of heaven, and pour out a blessing, that there will not be room enough to receive it."

I share that passage of scripture because of the importance of giving back to God a portion of what He has entrusted to us. But when you are confined behind a prison fence how does one go about paying tithes?

We don't have the luxury of having an offering plate passed around at chapel service. We can't have cash. So how does one give back to God? That is where the Locker Ministry comes in.

What is the Locker Ministry? It is a supply of basic hygiene items to which Christian brothers contribute for the less fortunate here in prison. There has been a time where I had nothing and some Christian brothers reached out to me with soap, toothpaste, deodorant, etc., which was a great blessing. **(Continued on page 2)**



“The Locker Ministry”

Trying to handle the Locker Ministry, at first, was a bit overwhelming. I soon realized the blessing it was. The Lord is using this along with other things to break me from my fleshy inclinations to stay in the background and talk to these men at a later time. It gives me the opportunity to approach these men right away and share the good news of Jesus Christ.

The Locker Ministry is teaching me so much and is preparing me for the ministries that God has in store for me later on. A ministry like this- giving out needed supplies- may seem insignificant to many people, but, let me assure you, what man calls insignificant, God calls service to Him.

The Locker Ministry is not about simply giving out supplies. It is an opportunity to reach out to men with the gospel of Jesus Christ. To the believer, it shows what real Christian stewardship is all about. To the unbeliever, they get to see the example of what godly love is firsthand. It really does make a difference.

It is through this, that men have come up to me and asked for a Bible. There are people here behind the fence who look and even tell me I’m crazy because of what I do.

I don’t get money normally put into my account, I work at 30 cents an hour and the first fruits always go in the Locker Ministry. (Though I have been blessed unexpectedly a couple of times).

It is just the blessing that God has allowed by my faithfulness as well as my brothers who contribute as well toward the Locker Ministry. As with anything else, there has to be standards set.

The Locker Ministry is not for the purpose of simply giving items away because it is the nice thing to do. It is not a supply of items that men can borrow from if they run out of something. It is not a loan to people. It is not for the purpose of making people feel obligated to go to chapel or Bible studies. There are no strings attached to the supplies that are given; they are gifts.

The Locker Ministry is intended to be a ministry that reaches out to people on the compound so the Lord can be glorified. We use this ministry to help men on a material level so that we can show them the love of Jesus, and we are the opportunity to share the gospel.

The question may arise to whom can we approach on the compound? The answer is all of them. It doesn’t make any difference whether they profess to be Christian, Muslim, Atheist, or any other religion. We have to have a love for people, and this is an opportunity to show them true love and that we are concerned for their basic needs.

It is amazing at times that there are some people who watch what I do with the Locker Ministry and will tell me what a great thing I am doing. Especially the religious people because they see real love in action- something their religion cannot offer- for real love is found only in Christ.

Again, it is the opportunity to reach out and show them the love of the Lord. It gives me the chance to share what the Lord has done in my life. No matter how “religious” they are, they cannot dispute my personal testimony.

The Locker Ministry, I have found to be a wonderful tool, in witnessing, and possibly win souls for the Kingdom of God. This is the sole purpose for the Locker Ministry and God is to receive all praise!

I am only commissioned to be the best steward I can be with what God entrusted me with. After all, everything belongs to Him anyway.

August Locker Ministry

Blessings In:	Blessings Out:
2 Deodorants	B.K.: 1 Deodorant, 1 stamped envelope
1 Soap	D.Y.: 1 Deodorant, 1 stamped envelope
6 Stamps	H: 1 Soap, 1 stamped envelope

