



NEWSLETTER

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April 2010 Spring Update by David Umfreville

- I. Northern Regional Prison Conference; COPE in Williamsville, NY – May 5-7, 2010
- II. CPA, Profit & Loss Statement, 2009 will be ready soon by Andrea DeMaribus, CPA
- III. Discipleship: Prison to Praise International, Tom Colarossi has received all names from Jim Pence originally 240 and 40 college levels. Tom doing great job!
- IV. Auburn Prison: 26 cases of Christian Books and Bibles with 2 volunteers. Mike Rozanski and Lloyd Liepler 15 decisions for Christ 1/17/2010
- V. Wendy: Monday night service and 40 cases Christian books and Bibles delivered
- VI. Gowanda: 20 cases of books delivered and service with 13 decisions for Christ
- VII. 146 cases of Christian books and Bibles delivered to 5 prisons in 2009
- VIII. WDCX FM 99.5 Christian Radio; Western New York and Ontario Canada – helping with book drives
- IX. New email: PTPI.Matt.25.40@gmail.com
- X. Thank you to our Board of Directors: Don Whorton, David Wicker III, Heard Hearon, David Tullos, Herschel Forester, and Pastor Jerry Groom. Honorable mention: Joe Morgante and David Dunston

My Vision Statement for 2010-2013 by David Umfreville

- I. Fund raising goal \$25,000
- II. Website development – need \$1500 to Joe Morgante to complete
- III. 3 new churches needed for involvement
- IV. 3 new volunteers needed for training in Prison Fellowship in prison seminars
- V. Continue to promote Prison Fellowship Angel Tree program to churches year round servicing 1,200 children of inmates now
- VI. Enhance Prayer Posse program with Tom Colarossi – started 02/03/2010
- VII. Pursue CPA accounting excellence with Tony Delia and Andrea DeMaribus CPA's in Hamburg, NY
- VIII. David Dunston helping in website development and training for Prison Fellowship

Colossians 3:16, 17





Disciple One Inmate for
One Course with \$10.00

CORRESPONDENCE CORNER

April 2010

Dear Reader,

Working with inmate correspondence, I have opportunity to hear from our students in a way that differs from the fellowship we have with other Christians. At church, at work, and sometimes at home we live behind a mask of sufficiency. Our conversations revolve around the weather, sports, or the ministries we are involved in. Seldom do we expose our inner struggles or failures to our friends.

I have seen however, that this is not the case with prison correspondence. Because of the lack of personal contact or knowledge, problems can be expressed more openly. I say more openly because prison correspondence is read by others. Also, all of us, when talking to strangers, are guarded in what we say. Our studies provide for an examination of the trials of the flesh. Occasionally there is frankness when a student is willing to talk about his struggles. This openness is good for the student as the Bible tells us in James 5:16, "Confess your faults one to another..."

Confession is an integral part of the healing process (James 5:16). Healing is what these men and women need as they live alone, isolated from family, dwelling on past mistakes. We can help the healing process in their lives. Another part of the healing process found in James 5:16 is: "Pray for one another." To accomplish this part of the healing process we are instituting a prayer group for our students with this newsletter.

We are looking for a few good men and women who are willing to commit to regular prayer for our students and our ministry (James 5:16, "The effectual fervent prayer of a righteous man availeth much.") Known as the "Prayer Posse" (I guess you never really leave Texas) this group is dedicated to praying for our students. Prayer requests are sent out to the posse by email (preferably) or regular mail. This is not another unending prayer room. Currently I have seven requests. The requests are not solicited; these are from people crying out for prayer. The requests may concern their struggles, their families, or their victims. Requests not updated by the students will be dropped. Other prayer items will be about the ministry, specifically Dave's itinerary.

I leave you with Galatians 6:2 and hope it is part of your Christian walk, "Bear ye one another's burdens and so fulfill the law of Christ." Whether you are willing to commit to the Prayer Posse or not, I do thank you for your prayer and financial support which make this ministry possible. You do help us help them.

Tom Colarossi
Program Administrator



Delivering Christian Books and Bibles
to Maplehurst Correctional Facility,
Milton, Ontario, Canada
Multitudes given in 15 year span



The Huntsville
"Walls" Unit was
built in 1848 and is
the oldest facility in
Texas.

Not To Late

Who is this man? From where does he come?
I've heard people say that this man is God's son
But if this is so tell me why does he die
Oh there must be much more here than first meets
the eye.

Barabbas my friend and I sentenced to die
And we indeed justly, we steal, cheat, and lie
But this man called Jesus has done nothing amiss
So why is he dying a death such as this?

He's taking your place on that cross nailed to die
He's bearing your shame, spit upon and crucified
No one forced him; he offered to die for your race
This is Jesus, God's son, full of truth, full of grace
But I heard them say if thou be a king

Descend from there now that we may see
Others he saved them now why not he
And I and my fellow thief no better were we
For we railed on him casting more in his teeth
I'm so sorry now that I've done these things
It's still not too late to trust in the Lord

It's still not too late until you last breath is drawn
It's still not too late for his promise is true
Call on the Lord he'll make everything new
I believe I now see why he dies on that tree
And it's simply that from sin we may be free
And I saw how he made a poor blind man to see
And I wonder if it's not too late now for me
It will be too late when you've passed through
death's door

Don't wait any longer to go to the Lord
Just turn from your sin and call on his name
Those who believe on him won't be ashamed
Yes, I once reviled, but now I believe
It's my sin he's bearing upon that tree
As for Barabbas he dies for me
And I cannot wait. I must ask him now
Jesus my Lord please remember me

