



# March 2013 Newsletter

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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.**

To My Faithful Supporters and Dear Friends,

I want to start off by wishing each and every one of you a blessed Resurrection Easter. Without the resurrection where would our hope be? I am sure you all know the answer to that question. I celebrate 23 years this Easter being born again and am ever so grateful for our Risen Savior's unmerited gift. The gift of salvation by grace through faith Eph.2:8-9

From all of us here at Lighthouse Educational Ministries, I just want to take a moment and express my appreciation for all of your encouragement and financial support throughout the years.

Not only have we been doing prison ministry for almost 20 years but we were able, by the grace of God, to have the opportunity to open 4 transitional homes a few years ago and help hundreds have a place to rest their heads and begin the journey of transition. Only by God's grace and your prayers could we have done that and have come this far and have accomplished so much. To God be the glory!!!! AMEN.....

**I am sad to say that due to lack of funding, those homes were closed down officially in December 2011. I gave my heart and soul, not to mention tens of thousands of dollars to open and keep them going - even to the point of losing my own home along with all those other homes when I could not afford to keep doing it. "Assuredly, I say to you, there is no one who has left house or brothers or sisters or father or mother or wife or children or lands, for my sake and the gospel's, who shall not receive a hundredfold now in this time—houses and brothers and sisters and mothers and children and lands, with persecutions—and in the age to come, eternal life." Mark 10:29-30 NKJV**

*I have been asked for the last several years why I did what I did and do what I do. 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."***

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. **See my testimony on our improved website.**

We believe that Jesus made it clear when told us in the Scripture **"for I was hungry and you gave me food; I was thirsty and you gave Me drink; I was a stranger and you took Me in; I was naked and you clothed Me; I was sick and you visited Me; I was in prison and you came to Me."** Matthew 25:35-36 NKJV

As the founding member, having been incarcerated over 20 years ago, I understand and know we have the answer for those behind bars. We provide Bible Studies, devotionals and substance abuse recovery material to inmates.

Lighthouse Educational Ministries is a non-profit 501(c) 3 self-supporting, non-denominational ministry that wants to see love, grace, forgiveness and acceptance of Jesus Christ shown to 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. Just like the rest of us. Amen....

**Please prayerfully consider how you can help us help those who have no means to help us do what we do. Without your support this ministry cannot continue to do what we have done for almost 20 years. We only desire to do in this ministry what our Lord mandates us to do. Matthew 25:35-36 NKJV**

Our vision is to get the message of the Gospel to as many prisoners as possible, for the time is short and the days are evil. And wow, are the days ever becoming increasingly evil...

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!!

**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 hearing about 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 for all of those who have continued to pray for me during my recovery from open heart surgery. It has been over 4 years and I am doing much better. Your prayers have been and continue to be greatly appreciated!***

***Please continue to keep me and this ministry in your fervent prayers.... Your support is crucial to this ministry, which is very close to our Father's heart. Hebrews 13:3***

**"The flow of ministry is complete when God's heart touches our hearts and our hearts touch the hearts of others." Don Lessin**

In Christ Love,  
*Ron Zaucha*

## Entrusted with the Gospel

Imagine standing by a pool, watching your children get ready to swim. The youngest asks you to hold something—a dirty plastic pail. The oldest makes a similar request and then hands you an heirloom opal necklace that had been her grandmother's. Most likely, you wouldn't worry too much about protecting the toy, but you would guard the jewelry with great care. The way we handle a possession reveals the value we attach to it.

We see this principle in Jesus' parable about the master who before going away, entrusted his workers with various sums of money. The two who invested theirs were later commended for wise use of the funds. Their efforts showed that they valued both the treasure and their master. A third worker, however, simply buried his portion in the ground and all he "earned" was a harsh rebuke and loss of what little treasure he had.

Like these men, we are responsible for something of great worth—far greater, in fact, than money. God has placed in our keeping the most powerful and precious message in existence, the gospel of Jesus Christ. And we are accountable for what we do with it. Our "investment" involves both how we apply its truth to our own life and whether we share it with others.

## Early Light

Do you feed on God's Word daily, and are we obeying all that it says? He has commanded us to share His life saving message with a hurting and needy world—and to make disciples in every part of the globe. Whether we listen and obey reveals how much we value the gospel.

**"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, <sup>2</sup>looking 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.



**Please visit our updated website at:**

[www.lighthouseedministries.org](http://www.lighthouseedministries.org)

Watch and read the complete testimony of Ron Zaucha which reflects his passion for the less fortunate and forgotten of society in his exclusive 700 Club & T B N interview.

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Or Go to our Website and submit thru your Paypal Account.

## Ministry Prayer Needs

- 📖 Prayer is needed for our new opportunity in the Maui Community Correctional Center. Chaplain has asked Pastor Ron to come and give 4 services a month to the inmates.
  - We need volunteers on Maui to help Pastor Ron.
- 📖 Pray 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).
- 📖 Pray for Prisoners - that they would hear and receive Jesus and His gift of grace would continue in their lives – that they would become very hungry for God's Word (James 1:22). Pray also that God will change each and every life as they receive the gift that God wants to offer them, thru His Grace and Mercy and Love!
- 📖 Pray for a Network of Committed Prayer Partners to undergird this ministry. (Warfare is intense and increasing!)
- 📖 Pray 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.
  - Expand the Ministry (Matthew 9:37 & Luke 4:18-19).
  - Weekend Conferences
  - Personal Financial Support for Pastor Ron Zaucha
- 📖 Pray for God's Hedge of Protection (Job 1:10) & Wisdom (James 1:5) for the Volunteers, Supporters, Board Members and Advisors.
- 📖 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 (Romans 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, and Chaplains who handle all the inmates and parolees.

**Thank you for your Prayers!**

*The effective, fervent prayer of a righteous man avails much.*

**James 5:16 NKJV**