OUR FATHER'S PERSISTENT LOVE MINISTRIES, INC.

MINISTRY UPDATE — JANUARY 2025

"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 Gift Giving Project 2024

Children: 95 Families: 33
States Delivered: NJ, NY, PA, KY, NC, SC, WI, VA, GA, MN, CA

As you can see from the numbers quoted above, the Inmate Children Gift Giving Outreach is no small feat. It takes much labor, even months of preparation to make it happen. Thank you once again to all the churches and volunteers who took time to bless these children with Christmas gifts. It's really the Lord who orchestrates it all, and we are but willing vessels in His hands. We are so grateful for all the visits and the gospel that was shared! Please take a minute to read and be blessed by just a handful of the testimonies, and remember to keep these families in your prayers.

Praise/Prayer Requests

- Thank you for your prayers and support for the Inmate Children Gift Giving Project. You all make this happen and it was a huge blessing once again. All the kids were located and the gifts and gospel went forth. Pray that these efforts would bear much fruit.
- The ACBC Conference in Dallas was amazing. In addition to that, we visited Andrea Yates who is a beautiful spirit-filled sister in the Lord who absolutely blessed our socks off.
- Thank you for your prayers for Philip's carpal tunnel. Since then, he has had both hands done, and is so grateful to be able to feel his fingers again.
- We are in the process of applying to Jamesburg, a juvenile jail about an hour away. We are scheduled for the orientation class the end of January. Please pray that all would go smoothly and we would be able to go in and minister to the young men there.
- We are planning on being in Florida the last week of April visiting some supporters. We will also remain down there for our anniversary to get some rest. Please pray that the Lord would arrange those visits and that we would rest well.
- We praise the Lord for our new website that was launched just a few months ago. We have received a lot of positive feedback. Thank you to my Brazilian friend Edna, from way back, who did a fabulous job! (www.ofpl.org)
- The Lord was been so good to us and we are so grateful for all that pray and support this ministry. Thank you for all that give each month. It means so much to us.

Jamer and Jimmy

Brothers Forever!

Shore Life church delivered to the same family as last year. We try and team up the same families year to year as it's just easier as a relationship has already been built. Taffy mentioned what a blessing the visit was and how they all held hands and prayed together. Jamer and Jimmy were competing with who could sport the most serious mug shot. Observe, the diversity of God in His Kingdom. Doesn't He yoke together the most unusual twosomes?

Grateful Hearts!

Tywan, Kylee, and Antoine display their gifts

Jerry and Toni have also been ministering to the same family for a number of years. Some of the kids are in NJ, while others are in PA and WI. It was a little difficult this year making connections with the Grandmother who usually ends up organizing all the gifts and where they need to go. A date was finally had, and three of the older children ended up coming to Toni's church in Jersey City to receive the gifts. PTL!! She mentioned what a blessing it was and all seemed very happy and appreciative that their Dad had remembered them.

Bill, Connie, Angela with the dancing Valeria

Dancing Queen!

Angela, Bill, and Connie visited little Valeria who is 5 years old. She is a granddaughter to one of the Dad's in prison and is ball of energy. Angela said while she was ministering to the mom, Valeria put on some music from the TV and was entertaining the rest of the group with her dancing. In tears, the mom, Lourdes, expressed her appreciation for the gifts, prayer, and for all that the prison ministry does for inmate families. Everybody was blessed by the visit and are looking forward to next year!

We miss you Dad!

Phil and Lisa Gonzalez from Life Church took on 18 kids this season. Wow! Nothing like walking by faith! Lisa does all the organizing and even some of the deliveries. Annette from her church was assigned to deliver in Trenton. She arrived with her gifts for little 19-month old Ni'yomii. Mom was thrilled and so grateful for the time they spent together. Praise the Lord for the volunteers that make time in their busy schedules to bless these families on behalf of their Dad behind bars.

Mom Kyrah, holding Ni'yomii and Annette

Emryn opening her gift

Thanks Dad!

Mark and Marie aren't new to prison ministry. Actually Marie's mom, Jane Frank, was one of the founding directors of OFPLM that tried desperately to help Philip in his early days of addiction. Mark and Marie didn't let distance deter them at all. They ended up driving over an hour to Palymra to deliver gifts to 3 girls and their Mom. Emryn, who is 6-years old, couldn't wait to see what her Dad bought her. It was just what she wanted! Praise the Lord for the kids lives that are touched through this project.

Pop Pop Loves You!

Jay and Sharon are also not new to this outreach! So they weren't shaken when they were assigned a family of five kids in Cape May, which ended up being six. Oh boy!! Mom had had a new baby since last year. All six kids are grandchildren to the inmate. Sharon reported that it was a wonderful visit! The children were adorable, so kind, well-behaved and appreciative. She also mentioned that "their Grandpa should be very proud of the beautiful family that he has!"

Ny'ajah holding little sister K'arie