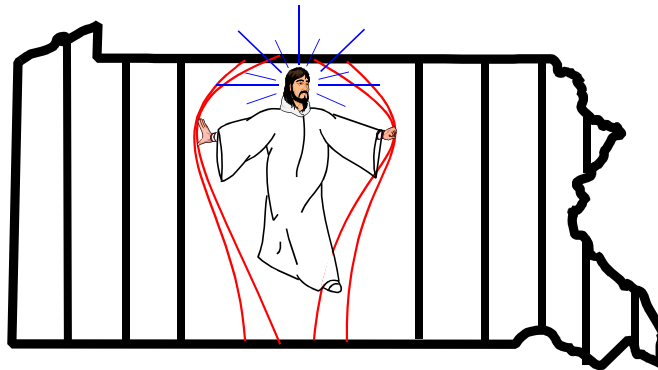


SECOND CHANCE MINISTRIES INTERNATIONAL, INC.

“SETTING THE CAPTIVES FREE”

ISAIAH 42:7



“FOLLOW ME”

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PRISON MINISTRY HANDBOOK

Developed to provide guidelines and standard operating procedures for the Prison Ministry and its associates, present and future.

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SECOND CHANCE MINISTRIES STATEMENT OF FAITH

An understanding and cooperative acceptance of our **STATEMENT OF FAITH** and all **SECOND CHANCE MINISTRIES' POLICIES** is required by ALL of our **Volunteers.**

WE BELIEVE that the Bible is the inspired and infallible Word of God.

WE BELIEVE in one God, the Creator of all things, eternally existing in three persons: Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

WE BELIEVE that Jesus Christ, God's only Son, died on the cross as a sacrifice for our sins. His shed blood and His resurrection provide the only ground for the salvation of all who believe.

WE BELIEVE that the ministry of the Holy Spirit is to glorify the Lord Jesus Christ, to convict all people of their sin, to regenerate believers and baptize them with power; to produce godly character, and to distribute gifts throughout the church

WE BELIEVE that the true church is composed of all who have believed in Jesus' finished work, have been regenerated by the Holy Spirit and have denied their own rights - sacrificially following Jesus Christ, the Head of the Church.

WE BELIEVE that the church is called to worship the Lord, enjoy His company and grow in the knowledge of Him. The joy of this relationship is to overflow into all the world as we declare the Gospel to the nations.

WE BELIEVE that Jesus Christ is literally coming again to receive the church and to judge unbelievers.

WE BELIEVE in intensive evangelism, Christian growth and Discipleship.



WHO WE ARE !

Second Chance Ministries International is a prison ministry, founded in 1986, incorporated in 1994, and headquartered in Dauphin, Pennsylvania.

Our purpose is to present the Good News of Jesus Christ as the source of hope and new life to incarcerated men and women; to train, disciple and raise up Godly individuals for the army of Christ.

Second Chance Ministries is active in establishing bible study fellowship groups in a growing number of institutions. Our volunteer staff visits regularly with inmates; working with them prior to release, when possible, and helping to ease their transition back into society. We also help inmates in areas of job placement and housing providing that Second Chance Ministry criteria for such help has been met.

Second Chance Ministries continues to follow-up with inmates after their release offering spiritual, emotional and practical support. We hold regular support group meetings for them and their families providing fellowship, counseling and assistance with practical needs.

Second Chance Ministries works in cooperation with County, Federal and Pennsylvania State Departments of Corrections; individual institutional administrators and with the parole and court systems. We actively network with other ministries and organizations having complimentary missions. Second Chance is well known and respected for sharing resources and being a front runner in prison ministry.

Second Chance Ministries volunteers, irrespective of the capacity in which they serve, recognize their scriptural responsibility to bring the message of Jesus Christ to the lost behind bars. They are caring, committed servants of Jesus Christ who know that only He can change the heart of a person and restore hope and purpose to broken lives, regardless of external circumstances.

