



# Freedom Focus

*"Proclaiming Freedom for Prisoners"*

## Special Update for January 2017

**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 2017, we will continue with our contract to provide chaplain services and Christian programs at Lancaster County Prison. We have 8 paid staff and 14 regular badged chaplain volunteers. Annually, we respond to about 14,000 requests for services and/or contacts with inmates. LCP has about 1,000 inmates; 90% men, 10% women.



At Lancaster County Youth Intervention Center we have 5 part-time chaplains, plus about 20 church groups and area pastors minister to about 40-50 juvenile residents in detention and shelter care.

### **Greetings from President of SFPM Board, Ken Martin**

As I reflect on 2016 and contemplate 2017, I'm reminded just how accurate and timeless the written word of God really is.

First on 2016: The presidential race was historic and full of drama, twists, and surprises. Along with the political uncertainties, the increased attacks against Biblical morality and persecution toward believers of Jesus has impacted many of our churches.

Now for 2017: I Timothy 6:11 says, *"We are men and women of God. We are to flee evil and run after (passionately pursue) righteousness, godliness, faith, love, endurance and gentleness."* I believe more than ever the church has a message and the answer for the broken world. Are you as passionate about sharing Jesus with an unbeliever as you are about your political affiliation or your self-focused pursuits? Are you willing to sacrificially give of your time and monies to bring Jesus to those in prison?

This is the time for the church (you and I) to boldly proclaim Biblical truth and venture into enemy territory! With Jesus, we are victorious!



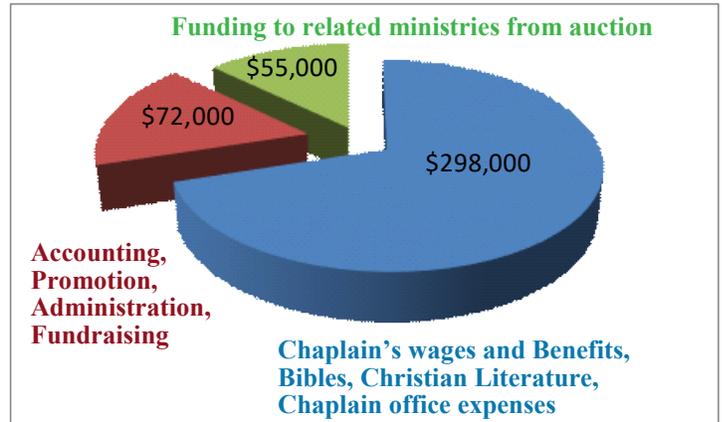
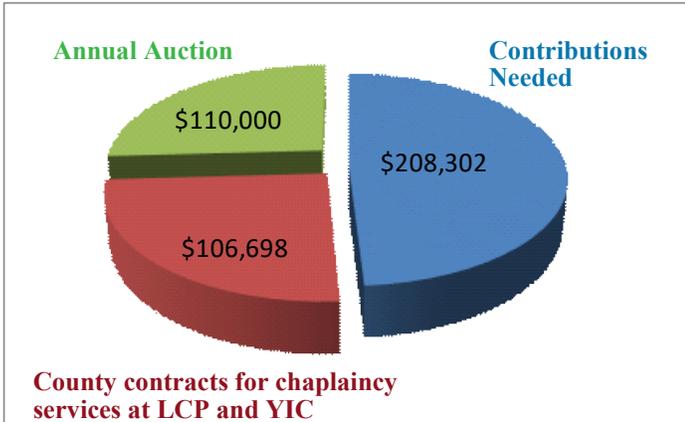
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# Focus On Finances

Income

**2017 Budget: \$425,000**

Expenses



**A self-addressed envelope is enclosed for your gift to partner with SFPM. THANK YOU !!**



## THE GENEROSITY CONTINUES

By Nelson Martin, Public Relations

SFPM was blessed with strong giving throughout the year of 2016. Generous gifts came from hundreds of churches, businesses, and individuals. As I talk to people, there seems to be a growing interest in the local mission of sharing Good News behind prison bars.

What are the results? We heard from an LCP male inmate, *"I accepted the Lord while in LCP. My life changed – I took a new turn to freedom. I now attend a local church. Praise the Lord."*

A female inmate sent this note, *"I felt alone. I struggled that the world was out to get me. But when I read the Bible I was given, I realized that God loves me. I will not be alone again."*

We praise God for your generosity. There is a blessing promised for those who remember inmates. Thanks for your prayers, gifts, and ongoing counsel.

This past year has been a memorable year of God's blessing and guidance on our work. We want to thank our donors that give their hard-earned finances to make this work possible for us again. We have been so blessed at SFPM to be partnering with fine individuals as yourselves. We are also blessed with the chaplains and volunteers that work with us and their hearts for the men and women incarcerated.

From the Board members, staff, prayer warriors, and all supporters of this work there is a continuing anticipation of God moving in prison. In a country that seems to want

to minimize God's influence in society, we as Christians realize that with prison, like society, the answer to changing hearts is a relationship with Jesus Christ. There may be many programs in prison, but nothing can substitute sharing Jesus Christ with the incarcerated. Thank you again for helping us to let inmates know in Whom to believe.

*For this reason I also suffer these things, but I am not ashamed; for I know whom I have believed and I am convinced that He is able to guard what I have entrusted to Him until that day. 2 Timothy 1:12.*



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