

MANY THANKS FOR MANY YEARS

By Nelson W. Martin, SFPM Director

Marvin Reed, affectionately called “chap” by many inmates and staff, has had a longtime ministry (more than 26 years) at both the Lancaster County Prison (LCP) and the Youth Intervention Center (YIC). He will be remembered for his dedication, friendliness, gentleness, and interest in telling those behind bars how much God loves them. Marvin retired from Support for Prison Ministries chaplain staff as of December 31, 2012. He will continue to give some time in prison ministry as a volunteer.



Marvin and his wife, Grace, felt a call to missions many years ago. After farming in Lancaster County, they moved to Atmore, Alabama in 1983. There Marvin served for one year as a prison chaplain under the We Care Program. When he returned to Lancaster County, he began some volunteer ministry at LCP. In May 1986, he was hired for a part-time position which soon grew into full-time ministry.

Over the past 26 plus years, Marvin has traveled many miles from his home, near Bowmansville, to Lancaster City. He was lead chaplain at Barnes Hall, a juvenile facility, which was renamed Youth Intervention Center when a new facility was built on Sunnyside Peninsula in 2002. At YIC, young people, ages 10 – 17, are housed in detention while they wait for court hearings. Another housing unit is shelter care, for noncriminal offenders who need housing and care.

Marvin also spent many hours each week at the LCP, doing Bible studies, answering inmate requests, and doing follow ups to previous visits. Over the years, Marvin has shared with, listened to, and prayed with countless persons. He knows many ex-inmates, and keeps in touch with some persons that he has related with over the years. He is a caring and compassionate person.

Many current inmates, ex-inmates who have been helped, co-workers and the board of SFPM directors, would join me in saying, **“MANY THANKS, MARVIN, FOR YOUR YEARS OF MINISTRY!”** We join in sending this promise from II Peter 1:2, “May (God’s) grace and peace be yours in abundance through the knowledge of God and of Jesus Christ our Lord.”

MEMORIES FROM CO-WORKERS

“I remember how Chaplain Marvin would challenge the YIC boys to memorize Scripture. He would reward them with a candy bar for a job well done. I also remember him excitedly sharing whenever a resident accepted Christ.”

(Katie Mininger, YIC chaplain)

“Chap kept in good shape physically. I was impressed with how he used basketball and pushup contests to connect and relate with the kids.”

(Bryan Hubbard, YIC Program Director)

“Due to Marvin’s consistent and faithful devotion and interest in others at the Youth Center, many staff as well as residents fondly knew him as ‘chap,’ a moniker that will not be easily replaced.” (Joel Bare, YIC lead chaplain)

“Chap was always concerned about the young men who he knew from the youth center that were now incarcerated at the prison.”

(Al Huber, LCP lead chaplain)

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Focus on Volunteers

“Volunteers are special and they make a difference”

Chaplain volunteers give about 75 hours per week. This spotlight features one of these committed persons who shares so much inside the prison walls.



Kent Martin is passionate as he talks about his time given as a volunteer inside Lancaster County Prison (LCP). Currently, Kent and Jake Riehl conduct the Wednesday AM church service in the Medical Housing Unit. Kent often takes his guitar to lead worship. They teach, preach, listen, and pray with inmates who have many needs and concerns. Their church, Word of Truth in New Holland, also is on a list of local churches that take turns doing Saturday and Sunday evening services at LCP.

Kent serves as a worship team leader at Word of Truth. He is sales manager of Beiler Hydraulics in Leola. Kent and his wife Wendy have four young children and live near Stevens, PA. One of Kent’s strategies for prison ministry is to stay spontaneous and watch how God moves persons. He feels that the longer he ministers at LCP, the more he sees God at work. It is exciting to watch how the Holy Spirit of God changes inmate’s lives. In fact, Kent says a good day for him is when “the light bulb goes on and a person understands the teaching and direction that has been given to them.”

A life verse that he counts on is Philippians 3:10 “I want to know Christ and the power of his resurrection and the fellowship of sharing in his sufferings.”

THANKS, KENT, FOR YOUR ENTHUSIASTIC MINISTRY BEHIND THE BARS.

CHAPLAIN OFFICE FLOODING

On Sunday afternoon, January 27, a hot water pipe burst in the ceiling above the chaplain’s office on the second floor of LCP. The entire office and some surrounding rooms were flooded by water and steam. Hundreds of books, study guides, pamphlets, and Bibles that were on shelves or stacked on desk and table tops were destroyed. We are thankful that the computers, printers, and other office equipment are working fine. Most records and papers inside desks and file cabinets were OK after being sorted. A number of staff worked hard cleaning out the offices. All kinds of files and books and paperwork were carried into the gym and sorted on tables. The SFPM chaplain offices are temporarily located in a room in the educational/school wing while the rooms are being remodeled.

Although a major disruption, staff have worked hard to keep up with chaplain assignments and responsibilities. Prison staff have been cooperative and helpful. While sloshing through the soggy mess the day after the flood, one of our chaplains said, “What the devil does to harm us, the Lord will do even better to bless us.”