Second Chance Ministries is given leadership by Pastor Jim Law, Executive Director. Jim became actively involved in prison ministry in 1987 following a radical conversion experience while he was himself incarcerated. Radically saved, he never looked back. While serving the balance of the 11 years he spent in prison, Jim was a mighty force for the Lord. Following his release from prison in 1990, Jim was immediately placed on full-time staff of Second Chance Ministries which was then an outreach ministry of a local church in Camp Hill, PA. The mantle of full authority was passed to him on December 22, 1993. Second Chance Ministries became an independent, corporate entity in 1994.

Pastor Jim's heart is to see the lost evangelized, the Church of Christ behind prison bars raised up and God's people disciplined and trained. Jim and his wife, Doris, reside in Mechanicsburg, Pennsylvania and are the founders of Light of Hope Community Church.

YOU CAN HELP THROUGH:



PRAYER SUPPORT which provides us with the "edge" we need as we are daily on the front-lines of spiritual warfare. Please lift Second Chance Ministries up in your intercessory prayers and stay in touch and informed of our prayer concerns.



VOLUNTEERING your time and energy to help us train, disciple and reach the lost. There are many opportunities to give yourself to service in our offices, in the prisons, at home or elsewhere. Where ever you serve on the battle line for God's Kingdom you will be making an eternal impact in many lives!



FINANCIAL SUPPORT of God's work through this established ministry is fundamental. Just as any other growing organization, we have financial obligations which must be met. Operating costs continue to increase keeping us on our knees in prayer! If God is speaking to your heart concerning our needs, we want you to remember that your contribution to this ministry is seed sown into good ground. It will yield an abundant harvest for God's Kingdom and, as co-laborers with us, you will have a share in that harvest and in the just reward of our labor.

We desire to see the Body of Christ work together through this ministry. Help us to shine His Light in this dark world. Make a difference and get involved! Remember, we at Second Chance Ministries are your missionaries behind prison bars...we minister in a community into which most churches are not equipped to go.

“THE FACTS ARE THAT ON THE AVERAGE...”

AVERAGE AGE OF INMATES IS
32 YEARS OF AGE

MANY OF THEM HAVE GRADUATED
FROM JUVENILE INSTITUTIONS

95 OUT OF 100 PRISONERS
WILL RETURN TO THE STREET

4 OUT OF EVERY 5 CRIMES ARE
COMMITTED BY EX-OFFENDERS

3 OUT OF EVERY 4 EX-INMATES
RETURN TO PRISON

ABOUT 95% OF INMATES ARE THERE
ON DRUG AND/OR ALCOHOL RELATED CHARGES

OVER 55% OF PRISONERS' FAMILIES
DESERT THEM WHILE THEY ARE IN PRISON

MANY INMATES ARE FILLED WITH
REJECTION AND REBELLION

MOST INMATES CARRY MENTAL AND
EMOTIONAL SCARS IN THEIR LIVES

MANY PRISONERS HAVE BEEN ABUSED,
AS CHILDREN - PHYSICALLY,
MENTALLY OR SEXUALLY

MINISTRY DESCRIPTION

A. VISITATION: LEADERSHIP - VOLUNTEER STAFF

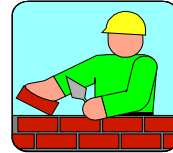
1. One on One Counseling - Discipleship

- (a) Commitment
- (b) Responsibility
- (c) Discipline
- (d) Personal Relationship with Jesus Christ
- (e) Build Family and Friend Relationships
- (f) Being a Servant
- (g) Establishing Reachable Goals



2. Character Building

- (a) Love
- (b) Attitudes
- (c) Respecting Authority
- (d) Forgiveness
- (e) Motivation
- (f) Stewardship
- (g) Contentment



3. Group support

- (a) Leadership Principles
 - 1. Accountability
 - 2. Responsibility
 - 3. Commitment
 - 4. Obedience
 - 5. Discipline
 - 6. Tithing
- (b) Guest Speakers
 - 1. Pastors
 - 2. Worship Teams
- (c) Weekly Teaching, Training and Discipleship
 - 2. Bible Study Support Group
 - 3. Spiritual Rap Support Group
 - 4. One on One Discipleship

