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Two Important Positions

I thank everyone who supported Life Abundant financially in 2010. The ministry could not function without the financial support of God's people. This past year we made a bold step and brought on Mr. Frank Gianni as our Men's Coordinator. Frank has worked in prison ministry before and understands the many struggles facing inmates and ex-offenders. Frank coordinates the male volunteers in our inmate mentoring program. We continue to build this program so as not to overlook even one inmate. Our mentoring program is always short-handed and in demand from inmates seeking changes in their lives. We are excited to have Frank with us and we expect his addition will enhance our ministry going into 2011.

Our women's ministry has been richly blessed by our Women's Coordinator, Sonia Mendelow. God has blessed her with the gift of evangelism. Sonia has implemented co-dependency classes in the prison, work release center, and two recovery houses for women. Sonia has a very good understanding of the needs of women who are incarcerated. It is a blessing to have someone like Sonia to head up this aspect of our ministry.

The two positions have been very helpful to me coordinating the volunteers and inmates. When there are no volunteers available they keep contact with the individual inmates. Please pray for Frank and Sonia as they have a very special place in Life Abundant.

I thank every one of our volunteers who minister in Bucks County prison. They are involved in Bible studies, mentoring, decision making, and co-dependency classes. We had thirteen new volunteers go through the orientation process at the prison this past year. We have four in the wings waiting. Our volunteers are the backbone of this ministry and I greatly appreciate all they do in the name of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. We are the only Christian individually mentoring ministry at Bucks County Prison.

I want to thank every one of our volunteers this year who minister to those in prison. They are involved in Bible Studies, mentoring, decision making, co-dependency classes, Christian counsel, and making a positive difference in the lives of inmates and ex-offenders. The mentoring program allows the Christian inmate see and understands through the volunteer that we are all sinners saved by the marvelous grace of God. We had thirteen new volunteers go through the orientation process at the prison this past year. We have four in the wings waiting. Our volunteers are the backbone of this ministry and I greatly appreciate all they do in the name of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. We are the only individual mentoring Christian ministry at Bucks County Prison .



*And she shall bring forth a son,
and thou shalt call his name
JESUS: for he shall save his
people from their sins*

MATTHEW 1:21



Two Are Better Than One

I received a phone call the other day from a woman inmate to whom we ministered, who is now in a state facility. These institutions allow you only about fifteen minutes to talk per phone call. She received a four-year sentence and was just transferred from Bucks County. Our conversation revolved around how she was doing spiritually in her new environment. About half way into our conversation, she broke down in tears and said she is really struggling. My heart went out to her as she expressed being very alone, isolated, depressed and fearful. You can be surrounded by many people yet feel totally alone. Being a Christian in prison is even more difficult, because you are part of a minority. Feelings of insecurity, fear, doubt, anxiety, and loneliness become everyday occurrences. I tried to calm her fears and encourage her in the short time I had with her on the phone. As we spoke I was asking God, by the power of the Holy Spirit, to give her a sense of His presence. We continued to talk and she expressed her appreciation that I was willing to listen. Just having someone to listen can change a person's emotional and spiritual outlook. God says in Ecclesiastes 4:9-10 **"Two are better than one; because they have a good reward for their labor: For if they fall, the one will lift up his fellow; but woe to him that is alone when he falls; for he has not another to help him up."**

Pray for her spiritual strength in the midst of her personal trials. I encourage you to consider becoming a volunteer in Life Abundant. God can use you to help someone stay spiritually afloat in a very dark place.

End Of The Year Giving!

This is the time of year that non-profits depend upon donations from individuals, businesses, foundations, and churches to end up in the black. Life Abundant is no different when it comes to support. We depend upon God's people to help us financially so we can continue ministering the gospel to inmates in Bucks County Prison. In planning your end of the year giving, please consider Life Abundant. Your support is greatly appreciated.



The Year of the LORD's Favor—The Spirit of the Sovereign LORD is on me, because the LORD has anointed me to preach good news to the poor. He has sent me to bind up the brokenhearted, to proclaim freedom for the captives and release from darkness for the prisoners. Isaiah 61:1

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