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THE DALE WHITE MEMORIAL LIFETIME ACHIEVEMENT AWARD



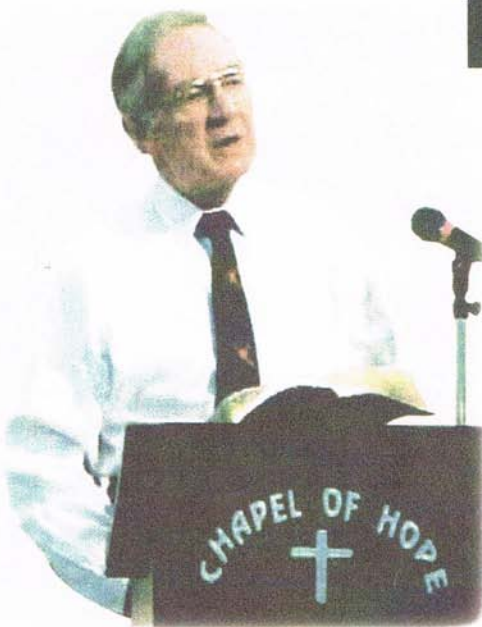
Heard Hearon, faithfully preaches the Gospel at the Hutchins State Jail. A gifted teacher and Bible preacher, Heard completed his Masters Degree at Criswell College. Heard and Dave have trained 20 pastors in Ivory Coast, Africa in Prison Ministry with the International Mission Board, Duane Faulk - Missionary.

2011

Recipient of Award

Heard Hearon

Bible Teacher at the Collin County Jail, weekly leading people to Christ. He has been on a dozen prison trips with me, including death row visits.



Director - 
Founder/ Prison-to-Praise International



ANGEL TREE 2010

Angel Tree (AT) is booming! New churches are doing it, networking with 3 inner city churches. Auburn state prison Chaplain Doug Ferry will provide the funds for the dinner for one of the big AT parties again this year. Many churches in the inner city are working together to support the one church hosting. Another church we started from scratch 2 years ago will again take 200 children for a huge party December 19th. They did back to school with 150 AT children also last year. God is moving! We are developing follow-up plans for year around ministry and discipleship for the families with these churches as well. Psalms 150:1-6.

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Board of Directors 2010 Report

Prayer Partners

11/13/10
By: David Umfreville

“IN MY MIND”
See what the lord hath done!

Starting from scratch again, if we close tomorrow, God has done a glorious work! Jesus has done this ministry at First Baptist Dallas (FB-D) now again in W.N.Y.

- 1.) 743 decisions for Christ in 7 prisons and jails
- 2.) 11,400 Christian books and Bibles placed in Prisons
- 3.) Discipling 20 students in 6 states.
- 4.) 12 Volunteers mentored from 5 churches
- 5.) 7 new churches helped 1,520 Inmate children
- 6.) Prison-to-Praise given back to us from FB-D through Rev. Jim Pence, past prison director.
- 7.) 3 awareness conferences held, 375 in attendance
- 8.) Website: www.prisonstopraise.org
Temp site: (prison.IDGBuffalo.com)

We need financial support to continue on. Pray this can be accomplished.

2 Chronicles 7:14

David Umfreville



CORRESPONDENCE CORNER

December 2010

As I work with our students, I begin to see the dire consequences of sin. Enclosed in my library surrounded by the blessings of education and health, I could easily forget that there are lives being destroyed by sin every day.

Proverbs warns us not to be “full” and forget the Lord (Proverbs 30:9). There are several ways to forget the Lord. Oh, we may not forget that there is a God, or forget that He died for us, or forget that we have a home in heaven. But do we forget that we were bought with a price and that our lives are not our own? Do we forget that God hates sin?

The book of Hebrews talks about the sin which “doth so easily beset us” (12:1) and the “deceitfulness of sin” (3:13). Jeremiah 17:9 warns us, “The heart is deceitful above all things, and desperately wicked: who can know it?” Here is Hebrews 3:13 in its entirety: “But exhort one another daily, while it is called To day; lest any of you be hardened through the deceitfulness of sin.”