C. WORK COOPERATIVELY WITH OTHER PRISON MINISTRIES

1. Prison Ministries

- (a) State Wide Prison Ministry Conference
- (b) Participation in other Prison Ministry Seminars
- (c) Networking and Inter-Church Vision - (See Page 15)

2. State and Federal Support

- (a) Tax Credit programs, etc.
- (b) Job Employment Services

3. Organizations and Support Groups

- (a) Alcoholics Victorious and Overcomers Victorious

4. Bridging The Gap Between Prisoners And Congregations

5. Training Volunteers

- E. THE WALKING YOUR FAITH MENTOR PROGRAM** - The Walking Your Faith Mentor Program is a faith-based life-skills program which can be thought of as a mini bible college course within each state correctional facility. Those inmates who successfully complete the course will be awarded a Christian Workers Certificate which may be accepted by some bible colleges as accredited course work.

The Walking Your Faith Mentor Program is intended to impart college-like preparation to its participants. It is designed to enhance the existing bible study courses conducted by many Christian organizations in prisons throughout Pennsylvania. This Program is designed to foster the growth of spiritual knowledge and to instill a deep understanding of the life-changing principles that address the underlying causes for each inmate's incarceration. This Program will emphasize the development of maturity in the Walking Your Faith Mentor candidates and equip them to advise, encourage and instruct fellow inmates in the same life-changing principles. Mentors will be expected to invest in the lives of others in order to bring about life-saving character changes and behavior modification.

We believe that the establishment of Walking Your Faith Mentor Programs at each prison facility will result in the type of positive peer influence needed to address the high recidivism rate. The Walking Your Faith Mentor Program will consist of 20 instructional sessions. The curriculum will be taught in two semesters. Each semester will be taught in classroom style academic training. The second semester will include practical application. The completion of each semester will lead to a new level of maturity, and will prepare participants for the work of mentoring others. Upon successful completion of the full curriculum, each Walking Your Faith Mentor will be recognized by their institutional congregation.

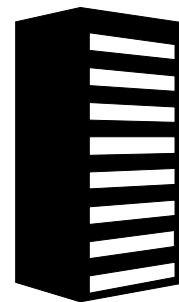
F. EVANGELISTIC OUTREACH

5. Churches and Groups

Officers and staff are much sought after speakers at churches, conferences, seminars, civic organizations, biker rallies, youth groups and schools.

G. FUTURE GOALS

1. State Wide Regional Church and Prison Involvement
2. Build Women's Ministry in Prisons
3. Spanish Language Outreach



GEORGE'S STORY

“FAILURE OR SUCCESS?”

LET'S FOLLOW GEORGE AS HE IS RELEASED FROM PRISON

GEORGE HEARS THE SECURITY DOOR CLICK, FOR THE LAST TIME, AS THE PRISON GUARD PRESSES THE BUTTON TO RELEASE THE LATCH. GEORGE PUSHES OPEN THE HEAVY DOOR AND STEPS OUTSIDE. HIS EMOTIONS ARE CHARGED WITH EXPECTATION! THE PRISON DOOR SWINGS SHUT BEHIND HIM - FREE AT LAST! THE PERIOD FOLLOWING RELEASE FROM INCARCERATION, HOWEVER, CAN BE A DANGEROUS TIME FULL OF STRESS, TEMPTATION AND OFTEN ENDING IN DEFEAT, VIOLATION OF THE LAW AND THE ALL TOO FAMILIAR TRIP BACK TO THE PRISON.

GEORGE STEPS OFF THE GREYHOUND BUS THAT HAS BROUGHT HIM BACK TO HIS HOME TOWN FROM THE CITY WHERE HE SPENT 10 YEARS IN PRISON. HE IS FILLED WITH HOPE, ASPIRATIONS AND DETERMINATION TO STAY OUT OF PRISON.

