

# Life Abundant, Inc.

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## The Power of God

It is hard to believe that the ministry of Life Abundant has ministered for thirty-three years in the Bucks County Prison system sharing the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ. It started out with one man's vision, the Rev. Mel Swanson, who went in as a volunteer to share the gospel. It quickly became aware to him that the men were making professions of faith but there were no volunteers to mentor them in their faith. That led to the formation of the ministry, Life Abundant Inc. for the purpose of mentoring inmates who took that step of faith. Praise God! Thirty-three years later we continue to minister to the men and women in Bucks County Prison.

It has been my privilege to serve in the capacity of Executive Director for the past twenty-five years. Over these twenty-five years I have seen God's faithfulness to this ministry year after year. The ministry now has ninety volunteers who do one-on-one mentoring, Bible Study groups, individual support groups, church services, and correspondence. **In 2010 the average main prison daily population was 781. The average Community Corrections population was 304. The average daily population for the entire system in 2010 was 1,249 men and women. There were a total of 7,254 bookings in 2010.** Over the period of 2010 we ministered to approximately 2080 men and women in Bucks County Prison.

I have the great opportunity year after year to work with men and women who love the Lord Jesus Christ and have a desire to share that love with men and women in Bucks County Prison. I cannot thank them enough for their service, dedication, and faithfulness to the Lord.

If everything was left at that, things would sound great and we would be Praising God. But we know we have an enemy that is out to destroy us and the work that we do. The scripture states **"For we wrestle not against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this world, against spiritual wickedness in high places." (Ephesians 6: 12)** Satan puts the spiritual blinders over the human heart so the gospel is hid from those that are lost. He keeps them bound in deception and sin. Prison is a place of darkness, deception, lies, and deceit. But it is a place where God's light shines the brightest. **"For we preach not ourselves, but Christ Jesus the Lord: and ourselves your servants for Jesus' sake. For God who commanded the light to shine out of darkness hath shined in our hearts, to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ."** (2 Corinthians 4: 5-6)

We serve a risen savior and one who is all powerful. God's Word can pierce through the spiritual darkness of Satan because it is quick, and powerful, and sharper than any two-edged sword. For it is a discerner of the thoughts and intents of the human heart.

We are celebrating 33 years of God's faithfulness this coming year. The board of directors and I want to express our sincere appreciation to you for the continue support this year. We pray that we will continue to find favor with you for the work that Life Abundant does in Bucks County Prison. I pray we can count on your continued support in 2012.

In Christ,

Herbert W. Rose





## Wanting To Do The Right Thing:

And inmate writes, " I have been writing trying to get into a Christian based half way house. I am months away for being paroled any time after February 2<sup>nd</sup>. I have no direction or nothing in place and will probably end up in a half-way house in Philadelphia. What I truly do not want is to get out and come back in a couple of months. I have been over all my mistakes I made on parole the other times out. I just want to be in Christian fellowship with true believers. It is want I've been seeking for a long time, and my circumstances always derailed me. I do trust in the Lord and I have been attending chapel services here. He has put me in touch with other believes and this is good for me. I want to go another direction and stay Christian connected. Not only do I want to but I need to. I am open to any suggestions you can give me. I am asking for one last chance to prove myself in all aspects. Take care and Happy Thanksgiving."

In His Name  
A.L.

Pray for A. as he prepares to get his life on tract. Men like A. need Christian fellowship and support coming out of incarceration. Please keep him in your prayers.



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Are you interested in becoming a part of the After Care Solution?

I am able to give:

- \$ Annually
- \$ Quarterly
- \$ Monthly

- I am able to pray
- Send Email Updates
- Please Mail Updates

I will partner by:

- Mentoring
- Employing
- Finding Housing
- Contacting my Pastor

### COMMENTS

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*Assisting inmates, ex-offenders and their families develop Biblical principles in their social, economic, and spiritual lives and becoming productive members of society.*