So it is shown that although sin is deceitful, the heart is more deceitful. Now, how easy is it for someone to forget that God hates sin? We fight against darkness within (heart) and without (sin). But God has not left us defenseless. God offers us a way to overcome the darkness, to avoid being hardened by the deceitfulness of sin. The escape, the way out, is through the door of obedience. As we are faithful to Him and His word, we have circumvented the heart and escaped the trap. For indeed, faith is the victory. Not the saving faith of believing in Jesus, but the life-changing faith of following Jesus. Are you obedient? When the Holy Spirit prompts you to action, do you move or do you sit? Consider Hebrews 5:8, “Though he were a Son, yet learned he obedience by the things which he suffered;” Here is Christ, God in the flesh, do you think that He had to learn anything? No, of course not, but Jesus did experience obedience.

For example, we know that we should help those in need. But until we are obedient and do, we do not experience the joy of giving. Knowledge is not experience. Christianity is not lived in an armchair. It is lived by impacting those around us for Jesus. And that is done through obedience. The scripture says that He was made perfect (Hebrews 5:9) and so are we when we are obedient to Christ.

When one of our students is convicted of sin and removes himself from the temptation, or sees another inmate and tries to tell him about Jesus, he is being obedient. Maybe he is locked behind bars, but he is free in Christ, and made perfect in obedience. There are many opportunities to be obedient, they all involve time and money. There are people who need your time, missionaries and ministries that need your money, and churches that need both.

Hebrews 3:14-15, “For we are made partakers of Christ, if we hold the beginning of our confidence steadfast unto the end; While it is said, TO DAY IF YE WILL HEAR HIS VOICE, HARDEN NOT YOUR HEARTS, AS IN THE PROVOCATION.” My brothers and sisters, listen continually for His voice and make 2011 the year of obedience.

May the Lord stand and receive you as He did Stephen,
Tom Colarossi
Program Manager



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**Prison, Jail, Juvenile
Awareness Conference**

Saturday, May 21, 2011

\$15 Conference Fee

8:30 a.m. - Registration
Includes Continental Breakfast

9 a.m. to 12 p.m. - Program

12:00 to 12:45 - Light lunch (included)

1 p.m. to 2:30 p.m. - Workshops

Special Music Provided By Pastor Kurt Coffed

Name: _____ # attending _____

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Phone: _____

E-mail: _____

Send check or Pay at door - \$15 per person

Mail all checks to:
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Dave Umfreville, MC

Prison Fellowship Volunteer Coordinator of WNY
Speakers and Presentations:

9:00 - 9:15 **Special Music by Pastor Kurt Coffed**

Opening Prayer

Henry Curtis III, Chief Chaplain
 Chaplain Fellowship Ministries, Inc. - NY

9:15 - 9:45 **Good News Jail & Prison Ministry**

Chaplain Alex True, Niagara County Jail

9:50 - 10:20 **Keynote Speaker**

Rev. Roger Hollar, Mercy Heart, Fort Worth, Texas

10:30 - 11:00 **The Correctional Environment**

Wende Chaplain, Don Snyder

11:00 - 11:30 **The Prison Worship Service**

Chaplain Doug Ferry, Auburn State Prison-Supermax

11:30 - 12:00 **Testimony Of God's Grace**

Judge Robert Alexander
 MC Chp Charlie Popovich, Prison Fellowship Volunteer

1st Principles Teaching Wende Prison

1:00 - 1:15 Chp Larry Wolf - Chaplain-Director Sundoulos, Inc.

1:15 - 1:30 Rev. Terry King - Saving Grace Ministries, Buffalo, NY

1:30 - 2:30 **Workshops and more:**

(A) More Than Sobriety

Pamela Russell, Director - Almond Tree Ministry

(B) Angel Tree-Prison Fellowship

Sister Kathy Jones, True Praise & Worship - Buffalo, NY

(C) Re-Entry Coaching Ex-offenders

Janet Tool - NYS - DOCS

(D) Residential Aftercare

Terry King - Saving Grace Ministry

(E) Mercy Heart - Roger Hollar

Ex-offender Family Ministry

(F) First Principles Bible Studies

Chp Larry Wolf & Chp Dave Disette - Wende Prison

(G) NYS DOCS - Molly Kennedy

Gowanda Facility, Policy & Procedures

Ministry Display Tables - No Charge
 (Free ministry referrals & resources)

Includes Prison Fellowship
 Display Booth