HE HAS: LESS THAN \$50 IN HIS POCKET

HE HAS: NO JOB OR PROSPECT OF ONE

HE HAS: NO PLACE TO LIVE

HE HAS: NO CONTACTS

HE HAS: NO FOOD OR DECENT CLOTHING

HE HAS: NO VEHICLE OR MEANS OF TRANSPORTATION

GEORGE LOOKS FOR WORK

GEORGE BUYS A NEWSPAPER AND HURRIEDLY SCANS THE WANT ADS. THERE ARE SEVERAL JOBS AVAILABLE AND HE RUSHES TO THE FIRST ONE FOR WHICH HE FEELS QUALIFIED. THE EMPLOYER IS POLITE AND TO THE POINT:

EMPLOYER: WHERE DO YOU LIVE?

GEORGE: I HAVEN'T GOT A PLACE, YET.

EMPLOYER: WHAT IS YOUR TELEPHONE NUMBER?

GEORGE: I DON'T HAVE ONE, YET.

EMPLOYER: HOW WOULD YOU GET TO AND FROM WORK?

GEORGE: I DON'T KNOW.

EMPLOYER: WHAT REFERENCES DO YOU HAVE?

GEORGE: I HAVE NONE AT PRESENT.

EMPLOYER: HAVE YOU EVER BEEN CONVICTED OF A FELONY?.....

EMPLOYER: WHERE DID YOU WORK FROM 1990 TO 2000?.....

EMPLOYER: **“SORRY, WE CAN'T USE YOU!!!”**

GEORGE LOOKS FOR A PLACE TO LIVE

GEORGE STARTS TO LOOK FOR A PLACE TO LIVE. HE CHECKS THE NEWSPAPER AGAIN AND FINDS A POSSIBILITY. HE RUSHES TO THE ADDRESS LISTED. THE LANDLORD IS POLITE AND TO THE POINT.

LANDLORD: WHERE DO YOU WORK?

GEORGE: I DON'T HAVE A JOB, YET.

LANDLORD: WHERE WILL YOU GET THE MONEY FOR THE RENT?.....

LANDLORD: WHERE WILL YOU GET THE MONEY FOR THE SECURITY DEPOSIT?.....

LANDLORD: **“SORRY, WE HAVE NO VACANCY!!!”**

GEORGE FAILS

GEORGE IS DISGUSTED, DEPRESSED AND DISCOURAGED. HE LEAVES THE BUILDING NOT KNOWING WHERE TO TURN FOR HELP. HE FEELS ALONE AND AFRAID. DESPERATE, HE TURNS BACK TO HIS OLD LIFESTYLE FOR COMFORT AND SUPPORT. HE REMEMBERS THE OLD HANGOUT - THE BAR WAS A GOOD PLACE TO MEET PEOPLE AND THE BARTENDER ALWAYS HAD A LISTENING EAR. HE STOPS OFF AT THE BAR HE FREQUENTED SO MANY TIMES BEFORE GOING TO PRISON. HE SEES HIS IMMEDIATE NEEDS AS:

- A GOOD LISTENER WHO WILL LISTEN TO HIS PROBLEMS
- THE COMFORT OF FEMALE COMPANIONSHIP
- CONTACTS

HE ORDERS A DRINK...THEN ANOTHER...AND ANOTHER. A SHORT TIME LATER, HE AND HIS PICKUP LEAVE THE BAR. HAVING NO MONEY AND A GIRL FOR THE NIGHT, HE RESORTS TO THE ONLY THING IN WHICH HE HAS EVER BEEN SUCCESSFUL: MAKING A FEW DOLLARS THE STREET WAY!

THE DAY ENDS! GEORGE KNOWS HE HAS BEEN REJECTED, VIOLATED THE LAW AND FAILED. HIS THOUGHTS ARE CONFUSED. HE IS PARANOID AND DESPERATE.

THE NEXT DAY IS A REPEAT OF THE FIRST, AND THE NEXT A REPEAT OF THE SECOND. A SHORT TIME LATER GEORGE IS HEADED BACK TO PRISON, DEFEATED. THE OLD FAMILIAR WELCOMING PARTY OF INMATES AND OFFICERS ARE THERE TO GREET HIM, "WE KNEW YOU WOULD BE BACK...WE WERE RIGHT!"

