

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*

Inmate Children Christmas Gift Giving Project 2013

*Children: 110 . . . Families: 58 . . . Jesus DVD's: 35 . . .
Out of state deliveries: Canada, Ct. Fl. Ga. NC, NY, Ohio*

*Your prayers for our Inmate Children Gift Giving Project
have been answered in a BIG way!!*

*Please enjoy these stories of sharing God's love
(and presents!) with these families.*

Praise/Prayer Requests

* Praise the Lord for all the volunteers that helped bless the 58 families this Christmas. You were the hands and feet of Jesus and we couldn't have done it without you!!

* Praise the Lord for the record number of people signed up for the Biblical Counseling Conference in Indiana Feb. 8th – 14th. Please pray for good weather and that our group would learn alot and be refreshed.

* Please pray that the Lord raises up additional servants for the new institutions we are presently ministering in.

* Praise the Lord that He has finally granted me entrance back into Freehold County Jail. Thanks to all that were praying for this.

Stepbrothers Embrace!

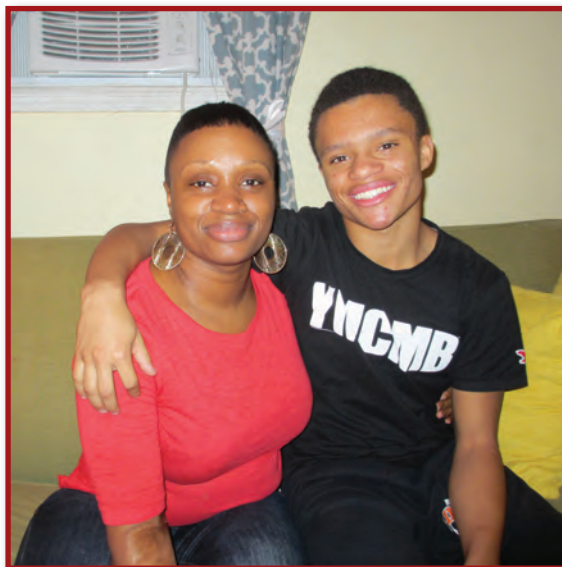
Inmate Jason has two sons living in two different places. When Janet, Danielle, and Janice showed up with their gifts, Erinn, one of the moms, was very grateful, but was concerned that the other son had also been take care of. To her comfort they both were by other volunteers. Here is a picture of the two boys arm and arm. The gospel was shared and a bible given. Praying that the Lord does a work in this family!



Jayden & Jason

Up and Rising Star!!

Wes and Chris have been apart of the prison visitation ministry through OFPLM for years. They have visited inmate James and have gotten to know him and his son Jordan very well. They wanted to bless his family this year. James was so excited knowing that his son would have gifts. Their visit went really well and they were able to pray with Jordan and his mom. He plays football and runs track and is turning out to be quite the athlete. Watch out! He may even be playing for the Giants or running in the Olympics one day!!



Jordan and his Mom

Going The Second Mile!

Susan was reaching out to a local family when the mother of 4 kids broke down in tears on the phone. The mom shared that they had just been displaced from their Apt. and were temporarily living in a shelter. When Susan arrived with the gifts, the kids were so excited, but she soon realized that there were two additional children whose names were not on the request form. So she and her volunteers said they would be back in 30 minutes. They ran to the local Wal-mart and bought some things for the extra kids plus a giant foosball table for all to play with. As you can tell from the picture, their efforts were a huge blessing for this family!



The Thomas Tribe



Dad w/ his two daughters

Maureen had delivered to this same family for the last couple of years now, but something was different this time. To her surprise when she walked in the door she found the kids Dad there! Wow!! Inmate Charles had just gotten home. He had put his gift request back in Sept. not knowing if he would be released in time for Christmas. What a huge blessing to be able to see his kids open the gifts he had requested to be delivered. Big smiles in this family! Dad was finally home!

Finally Home!

Many times it's difficult connecting with the inmate's families. The phone numbers have changed and the addresses are outdated. For some reason this year was the record year for bad phone numbers. Ugh!! One of the volunteers tried everything in locating this family in Passaic, NJ. She even went as far as asking everyone in the visit hall on a prison visit one day if anybody knew them. Finally a lady named "Grace" stepped forward and said she was from Passaic and would do her best to help track this family down. In two days they received a phone call that she had found them. What a joy! A miracle really!! Her son Juan even offered to show them where the house was and helped deliver the gifts. The Lord is so good!

Mission Accomplished!

When Sonia and her daughter Elise arrived in Newark at their family's home, the three kids could not contain themselves. One of the kids had just had double knee surgery and was in a wheelchair with two casts on his legs. The kids were so excited that they ripped opened all their gifts on the spot. Please pray for this family as they are Jehovah's Witnesses and it made it a bit awkward as they don't celebrate Christmas. Sonia and Elise did a great job sharing the love of Jesus with them in spite of the differences in beliefs!



Juan and Grandma Reyes

Wheel Chair Bound!

Sonia, Elise, w/ the Diaz family



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