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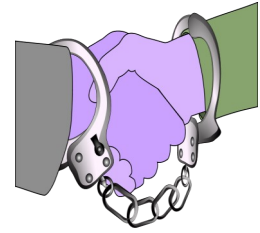
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Louisiana Prisons Welcome Second Chance Ministries

Once again God has shown **His favor** and **blessing** upon **Second Chance Ministries**. In July, Pastor Jim and Doris went through the Louisiana State Prison System volunteer training orientation for permission to enter the prisons as a chapel volunteer.

Others that have been through the training have said that it takes at **least 3 months** to process the paperwork after the training to be able to enter a prison. **Our God can** and **did** speed that process up and after only one month, Pastor Jim was in the **Elyan Hunt State Correctional Center prison** on Tuesday morning, August 29th sharing his testimony to 100 men. All glory to God!!!



That Tuesday morning, Pastor Jim was up early, excited about what God was about to do through his life changing testimony in the **Elyan Hunt State Correctional Center chapel**.

Doris laid her hands on her husband before he left for the drive to the prison, **she prayed** that the fire of God would come down in the service that morning, and as she prayed, **Jim could feel the presence of God all over him**. The excitement and anticipation grew more in his spirit as he left to go to the prison.

Pastor Jim also prayed while he was drove the 30 minutes to the prison. When he arrived at the prison, **Chaplain Lawton Searcy** greeted him at the gate, got him his visitors badge, and then Pastor **Jim drove his car into the prison** straight to the building where the entrance to the chapel was. Different then in PA prisons where you have to walk through the prison.

The service began at 9:00 AM with **prayer, praise** and **worship**. At about 9:30 Jim was handed the microphone and told to take over the rest of the service. He then spoke and shared his testimony to the men who were brand new in the prison system, just starting their prison sentences. He spoke to them with a message of **Hope, (life isn't over because your in prison) Encouragement, (look at this time as going to bible school)** and **Opportunity, (start a new life in Jesus)**.



After speaking for 70 minutes, he gave an altar call for: **1) anyone who wanted to invite Christ into their lives for the first time; 2) anyone who want to rededicate their lives; 3) anyone who wanted more of God in their lives.**

About 50 men stood to their feet to be prayed for. Halleluiah!!!!

This is just the start of this Ministry expanding it's reach into the lives of inmates here in Louisiana. This fruit is now added to your heavenly account.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR PRAYERS AND CONTINUED FINANCIAL SUPPORT

FULFILLING THE GREAT COMMISSION TO THE ENDS OF THE EARTH

"Unto the uttermost part of the earth!" According to the first chapter of the Book of Acts, these are [the very last words](#) the disciples heard as Jesus ascended into heaven.

Acts 1:8-9 - 'But ye shall receive power, after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you: and ye shall be witnesses unto Me both in Jerusalem, and in all Judea, and in Samaria, and [unto the uttermost part of the earth.](#)' And when He had spoken these things, while they beheld, He was taken up; and a cloud received Him out of their sight."

What a powerful picture this gives us! Christ is ascending into heaven. As He departs from us He gives these final words of inspiration. He leaves us with this instruction - this command - ringing in our ears. We are empowered by these [last seven words](#) to bring the message of hope and salvation in Christ to the ends of the earth!

That is what drives us here at Second Chance Ministries. [We are dedicated, according to what Christ commanded, to take the Gospel as far and wide as the Lord enables us.](#) And we are continually blessed by God opening new doors of ministry to us, to take the Gospel even further! Now, in Louisiana.

We share just some of what God is doing in this newsletter. We hope that you will be encouraged as you hear [how God is blessing your faithful support](#) of this ministry, as we strive together to complete the task the Lord has given us.

THANK YOU for your continuing support!

GONZALEZ, LOUISIANA TRANSITIONAL HOUSE

Pastor Jim was invited on Tuesday evening, August 22 to speak to the men living in Christian Transitional Reentry house operated by [Clayton Hartline, Christ Healing Community Church](#), located in Gonzalez, Louisiana.

Praise God for pastor's who have a heart for those who have been incarcerated and that need a place to go to get a fresh start in society once they are released from prison.

About **ten men** and the **pastor** were there to hear Pastor Jim speak. The men could really connect with Jim as he is one has walked in their shoes. After sharing not only his testimony, but a some bible verses to encourage them, at the end of the night, several of the men wanted to speak with Pastor Jim privately and asked him to pray for them that God would keep them out of prison and help them in their Christian walk.

The men were sincere and desired to live out their Christianity in a real and faithful way, but have failed in the past and really needed to hear a message of hope from someone that had made it back in society and stayed out of prison.

Please pray for **God's direction** and **continued favor** as we continue to operate the ministry in **Pennsylvania** & establish the ministry in **Louisiana**. We continue to need your prayers and your financial support.

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