GEORGE RECEIVES A SECOND CHANCE
LET'S FOLLOW GEORGE AGAIN AS HE IS RELEASED FROM PRISON

GEORGE HEARS THE SECURITY DOOR CLICK, FOR THE LAST TIME, AS THE PRISON GUARD PRESSES THE BUTTON TO RELEASE THE LATCH. GEORGE PUSHES OPEN THE HEAVY DOOR AND STEPS OUTSIDE. HIS EMOTIONS ARE CHARGED WITH EXPECTATION! THE PRISON DOOR SWINGS SHUT BEHIND HIM - FREE AT LAST! AS GEORGE LOOKS ABOUT, A MAN GETS OUT OF HIS CAR PARKED A FEW FEET AWAY, AND WALKS TOWARD HIM. IT IS BURT, THE SECOND CHANCE MINISTRIES VOLUNTEER WHO HAS BEEN MINISTERING TO HIM FOR A NUMBER OF YEARS. HE CLIMBS INTO THE CAR WITH BURT WHO DRIVES HIM TO PLACE TO LIVE.

HIS NEW RESIDENCE INCLUDES A COMFORTABLE ROOM. THERE IS NO SECURITY DEPOSIT TO BE PAID AND NO RENT TO BE PAID IMMEDIATELY. WHEN HE STARTS RECEIVING A PAYCHECK HE WILL PAY A MINIMAL AMOUNT FOR RENT.

A JOB HAS BEEN LINED UP AND IS WAITING FOR HIM WITH A LOCAL BUSINESS WHERE HE WILL RECEIVE DECENT WAGES.

HIS NEW HOME IS STAFFED WITH TRAINED PEOPLE AND VOLUNTEERS WHO ARE READY TO LISTEN TO GEORGE AND OFFER GODLY COUNSEL AND ADVISE. THERE ARE NEW FRIENDS TO ENCOURAGE HIM, ACCEPT HIM AS HE REALLY IS AND HELP HIM IN SPIRITUAL GROWTH AND UNDERSTANDING.

GEORGE WILL ALSO RECEIVE TRAINING ENABLING HIM TO BUDGET HIS INCOME, OPEN AND MAINTAIN CHECKING AND SAVINGS ACCOUNTS AND KEEP PERSONAL RECORDS. HE WILL BE DISCIPLINED IN AREAS OF PERSONAL HOUSEKEEPING, HYGIENE, ETIQUETTE AND OTHER PRACTICAL AREAS OF DAILY LIVING.

GEORGE SUCCEEDS!

IMMEDIATELY, GEORGE FEELS AS THOUGH SOMEONE REALLY CARES! HE WORKS HARD AT HIS JOB, EARNING THE TRUST OF HIS EMPLOYER WHICH MOTIVATES HIM TO WORK EVEN HARDER. AS HE TASTES SUCCESS, HE BEGINS TO FEEL GOOD ABOUT HIMSELF, GROWS IN CONFIDENCE AND STARTS TO SET GOALS. AT STEPPING STONE HOME, HE IS LEARNING TO BUILD RELATIONSHIPS AND RESOLVE CONFLICTS. HE IS BEGINNING TO UNDERSTAND THAT GOD HAS A PURPOSE FOR HIS LIFE AND HE LOOKS TO HIS FUTURE WITH HOPE BECAUSE OF GOD'S PROMISE.

WHAT A CONTRAST BETWEEN THE FAILURE EXPERIENCED BY GEORGE IN THE FIRST SCENARIO AND THE SUCCESS HE EXPERIENCED IN THE SECOND. TODAY, FAR TOO FEW EX-OFFENDERS HAVE ACCESS TO A STRONG AFTERCARE OPPORTUNITY PROVIDING SECURITY, STABILITY AND TRAINING DURING THE PERIOD OF TRANSITION BACK INTO SOCIETY.

