

Christian Life Prison & Recovery Ministries, Inc.

2013 Ministry Highlights Jeremiah 29:11

We thank God for His provision through 2013. We also thank all those who have supported this ministry prayerfully and financially, and all who have sacrificed their time, gifts and resources to volunteer. Without you we wouldn't be able to do what God has called us to do—lead people to Jesus Christ!

Prison Ministry

- The main objective of this ministry is to make sure the inmates we minister too, know Jesus Christ—not just **about** Him, but **know** Him personally. In 2013 we helped lead over **300 inmates** to the Cross to receive salvation and several hundred made re-commitments. This year we've ministered to over **7,000 inmates**. Praise God!
- Our Pen Pal team has corresponded with several inmates across the country.
- We gave out over 100 bibles this year and Daily Breads every 3 months.
- Currently 14 volunteers from **five different churches** make up the prison ministry.
- We helped several inmates who were released get housing and into programs.
- We are in the prisons for **136 church services a year!** We lead worship in Philadelphia Prisons every Tuesday evening and the first, third and fifth Wednesday evenings each month. We also lead a Spanish service in Fort Dix Federal Correctional Institution every Wednesday evening.
- In 2013 we had **over 40 guests** visit the prison. Some have shared with the inmates and others have witnessed what we do as a ministry inside the walls. A few of those guests have become current volunteers with CLPRM.
- We meet with prison volunteer services and all ministries in the Philadelphia Prison System on a quarterly basis.

Recovery Ministry: Road to Recovery

- Road to Recovery has been one of the most important parts of CLPRM's ministry. This objective of this outreach is to help those who are struggling with addiction and to know Jesus Christ in a personal way. So many try to get better on their own, but we know it is only through the power of God that they can receive deliverance from their battle of addiction.
- **Road to Recovery meets every Friday night at Christian Life Center in Bensalem, PA at 7pm and Every Thursday night** at the Keystone Clubhouse 4511 Leiper Street in the Frankford section of Philadelphia.
- We have **an average of 20 to 50 men and women attending both meetings**. There are several attendees who have powerfully been affected by this ministry by staying clean and getting some parts of their lives back together.
- We had **four Recovery Service Luncheons in 2014, sponsored by Woodside Church** 1667 Edgewood Rd. Yardley, PA. **Woodside** who opened their doors to the recovery community to offer a service with powerful worship and testimonies, and a buffet luncheon. Thank you **Woodside!**
- **We helped over 75 people into treatment** (detox, rehabs, and recovery houses) in 2013, sticking with them through the entire process. **We gave 18 Scholarships from our Inmate Release and Recovery Scholarship Fund** (for those newly released from prison and those in addiction.) **We used \$5800 of that fund in 2013** to help get these 18 men and women into local Christ-centered treatment and begin to get their lives back on track.
- This ministry has been much more than our Road to Recovery meetings. **We've made ourselves available almost 24 hours a day at times** for those who are struggling with addiction. We've spent countless hours on the phone and meeting with families and encouraging those who are reaching out for help. **We've fielded over 700 crisis calls and have helped over 30 families through the process of treatment and recovery for their loved ones.** It can be exhausting at times, but worth every minute when we can see lives changing by the power of God.
- We welcomed several New volunteers to the Recovery ministry in 2013. Dave Quinn, Keith Pindjak and Tracy Long. All playing key roles in helping those who wish to change their situation.
- We hosted a Christmas party at Road To Recovery, an Angel Tree type event where **Woodside Church in Yardley helped provide gifts for 38 children of parents in recovery, in prison or out, and those less fortunate.** Brenda provided music for the night. The kids were so overjoyed and it was a great night of God's blessing.

Conquering Grounds Café: Coffee House Ministry

Conquering Grounds Café, our monthly coffee house ministry, reaches out to individuals and families who have been affected by substance abuse. In 2013 we averaged **125 people attending this FREE event held on the 2nd Saturday of the month** at 7pm in The Edge Building at Christian Life Center, 3100 Galloway Rd., Bensalem, PA.

- Since we launched Conquering Grounds Café in January 2011, it has become an important night to those in the recovery community. God has blessed us with MANY gifted musicians who have shared their time, talent and testimony. Through the Word of God and testimonies that are shared at intermission, not only have audiences been entertained, they've heard about the victory that comes from following Jesus Christ. We've featured outstanding Christian bands like **Dez Childs, Face Down, Seventh Time Around, Jesse Shultz, Liz Collins, Once Called Saul** and many more.
- Each month a dedicated team of volunteers sets up, cleans up, serves food and beverages, runs sound, and does whatever it takes to make the coffeehouse run smoothly. Thanks to each of you! You are a tremendous blessing!
- As we begin our Fourth year at Conquering Grounds Cafe, we thank God for what He's done so far and are excited to see what's in store for 2014. And we re-commit to reaching out to the recovery community by offering a safe, uplifting and entertaining place to hear exceptional Christian artists who proclaim the gospel with truth and power.

Conquering Addictions Hour on City of Angels Recovery Radio

The All New Conquering Addictions Hour on www.coaradio.com hosted by CLPRM's Bob, Royce, Michael, Rick, Mike and Tracy has been so much fun being able to share the Gospel and the 12 Steps from the Life Recovery Bible with the recovery community around the world.

- The show is on every Sunday evening at 5pm on www.coaradio.com You can click on Past Shows to listen to All of the programs. Like COA Radio on Facebook to get all the updates.
- Thank You City of Angels Nj for allowing us to be a part of this amazing New Outreach. www.cityofangelsnj.org

1st Annual Conquering Grounds Music Fest

On September 14, 2013 we held our Biggest Outreach with a World Class Outdoor Music Fest on the grounds of Christian Life Center in Bensalem, PA

- 10 Artists, 38 vendors, 78 sponsors, 100 volunteers, 24ft Stage with Big sound and all the lights, food, kids play area and the Gospel of Jesus Christ.
- This was a benefit to help fight addiction and we raised almost \$6000 to help those in our community.
- We are looking forward to this year's event on Saturday September 13, 2014. If you would like to volunteer or become a sponsor of this Life Changing Event, please contact Bob at 215-833-2512

Miscellaneous

- **Our updated website www.clprm.org** offers plenty of information on the ministry of CLPRM, coffee house updates and resources that may be able to help someone you know who is struggling with addiction.
- **We had another fundraising event in November 2013 featuring Dave Pettigrew.** This concert raised money for our Inmate Release and Recovery Scholarship Fund which help place scholarship recipients into local Christ-centered recovery homes. **We sold 280 tickets raising \$3,950 for the fund.** This event was **sponsored by and held at Woodside Church in Yardley.**
- We held an outreach in November 2013 at the **Eliza Shirley House** (a shelter for women and children) in Philadelphia. We shared music and the Gospel. Three women gave their hearts to Jesus. We also gave out **over 200 pieces of winter clothing.**
- The ministry of CLPRM meets every month to pray for vision and direction of the ministry, and the needs and the concerns of the people we minister to.
- **Board of Directors:** **Bob Sofronski**, Executive Director; **Michael Howard**, Assistant Director; **Royce McKelvey**, Director of Follow-up, **Rick Cartagena**, Director of Evangelism, **Scott Burgess**, Treasurer; **Nancy Lion**, Secretary and **Pam Hayward**, Voting Member

Our Mission: *Christian Life Prison and Recovery Ministries, Inc. is a nonprofit organization dedicated to helping those incarcerated and to stop substance abuse in the community by offering support to those actively struggling with addiction, as well as to their families. We offer recovery meetings, resources, counseling, and referral services to those who wish to seek treatment.*