

OUR FATHER'S PERSISTENT LOVE MINISTRIES, INC.

MINISTRY UPDATE

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*"Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation: the old has gone, and the new has come."
2 Cor. 5:17*

Costa Rica Bound!

I am excited to share with you that the Lord has opened up a wonderful opportunity for me to return to Costa Rica this January to finish up my Spanish studies that I started back in August 2009 to April 2010. I am greatly looking forward to this time away to really focus on being more proficient in the Spanish language. I am scheduled to leave Jan. 7th and will away till May 7th. I am also grateful for the privilege to be involved once again in the ladies prison "Buen Pastor" (Good Shepherd). Please keep me in your prayers that I would have safe travel and good health as I get settled in and ready to hit the books once again!!!

Praise/Prayer Requests

* I praise the Lord for all who were involved w/ the Inmate Children Gift Giving Project this Christmas. All 60 plus children were more than provided for. Thank you for sacrificially digging deep into your pockets this Christmas to give a gift for a child whose Dad is behind bars.

* Please pray that the Lord gives me an awesome time in Costa Rica these next 4-5 months. Pray also that the prison ministry in NJ would continue to keep going strong while I am away.

* We are still waiting for the final "Ok" to begin doing Bible Studies on Fridays at the Ocean County Jail. Please pray that the administration would get organized so we can start ministering to the ladies there.

* Please keep praying for my Acid Reflux. I'm praying that this brief change in my schedule will help bring complete relief since I'm out of the "Red Zone" for awhile. It's definitely better then it was!

Special Christmas Thanks

Ken, Sally and their two boys have been delivering gifts for years. They along with Marjorie delivered to this particular family in Passaic. Andrew (11) and Brandon (6) were so excited when they heard a knock at the front door. Although there was a little bit of a language barrier with Mom, Andrew did most of the translating. The boys were so adorable and very appreciative for the gifts. As they were leaving they all exchanged "Hugs" and "High Fives". There is definitely a lot of fun and love in this home!!



The Miller/Marjorie Delivery Clan



The Chavis Family

Grace Christian Church delivered to a family of four children between the ages of 13 and 5. Annette quotes, "when the kids opened the door, they were all greeted with five big and beautiful smiles!! The children were so surprised and excited to see us". Mom was so grateful for the gifts that were brought on behalf of their Dad in prison this Christmas.

Hugs and Bows

Dan, Gwen, and Julia delivered to two families in Trenton. Julia helped little Aaliyah (1) open her gift who especially loved the wrapping paper and bow. Aaron was so excited that when he saw the presents he ran directly to Julia and gave her a huge hug and asked, "Are you Santa's helpers?" "No, they replied, these gifts are from your Dad"! What a great opportunity to be able to shower people with gifts and at the same time the love of Jesus.



I love Hugs!



A Return Visit

This is the second year in a row that Mary and her church have delivered to Summer (3) and her three other sisters. "Summer is a bit shy", says Mary, "but was eager to tell me all about her older sisters and school". The children are being raised by their grandparents as mom passed away a year or so ago. It was important that Dad made sure that his children were taken care of for Christmas. Thanks to all who bought gifts for this family of 4 children.

Mary, Summer, and Grandma

Takin it 2 the Jail

We are so grateful for the time we had in Freehold County Jail last month. Al and Sandy Terhune from "Takin it 2 the Streets" ministry came in and shared the gospel with 50-60 inmates. Frank and Hope Bolasci from Calvary Chapel and the band "RES Q" did an awesome job leading the inmates in worship and preparing their hearts for the message. The Word was preached that evening and it's our hope that much fruit will come from that time.



Frank, Hope, Bob, Al, and Sandy

Hurricane Sandy Help

The Lord had been burdening my heart to get out and help the people who lost so much during Hurricane Sandy. My church had already set up a relief website for people to request help, but some of us were also going door to door in the more devastated areas asking directly if they needed help gutting out their homes. I was so blessed by all the people we met and their attitudes. The best part was after working a totally exhausting day, being able to all come together as a team and pray for the homeowner and give them a Bible and them not being offended. Wow!! God is good and my plan is to stay in contact with these people and continue to pray for their salvations.



CC Downy, CA. helps Nanette (center) holding her new Bible



CC Tennessee blesses Vicky