

# 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, the new has come.  
2 Cor. 5:17***

## Angel Tree 2008!

I know that it's a little early to be thinking about Christmas (sorry about that, I know that most of you are still relaxing on the beach), but I need to put together an initial list of those who are interested in helping out with our Angel Tree Inmate Gift Giving Project 2008. We are looking for volunteers from all over to help in this effort. Maybe your church would like to get together and sponsor a number of children this year (\$25.00 per child)! If you are interested in either buying a gift and/or delivering the gifts to the children of inmates, please e-mail us ASAP at:

[prisonministries@juno.com](mailto:prisonministries@juno.com).

*And give thanks for everything to God the Father in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ.*

*Ephesians 5:20*

I want to personally thank each and every supporter of this ministry for your faithfulness through these challenging economic times. You know how hard it is for me to ask and over the last few months I had been noticing a decline in my monthly support. A number of you prayed and took a step of faith and either added to/doubled your current giving or gave substantial one-time gifts. Thank you so very much. The Lord is good and has once again showed me that He is my great provider!

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## A Trophy of Grace...

Meet Mary our most recent **“Trophy of Grace”**. I met her in the Freehold County Jail over a year ago. She would say that she was a complete mess. She had a \$5,000.00 a month drug habit and wasn't going anyway fast. Her relationships with her children and husband were practically over. But God started moving in her life when she landed in the lock-down section of the jail due to her disobedient behavior. A Bible found it's way into her hands and she started reading the Good News of Jesus Christ. The Lord spoke to her heart saying, “Enough is enough Mary, you are done.” He got a hold of her heart and she hasn't been the same since. We are meeting every Friday for discipleship and counseling. She was recently baptized in the ocean at Ocean Grove, NJ. I just love the enthusiasm of new believers! Thank you Lord for some fruit!!



**Mary & Debbie at Baptism**



**Darryl & Nijzahy  
having fun!**



## A Visit with Dad...

Many of you may remember that for the first time last year our ministry was able to fly up two children from Louisville, Kentucky to visit their Dad who is serving time in Trenton State Prison. This year once again the Lord provided the money so we were able to bless Darryl and Nijzahy who were accompanied by their grandmother. We were praying that we could do something really special for the kids this year and the Lord opened up a wonderful opportunity. Six Flags Great Adventure donated two tickets for the children to go to the Theme Park. We were doubly blessed as there was a Christian group “Mercy Me” there performing in one of the Arenas. All had an awesome time and the kids were even able to ride a few of the heart stopping roller coasters!!

### Prayer Requests:

- ◆ Please pray that the Lord gives me protection on the road as I travel this coming week to Mass., Vt., and NH. I will be visiting some inmate families/supporters. (Aug. 11-19)
- ◆ I am praying and seeking the Lord about going back to El Salvador on a Missions trip Sept. 13-21. Thank you so much for your prayers in the area of me learning Spanish. The “light” is finally coming on!
- ◆ Pray that the Lord would give me wisdom as I teach the ladies each week in the county jails. I feel so inadequate at times. Also we have been having a number of lockdowns in the Middlesex County Jail. Pray that the Lord keeps the doors open each Thursday morning when we are there for two hours. (We travel over an hour to get there!)
- ◆ Philip Reardon’s family is coming for their annual visit in September. His sister Kathy who he hasn’t seen in fifteen plus years will be joining the visit with the family for the first time. Please pray that the weather would be nice so they all can enjoy an outdoor visit and that Philip’s testimony would come shining through.
- ◆ Please pray as I travel to St. Louis, MO for the NANC Counseling Conference Oct. 6-8. I few others will be joining me as we learn about “Crisis Counseling”. Many awesome teachers will be present, one who is my all time favorite, Dr. John MacArthur. This much needed training really supplements my work with the ladies.

**We’d love your feedback.**

**Email us at  
prisonministries@juno.com.**

### A Redeemed Mom...

I was able to travel to Massachusetts with another couple to visit one of the ladies who we knew from the Freehold County Jail. I believe that Sinneh told me that she was arrested over 15 times. It was such a joy to see her outside the jail walls and how the Lord has provided for her and her two children, Harmony and Angelica. (I love those names!)

Sinneh has joined a Missionary Alliance Church that has really taken her under their wings. We are grateful for all that the Lord has done in Sinneh’s life and how He is giving her the wisdom to raise her two little sweethearts. I plan on visiting her again this coming week to encourage her in her walk with the Lord.



**Sinneh, Angelica & Debbie**



**Angelica & Harmony**

### Some family news . . .



**David, Beth, Rachel & Judy**

My younger sister Beth and her family have now moved to Toronto, Canada and are doing Jewish Ministries there. We really miss them tons!! While they were visiting us in NJ, we had the opportunity to go to a game. Anybody who knows the Carvers knows that we are all “diehard” Mets fans. This is the final year that they will be playing baseball at our precious Shea Stadium. We were able to enjoy one final game there. Unfortunately the “Amazings” weren’t so amazing that day. They ended up losing the game. Bummer!! We still had a blast anyway!

### A Special Thanks...

A special thanks goes to the ministry team from Grace Christian Church for their faithful visits for so many years to the Christian brothers who are incarcerated in State Prison. We are extremely grateful for their commitment early Saturday mornings and especially for their latest recruit Miguel who can speak Spanish. Muy bien!!



**Steve, Phil, Donna & Miguel  
from Grace Christian**