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Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who according to His abundant mercy has begotten us again to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead,⁴ to an inheritance incorruptible and undefiled and that does not fade away, reserved in heaven for you,⁵ who are kept by the power of God through faith for salvation ready to be revealed in the last time. 1 Peter 1:3-5 NKJV

A Word from Pastor Ron Zaucha

To My Faithful Mentors, Supporters and my Dear Friends,

May the Love of our Lord Jesus Bless Your Lives throughout this New Year. I Thank my God, making mention of each of you always in my prayers. I just want to take a moment and express my appreciation for your phone calls, encouragement and financial support throughout the years.

Not only have we been doing prison ministry for over 18 years but have been able by the grace of God to now reach out to those in the Maui Prison. Only by God's grace, your prayers and financial support could we have come this far and have accomplished so much. To God be the glory!!!!

I am often asked why we do this. It's because we love Jesus Christ, and His love works through us. But why would even God love criminals, you may ask. Jesus answered that question long ago when He said, "...they that are whole need not a physician: but they that are sick." It seems that God has a special love and concern for the salvation of those who need Him the most. Criminal behavior is not very lovable. Therefore, it takes a special kind of love to have compassion on those who have caused so much suffering. God's Word is very clear when He tells us to visit the prisoners in **Hebrews 13:3 NKJV. "Remember the prisoners, as if chained with them, and those who are mistreated, since you yourselves are in the body also."**

Lighthouse Educational Ministries was founded to give hope and encouragement to those that our society for the most part has forgotten about and locked away. We see ourselves as mere links in God's Holy chain. For it has been our experience that the Lord uses various people from different walks of life, to achieve His objectives. That's because it is not His desire for humans to get the credit for the work the Holy Spirit accomplishes. Perhaps that is the reason why God chose to begin His church on earth with a bunch of very ordinary men, such as a tax collector named Matthew, and a fisherman such as Simon Peter and John.

We believe that the entire debt a believer owes has already been paid for through the shed blood of Christ, and that those who come to God in repentance are forgiven their sins. However, Jesus drew a sharp distinction between the debt that a person owes to their government and the debt that they owe to God. (Matthew 22:16-21).

As the founding member having been incarcerated I understand and know I have found the answer for those behind bars. We provide Bible Studies, devotionals and substance abuse recovery material to inmates, as well as a safe environment to assist them on their journey after their release. Therefore, even though a prison inmate may have repented of his or her sins, that does not cancel out the debt they owe to the government, society, or anyone else. Nor did Jesus come into the world to do away with the laws of God (Matthew 5:17-18).

Lighthouse Educational Ministries is a non-profit 501 C/3 self-supporting ministry who wants to see changed lives of men and women in prison, so they can become productive citizens once again. All of our literature is distributed to prisoners for free. We are a faith based ministry and believe that the less fortunate deserve a second chance.

Please prayerfully consider how you can help us help others and financially participate in this ministry that our Lord mandates us to do. We cannot do this without your support.

Our vision is to get the message of the Gospel to as many prisoners as possible, for the time is short. Change comes through the Lord Jesus Christ. Many prisoners are bound in addiction whether it is drugs, alcohol, or some other form of addiction/lifestyle. The only answer is Jesus Christ!! It is our hope to continue to give clear Bible guidance and share our experiences to help those behind bars and to assist parolees get the help they need.

Please visit our website for testimonies of a few of the changed lives our ministry has touched.

If you have any questions about donations/contributions please call. If you know a church, business, or bible study that would be interested in a presentation regarding prison ministries please let me know.

"Give and it shall be given to you: good measure, pressed down, shaken together, and running over will be put into your bosom. For with the same measure that you use, it will be measured back to you."

Luke 6:38 NKJV

Thank you again for all of those who have continued to pray for me while I was recovering from my surgery. I am doing much better and your prayers were greatly appreciated! Your support is very important to this ministry which is very close to our Father's heart, May our God richly bless you and keep you and may His face continue to shine upon you.

**"You make a living by what you get;
you make a life by what you give."
"Winston Churchill"**

Blessings to you all in the New Year,
In Christ Love,

Pastor Ron Zaucha

Our Ministry Loss in 2011

Heaven is rejoicing to have our dear friend **Wally Nelson**, who was a great mentor and friend to Pastor Ron as well as a financial supporter of our ministry from day one. Our prayers go out to his wife Velma Nelson as she has just lost her husband. Wally brought Ron into the Steinkamp Prison Ministry and got him started working in the prisons from there. If God hadn't placed Wally in Ron's life this ministry wouldn't have been founded.

