

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*

Delaney Hall Ministry Update

We have been serving in a place called Delaney Hall (Newark, NJ) for the last 7 months. It's an immigration jail that houses many inmates from many different counties. The three largest people groups we are ministering to are Spanish/Portuguese, Chinese, and English. It's a huge blessing meeting so many from all over the world and hearing their personal stories. We are literally "going into all the world and preaching the gospel"-for real!!

Praise/Prayer Requests

- * Please pray for us as we begin ministering in Hudson County Jail on Mondays. The Chaplain seems really great!
- * Please keep all of the ladies that are serving in the prison ministry in your prayers. There are many spiritual attacks that come with working in Satan's playground.
- * Please pray for Calvary Chapel San Pedro in Costa Rica. The Pastor and his wife are in much need of financial support and I'm looking to set up some meetings this June/July to introduce them to you. Let me know if you are interested?
- * Please keep one of our ladies named Shannon in your prayers. She is presently in the Long Island Teen Challenge Program and God is doing a great work in her life.

A Wedding!!

Meet Willis and Sharon Robinson. Willis was one of the first inmates we met back in 1995 when we started doing prison ministry in Trenton State. He was newly saved at the time and so full of the love of the Lord. Many of the church volunteers got to know and love him. He met Sharon a few years later and they felt the Lord calling them together. They officially tied the knot March 14th!! We are so happy for them. Please pray for them as they start their new life together and that they would find where God is calling them to serve.



Willis and Sharon

Missionary Kids Retreat!



Next generation of missionaries

I recently spent two weeks in my beloved Costa Rica helping out with a missionary retreat. It was a great time of refreshment for a bunch of American missionaries serving in Costa Rica. As the parents got refreshed in God's Word, we took care of their children. All was going well until I was hit

with a nasty Costa Rican virus. I will spare you the details, but it was rough. One day I found a huge scorpion (about the size of Texas) in my shower! It was really scary looking. A team leader was gracious enough to come and take care of that for me-
whew, was I relieved!

Surprise!! Dad turns 80!!

It's really hard to believe that my Dad turned 80 in Feb. We had a surprise party for him after church and really got him good. He has been diligently serving the Lord in the Freehold County jail for many years and absolutely loves it. The men adore him and look forward to seeing him every day. Three of the guys he had previously worked with in the jail showed up at his party. What an awesome time seeing the fruit of his labors!



Dad and Debbie



Last Day Together!

Biblical Counseling Conference Once Again!

It was another awesome time at Faith Baptist Church in Lafayette, Indiana. We had the largest group attend so far and we all had a great time. We were refreshed in the Word and came back with a toolbox full of wonderful resources and great principles in how to help those around us. I am praying about helping a Costa Rican married couple attend next year. Please pray for Wagner and Cindy that the gov't would grant them a visa to come to Indiana and they would be able to raise the finances for the conference!

Visiting the Big House!

One of the many unique ministries that OFPLM has been involved in over the years is bringing people in to visit the incarcerated Christian Brothers in Rahway State Prison. It was a vision that was birthed many years ago based on the scripture from Matthew 25: 36, "When I was in prison you visited me". Grace Christian Church, along with many other churches, visits these men at various times of the year. These volunteers are a real joy and a huge encouragement to the men there who are serving short and long-term sentences.



Volunteers Visiting at Rahway State Prison



Hudson County Jail

Another Jail!!

Hudson County Jail just opened their doors to us also! This jail is located right over the bridge in Kearny, which makes it convenient to visit after we minister to the inmates at nearby Delaney Hall. We are very excited and can't wait to see what God has in store.