



# Freedom Focus

*"Proclaiming Freedom for Prisoners"*

## Special Update for January 2014

**WE APPRECIATE SO MUCH** your support during the past year of 2013. We had generous contributions totaling **\$208,790**. Our contributions budget for the year was **\$204,890**. Total contributions during 2013 were up **3.5%** from 2012 year. Gifts came from hundreds of churches, businesses, and interested individuals. We also had stronger auction income than planned. 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 2014, we will continue with our contract to provide chaplain services and Christian programs at Lancaster County Prison. We have 8 paid staff and 12 regular badged chaplain volunteer. Annually, we respond to about 14,000 requests for services and/or contacts with about 1,000 inmates; 90% men, 10% women.



At Lancaster County Youth Intervention Center we have 3 part-time chaplains, plus about 20 church groups and area pastors minister to about 40-50 juvenile residents in detention and shelter care.



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 Christmas cards and distributes 3 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. Many inmates use this opportunity to say thank you for the cards that SFPM provides.

One note said, "Thank you for all you do for us inmates. God bless you all. Have happy holidays."

Another inmate wrote: "I am now reading the Bible and feel more relaxed with life. The Word is comforting to me. When I get out, I want to go back to my church and re-focus on my family."

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