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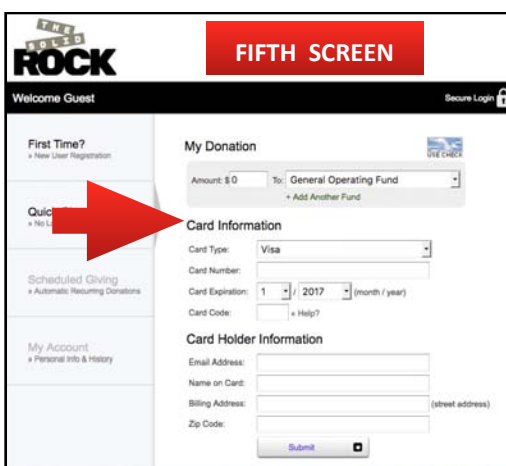
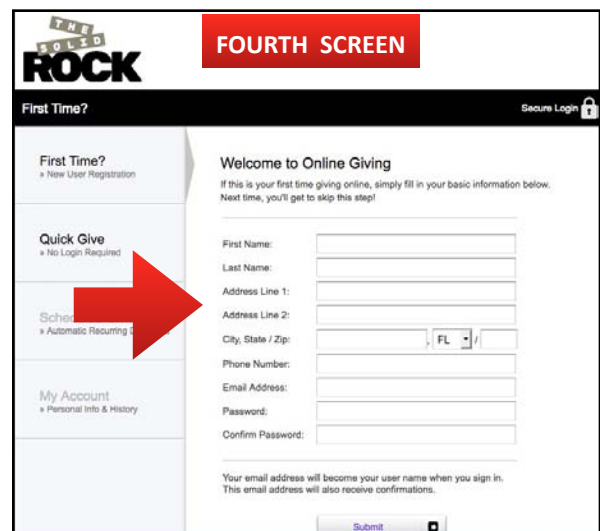
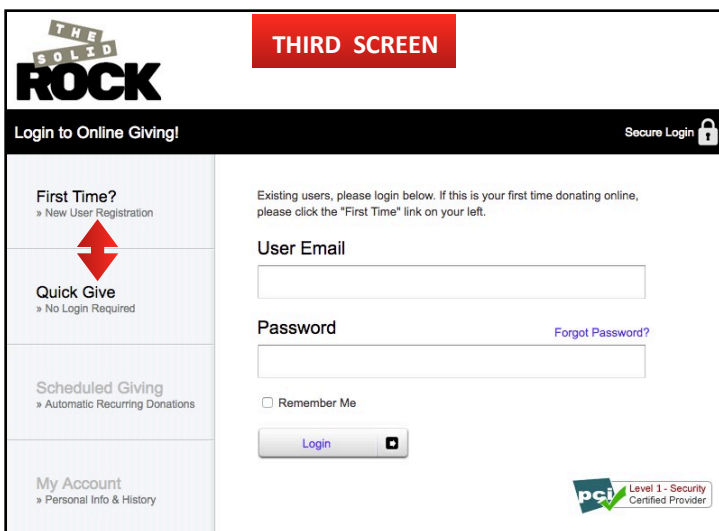
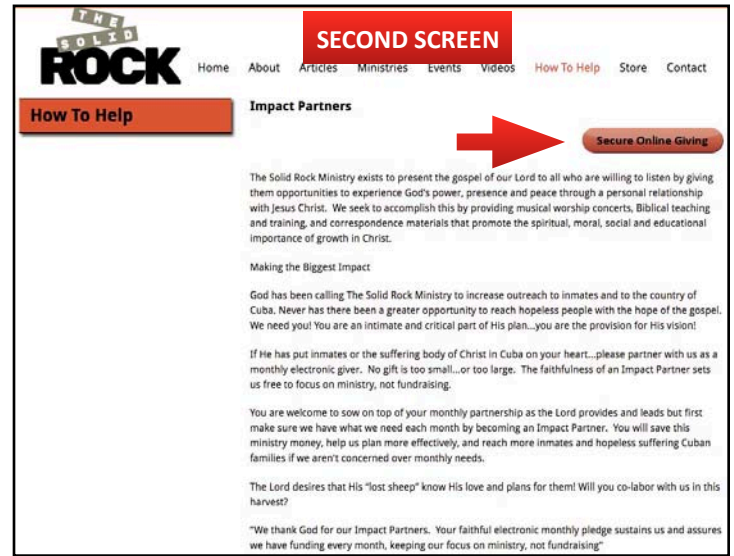


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On Page 1, we published an article that clearly displays how poor our congregations are in the prisons. The Locker Ministry is based on a tithing system organized by the inmates. The CBB needs your support so that we can continue to encourage and build up the Body of Christ behind the walls and reach more inmates with the hope of the Gospel.

Your generosity is helping to build the **indigenous church in Cuba** and the **organic church in the prisons** which you have heard me refer to as THE CHURCH BEHIND BARS. THANK YOU SO MUCH!

EXCITING THINGS COMING! Graduation for 150 Interns Dec. 2017

Be sure to Join our Internet Prayer Team today:
Send email to: SueCuccia@thesolidrock.org

Ministry Schedule

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

Marion CI - Men's unit, Ocala, FL

Sept. 28, Thursday Day 1
 Sept. 29, Friday Day 2
 Sept. 30, Saturday Day 3
 Oct. 26, Thursday Day 1
 Oct. 27, Friday Day 2
 Oct. 28, Saturday Day 3
 Nov. 16, Thursday Day 1
 Nov. 17, Friday Day 2
 Nov. 18, Saturday Day 3
 Nov. 19, Sunday Day 1 *MAIN UNIT
 Nov. 19, Sunday Day 1 *WORK CAMP
 Nov. 20, Sunday Day 2 *MAIN UNIT
 Nov. 20, Sunday Day 2 *WORK CAMP
 Dec. 14, Thursday Day 1
 Dec. 15, Friday Day 2
 Dec. 16, Saturday Day 3

Sept. 28, Thursday Day 1
 Sept. 29, Friday Day 2
 Sept. 30, Saturday Day 3
 Oct. 26, Thursday Day 1
 Oct. 27, Friday Day 2
 Oct. 28, Saturday Day 3
 Nov. 16, Thursday Day 1
 Nov. 17, Friday Day 2
 Nov. 18, Saturday Day 3
 Dec. 14, Thursday Day 1
 Dec. 15, Friday Day 2
 Dec. 16, Saturday Day 3

Graduation for 150 Interns Dec 14 LOWELL CI, Dec 15 MARION CI. 2017

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

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:



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

Praise Report

Praise the Lord for the Church Behind Bars that is beginning to surface in the men and women's units. Many inmates are beginning to take ownership of their lives and their mission field.

Praise the Lord for our safety from Hurricane Irma. We experienced very little damage. So many others were not as fortunate. Keep them in prayer.

Praise the Lord for the many volunteers who come each month to share their gifts, talents and love for the Lord. (Hebrews 13:3)

Pray for the many gang leaders coming to Christ to be an example of a life truly transformed by the power of the Gospel. It is very challenging to be a gang leader that so many look up to for all the wrong reasons. Now, they can be an example for good but need our prayers for strength. It isn't an easy road for them.

Praise the Lord for doors opening in Cuba and for provision of finances for the FIRST ever Christian International Music Festival, prison ministry training and worship leaders training conferences. We have been granted permission to launch all three of these areas of ministry in Cuba. Finances are needed.

Pray for \$4,000 for our first humanitarian cargo plane to bring supplies to Cuba. We will be sending over 6,000 pounds on this first flight through Missionary Flights International.

Pray for our 4th quarter budget for the Church Behind Bars Movement. There are 150 inmate interns scheduled to graduate Dec. 14th and 15th.

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