We also lost a dear Servant, **Oliver Ketterling**, who was one of our Board Members and the CPA for this ministry. Oliver, was a sweet and gentle soul, who shared his Love of Jesus to All.

Please pray for comfort and healing to all of those who lost these Wise Godly men and dear friends...

The Death of Chuck Colson

Chuck Colson was a towering figure in the evangelical movement. He not only reached the world through his intellect, but touched thousands through practical outreach to prisoners and their families. In the end, the only thing that mattered to Colson was having a right relationship with Jesus Christ and ministering the grace he received with as many people as possible. *"I live everyday to the fullest because I live it for Christ,"* he said of his purpose. *"And no matter what I do today ... I'm going to do something to advance the kingdom of God."*

Ron had the privilege to meet Colson and work with him on a few occasions. Colson made a difference in Ron's life and the way he ran his ministry.

Keeping Your Eyes on Jesus

Our spiritual eyes need to be kept on Jesus. That is the only way we can be sure we are on the right path. Jesus is the key for everything in our lives. Jesus doesn't only save us but gives us meaning, purpose, and direction. Once you've experienced the peace and love God is pouring out on you there's no other way to live.

The world is not there for us, but by faith, we can see the amazing salvation plan that God is doing in our lives. By faith, we know we need Jesus to keep us on the right track. It is too easy to get distracted by the demands of everyday life. We truly need Jesus for us to stay focused on the prize. We need Jesus to show the way, to be the way for us. By faith, we keep our eyes on Jesus.

"Let not your heart be troubled; you believe in God, Believe also in Me. John 14:1 NKJV

Jesus said to him, "I am the way, the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through Me. John 14:6 NKJV

Hebrews 12:2 NKJV

...let us run with endurance the race that is set before us, ²looking unto Jesus, the author and finisher of our faith, who for the joy that was set before Him endured the cross, despising the shame, and has sat down at the right hand of the throne of God.



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Where you will can read & watch the complete testimony of Ron Zaucha which reflects his passion for the less fortunate & forgotten of society & his interview on CBN.

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Or Go to our Website and Submit thru your Pay pal Account.

Ministry Prayer Needs

📖 Prayer is needed for our new opportunity in the Maui Community Correctional Center. The Chaplain has asked Pastor Ron to come and give 3 services a week to the inmates.

- We need prayer for volunteers on Maui to help Pastor Ron.
- Financial support is greatly needed to cover airfare, lodging, transpiration and food, during these trips to Maui.

📖 Prayer for Pastor Ron Zaucha, who directs this Prison Ministry, Educates his Teams and Educates the Prisoners.

- Pray for Ron's Health and that he would have complete healing over his entire body, especially his Heart (Working at 40% capacity).

📖 Prayer for Prisoners and that they would hear and receive Jesus and the Gift of Grace and would continue & become very hungry for God's Word (James 1:22) and the changes in their life & receive the gift that God wants to offer them, thru His Grace and Mercy and Love!

📖 Prayer for a Network of Committed Prayer Partners to under gird this ministry. (Warfare is intense!)

📖 Prayer for Finances for the Ministry to help cover:

- Operational Expenses: office equipment, printing needs, office supplies, staff)
- Outreach Expenses: Bibles, Tracts, workbooks, etc... For Prisoners.
- Finances to Expand the Ministry (Matt. 9:37 & Luke 4:18-19). Weekend Conferences
- Personal Financial Support for Pastor Ron Zaucha.

📖 Prayer for God's Hedge of Protection (Job 1:10) & Wisdom (James 1:5) for the Volunteers, Supporters & Board Members.

📖 Pray that all Hearts will be opened by the Power of the Holy Spirit to receive Jesus Christ as their Savior and make Him their Lord! That the Holy Spirit will transform them by the renewing of their minds (Rom. 12:2).

📖 Pray as the team goes into the following Jails & Prisons:

- Chino Institution for Women (CIW), Chuckawalla Valley State Prison (CVSP), Skid Row. (Fred Jordan Missions), Maui Community Correctional Center (MCCC)

📖 Pray for Traveling mercies to and from the Prisons and Jails.

📖 Pray for all the Christian administration, officers, Chaplains who handle all of the inmates and parolees.

Thank you for your Prayers

Confess your trespasses²¹ to one another, and pray for one another, that you may be healed. The effective, fervent prayer of a righteous man avails much. ¹⁷ Elijah was a man with a nature like ours, and he prayed earnestly that it would not rain; and it did not rain on the land for three years and six months.

James 5:16-17 NKJV