



Freedom Focus

"Proclaiming Freedom for Prisoners"

Special Update for January 2013

WE ARE GRATEFUL for your support during the past year of 2012. We had generous contributions totaling \$201,755. These gifts came from hundreds of churches, businesses, and interested individuals. We also had stronger auction income than planned and we were able to cut some expenses throughout the year. We praise the Lord that SFPM was able to end the year in the black. **WE ARE SO THANKFUL FOR YOUR PARTNERSHIP WITH OUR LOCAL MISSION OUTREACH TO THOSE IN PRISON.**



SUPPORT FOR PRISON MINISTRIES

IMPACTING LANCASTER COUNTY, PA. by:

Sharing God's love and hope to men and women in prison

Assisting the church and concerned persons to get involved in prison ministry

Inviting churches, businesses, and individuals to partner financially with local mission opportunities.

For 2013, we continue our contract with Lancaster County Prison to provide chaplain services and Christian programs with 8 paid staff and 12 regular badged chaplain volunteers. Annually we respond to 15,000 requests for services and/or contacts with about 1,100 inmates; 90% men, 10% women.



3 part-time chaplains, plus about 20 church groups and area pastors minister to about 45 juvenile residents in detention and shelter care at Lancaster County Youth Intervention Center.



PLUS SFPM works with inmates being released to connect them with after/reentry ministries, raises funds through their annual benefit auction for various prison ministries, and provides speakers and education programs and training for local churches, businesses, and the community.

JOY AT CHRISTMAS

Each year Support for Prison Ministries obtains quantities of Christmas cards and distributes 4 cards to each inmate to mail to family and friends. A prison fund pays the postage and these are mailed for the inmate the week before Christmas. This note came in December from a young man at LCP.

"I just wanted to take a minute to say THANK YOU for the Christmas cards and whoever is paying the postage. That is an awesome thing to do for those of us who can't really afford it."

In early January, generous checks came to SFPM from a local family in one envelope with this note:

"Each year our family gives a Christmas gift to a charity instead of exchanging gifts with each other. May God bless your work!"