Part of thy kingdom I want to be
Now you might think he'd laugh at this man
hanging there
But Jesus my lord really cares; yes, he cares
And he has the power to rise from the dead
His grace is sufficient that's what his word
says
Oh it's true, yes; it's true because he said to
me
Today in a place you'll call paradise we'll be
Yes, it's a place we'll call paradise
It wasn't too late and I've found such a friend
Who's given me life that I've wanted and then
He's promised me more; He's coming again
I'll be with him always our joy will not end
It is finished he said, and then bowed his head
Jesus my Lord died for me today
But why had I waited so long to pray
My fellow thieves condemned just as I
Didn't you hear what he said to me?
Pardon for sin he now offers thee
Yes, he won't deny for he came to die
For guilty sinners like you and I
Won't you please trust him before you die?
For it will be too late
When you've passed through death's door
Don't wait any longer to go to the Lord
Just turn from your sin and call on his name
Those who believe on him won't be ashamed
If you hear my voice
Then there's still time for you
Make Jesus your Lord
He'll make everything new.

By Lloyd Leipler
One of our prison volunteer special speakers



Neil Boron of WDCX FM
99.5 Christian Radio and
Chaplain Nick Swirski of
Maplehurst Facility with
David Umfreville, CEO Prison
to Praise International. Live
remote at Benders Parable
Christian Bookstore



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2010 NORTHEAST REGIONAL CONFERENCE

God's Faithfulness in Changing Times
May 5-7, 2010

SPEAKERS & WORKSHOPS	SCHEDULE
<div style="margin-bottom: 10px;"> <p>Don Duncan Don Duncan is the Founder and President of Destination Character and the President of COPE's Board of Directors. He served as a Unit Chaplain and Administrative Chaplain for the Oklahoma Department of Corrections, Field Director for Prison Fellowship Oklahoma and as a Church Pastor.</p> </div> <div style="margin-bottom: 10px;"> <p>Judge Robert Alexander Judge Robert Alexander, retired from the NYS Dept. of Correctional Services, served in a number of capacities including Assistant Deputy Superintendent of Program Services. His journey through the Vietnam War and the violence of a biker's life to apparent success is told in his autobiography <i>Half Heaven Half Heartache</i>.</p> </div> <div style="margin-bottom: 10px;"> <p>Kenyatta Cobb Rev. Kenyatta T. Cobb, Sr., is the Pastor of Ha'naniah Lutheran Church and Senior Chaplain for the Erie County Sheriff's and the Buffalo Police Departments. He is also the Chief Trauma Chaplain at Erie County Medical and the 2009 recipient of the FBI Director's Community Leadership Award.</p> </div> <div style="margin-bottom: 10px;"> <p>Johnny Moffitt Co-founder, immediate Past President and current Treasurer of COPE's Board of Directors, Johnny was an officer in the largest motorcycle gang in America. He is also the Founder and President of Worldwide Voice in the Wilderness, a ministry that conducts 3-day in-prison marriage seminars.</p> </div> <div style="margin-bottom: 10px;"> <p>Gene Coplin Rev. Gene Coplin, a Prison Ministry Volunteer for over 30 years, is the Founder and Director of Project L.E.E. (Learning & Earning Experiences) in Buffalo, NY. He teaches the Several Sacred Secrets of Success workshop for church leaders and conducts in-service sessions for public school teachers.</p> </div> <div style="margin-bottom: 10px;"> <p>Debbie Walsh Debbie Walsh, National Director of Prison Ministry for Child Evangelism Fellowship, is a member of COPE's Board of Directors. Prior to CEF, she served as Logistics Manager for Prison Fellowship's Operation Starting Line program and is a graduate of Breakpoint's Centurion program.</p> </div> <div style="margin-bottom: 10px;"> <p>Terry King Rev. Terry King is the Executive Director of Saving Grace Ministries which he founded after his release from prison. SGM's Grace House assists parolees in re-entering society. He serves on the New York State Division of Parole and is a member of the Erie County Re-Entry Task Force.</p> </div> <p style="text-align: center;">And many more!</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">WEDNESDAY, MAY 5</p> <p>4:30 pm. Registration 7:00 pm. Opening Session</p> <p style="text-align: center;">THURSDAY, MAY 6</p> <p>9:00 am. General Session 10:30 am. Workshops--Session 1 12:00 pm. Lunch (included in registration) 1:30 pm. Workshops--Session 2 3:30 pm. Workshops--Session 3 5:00 pm. Supper on your own 7:00 pm. General Session</p> <p style="text-align: center;">FRIDAY, MAY 7</p> <p>9:00 am. General Session 10:30 am. Workshops--Session 4 12:00 pm. Lunch (included in registration) 1:30 pm. Workshops--Session 5 3:30 pm. Workshops--Session 6 7:00 pm. Banquet & Closing Session (included in registration)</p> <p style="text-align: center;">CONFERENCE LOCATION Eastern Hills Wesleyan Church 8445 Greiner Rd., Williamsville, NY 14221</p> <p style="text-align: center;">CONFERENCE HOTEL Staybridge Suites--Buffalo Airport 8005 Sheridan Dr., Williamsville, NY 14221 1-800-465-4329 • rate code: COP</p> <p>COPE room rate \$99 plus tax per night by April 13, 2010. Complimentary hot breakfast buffet, airport shuttle, wireless internet, light supper and salad Monday--Thursday.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Conference hosted by Chaplain Don Snyder and COPE member Rev. David Umfreville</p> <p style="text-align: center;">CONTACT COPE 817-684-7870 • Fax: 682-292-0836 office@copeconnections.org • www.copeconnections.org</p> <p style="text-align: center;">COPE Mission Statement <i>To provide fellowship, promote excellence, share resources and encourage unity among those called to criminal justice ministry.</i></p>