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MEET THE NEW WARDEN



Warden Dennis Molyneaux has only been warden at LCP since October 1, 2012, but already he has been overseeing many positive changes at the 625 East King St. facility. Warden Molyneaux has an open door policy to his office. He has worked hard at getting to know staff and says, "LCP staff are good workers and open to change." He is initiating more staff training and has regular meetings with LCP team players. By working closer with the courts and using alternative sentencing, the prison census has been reduced to about 1,050 inmates. The Warden has a goal "to identify and provide better care for those with mental illnesses." He also plans for the prison to enhance safety, promote positive change in offender behavior, and become more accountable to the community.

The new warden has also been supportive of the chaplaincy and other faith-based ministries. He meets weekly with Chaplain Al Huber and believes the long-term chaplain programs at LCP are valuable. He appreciates the many pastors that visit and church groups that help with many ministries within the prison. He has been meeting with and getting acquainted with community and aftercare/reentry leaders.

Mr. Molyneaux comes to Lancaster County from Montgomery County, PA, Correctional Facility where he was Deputy Warden. He began as a correctional officer in 1975. When an older prison building became overcrowded, a new prison was built in Eagleville in 1986. He has risen through the ranks in prison roles and management assignments with a total of 37 years in Montgomery County.

In a recent interview with SFPM Director Nelson Martin, Warden Molyneaux said, "A good day for me is when I get to interact with staff and supervisors and see how well they do their jobs. A good day is also one without any inmate incidents." Looking ahead to the future, he lists these visions for LCP: "To have an organization that is respected by the citizens of Lancaster County, to have returning inmates become law-abiding responsible citizens, and to build new coalitions and partnerships between LCP and the community."

Mr. Molyneaux has criminal justice degrees from West Chester University and Widener University. He has served on several boards and task forces in his community. He and his wife, Kathy, have been married for 37 years. They have two adult sons, Steve and Dave. **We welcome Warden Molyneaux to LCP and wish him many years of success. We pray God's blessings upon him.**



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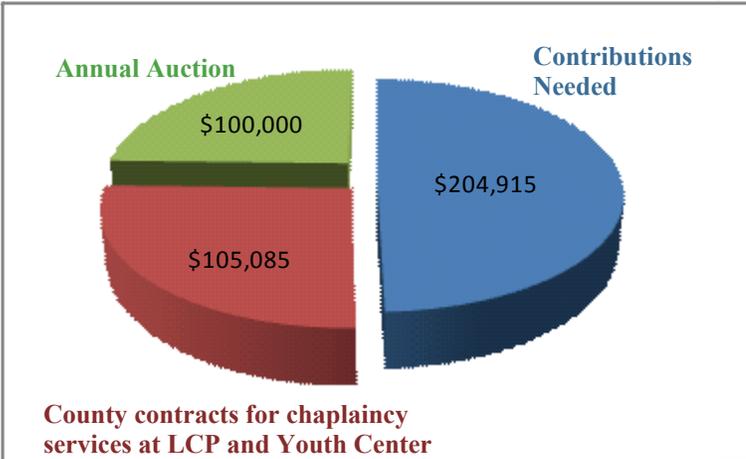
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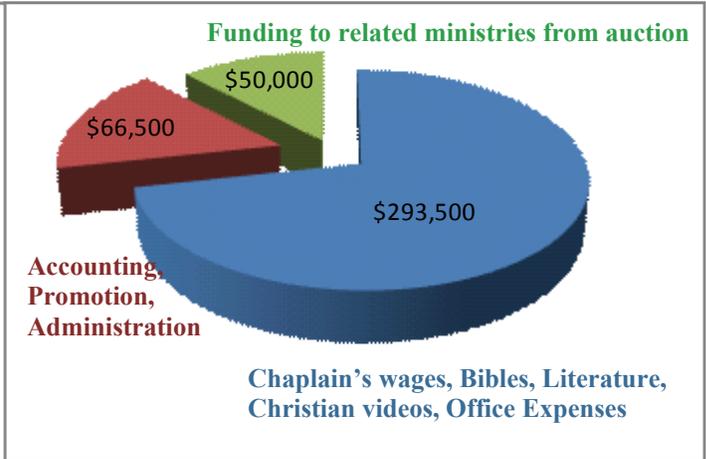
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Director's Report

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Several times a year, I write to and receive letters from an inmate serving a life sentence in a PA state prison. He is a strong believer and active in the church inside prison. It's interesting to me that in a setting where many will be for life or at least many more years, the church is well organized. He writes about inmates with roles of deacons, ushers, and caregivers.

A recent letter had this quote, "We had a great message in chapel about the need to get out of our comfort zone to help others." I reflected on how that message is for me and you as well, although our circumstances and location may be entirely different. We live in a needy world, whether we are in the free world or behind bars. I suppose the Galatians 5 verses apply wherever we live: "Carry each others burdens and in this way you will fulfill the law of Christ. . . Do not become weary in well doing . . . let us do good to all people, especially to those who belong to the family of believers."