THE TIME IS LONG OVERDUE TO REDUCE THE RECIDIVISM RATE BY MAKING EFFECTIVE AFTER CARE AVAILABLE TO THOSE WHO QUALIFY FOR IT. BORN-TO-LOSE LOSERS CAN BECOME BORN-AGAIN WINNERS! TAKERS CAN BECOME GIVERS! THE REJECTS OF SOCIETY CAN BECOME CONTRIBUTING MEMBERS OF THE COMMUNITY.

NETWORKING AND INTER-CHURCH VISION



Prison Ministries are now being recognized as a key factor in curbing the recidivism rate in this nation. For Prison Ministry to be effective, keeping up with the alarming rate of people being incarcerated, there must be immediate access to information and needed resources.

Second Chance Ministries has a vision to coordinate and bring together available resources into one central clearing house for the State of Pennsylvania, beginning with Cumberland County and expanding to every county in the State. We would work with prison Chaplains, Lay Persons, and Volunteers to gather information pertaining to our work, in and out of the prisons, and make these resources available to any member of the body of Christ laboring in prison or complimentary ministries. In this way, valuable time would be saved and repeated efforts to duplicate and reinvent the wheel would be prevented. Funding for this project would be generated by each involved ministry sowing finances according to their ability and by asking their respective churches and selected businesses to support the work as a **'HOME MISSION'**.

Thus, joined and knit together, the work of the body can be accomplished efficiently and with powerful effect while building itself up in love. "How good and how pleasant it is for the brethren to dwell together in unity". (Psalm 133:1) As we look through the Bible, we see that when God's people were of one heart, one mind and in one accord, working together in unity, the power of God was released to move in a mighty way.

SECOND CHANCE VOLUNTEERS

Volunteers make up our work force at Second Chance Ministries. We have opportunities to serve in a broad variety of areas. Who are our volunteers? Men and women of all ages, from varied backgrounds and representing many churches. All of them have a desire to reach the lost behind bars and in the community. Each of them sacrifices whatever time they can to promote the Gospel of Jesus Christ through this 'HOME MISSION'. Perhaps God is calling YOU to serve Him through Second Chance Ministries. Give of yourself while the window of opportunity is STILL open. Please contact our ministry for information or to make an appointment. Call Second Chance Ministries at (717) 921-8540..

QUALIFICATIONS

- You must be BORN AGAIN. (John 3:3)
- You must live an upright Christian life. (Luke 6:45, Ephesians 4:1-2, 5:1-2, Romans 12:1-2)
- You must be given to much prayer. (Luke 4:1, 5:16, 6:12, 9:18,28, 22:41-44)
- You must be a student of God's Word. (II Timothy 2:15, 3:14-17, Colossians 3:15)
- You must have a vision and burden to see lost souls saved. (Proverbs 29:18, Psalms 126:5-6, Jeremiah 9:1, Ezekiel 33:7-9)
- You must be gentle, kind, courteous, full of love, patient and possess deep compassion and understanding. (Galatians 5:22-23, Matthew 9:35-38, 10:16)
- You must be conscious of the urgency of the task and the imminent return of Christ. (Revelation 2:20, Matthew 24:36-39)
- You must be a willing to be obedient to the command of the Lord regarding soul winning. (Matthew 10:32-38, II Timothy 2:12, Titus 1:16)
- You must have a sense of leadership and responsibility. (II Timothy 2:2)
- You must fully recognize that without Christ as Savior, All men are hopelessly lost and doomed. (Acts 4:12, John 3:16-18, Mark 16:15-16)
- You must be reliable and consistent. (Romans 12:11)

**SECOND CHANCE MINISTRIES
VOLUNTEER PROFILE SHEET**

Name: _____

Address: _____

City/State: _____

Zip Code: _____ Telephone: _____

Church: _____ M:___ F:___

Marital Status: Married ___ Single ___ Separated ___ Divorced ___ Widowed ___

Please check the appropriate box/s below indicating in which area(s) you would like to serve.

Walking Your Faith: Prison:_____ Day:_____
Time:_____

Special Projects:

Dinner Banquet_____

Gospel Concerts_____