# Ministering with Jesus In Prison

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# Prison Program



# **Pre Requisite**

- Qualifications for Service.
- Spiritual Warfare.
- Anatomy of a Setup.
- Do's and Don'ts
- Should know about the Florida Prison Ministries Operation and Support Programs to have a complete program.

# **Bible Study Program**

1. Six set of Bible Lessons (Important to use FPM Lessons)



# SIVE BIDE LESSONS

The New Testament contains a great deal of advice about how the Christian should live. Paul told Timothy that people would profess godliness

A special series of Bible lessons on the great fundamentals of Christianity has been especially prepared for you. If you would like to continue to grow in grace and the knowledge of God's will for your life, indicate your desire to receive this free offer by checking the appropriate box below. I long to live the victorious life for Christ. I want His grace to strengthen me in order that I may obey Him daily. I would like the Bible lessons in order that I might know His full will for COMMENTS:

# **Bible Study Program**

- 2. Thirty Two set of Bible Lessons
- 3. Yellow Sheet





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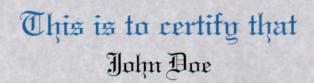
These lessons are not for you to study with the inmates, but for them to take to their area with a prayer asking the Holy Spirit and their Bible help them understand truth.



# Bible Study Program (Cont)

4. Certificate of Completion





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The Bible Says Study Plan



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# **Bible Study Program (Cont)**

5. Additional Spiritual material

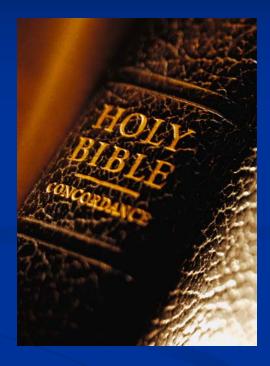


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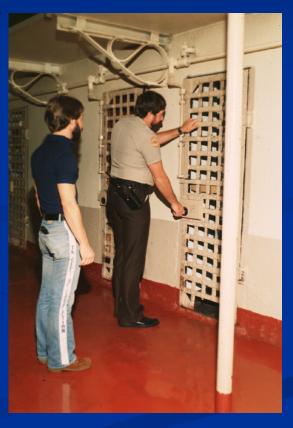
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# Prison Program

1. Prayer at the gate





- 2. Alleluia (song)
- 3. Opening prayer
- 4. Praise the Lord





# Praise the Lord

**Praise the Lord** 

**Praise the Lord** 

Thank you Jesus

If the Bible says it,

I believe it!

If God commands it,

I will do it.

If it's good enough for Jesus,

It's good enough for me!

So study-study-study

God's word daily

**Praise the Lord** 



- 5. Responsive reading of the "Ten Commandments" \*after prayer\*
- 6. (Point out Ex 31:18)

"Written with the finger of God"





7. Jer 17:5

"Thus says the Lord: "cursed is the man who trusts in man..."

8. Jer 17:9

The heart is deceitful above all things, and desperately wicked; who can know it?

9. Jer 17:7

"Blessed is the man who trusts in the Lord, and whose hope is the Lord."



10. Acts 5:29

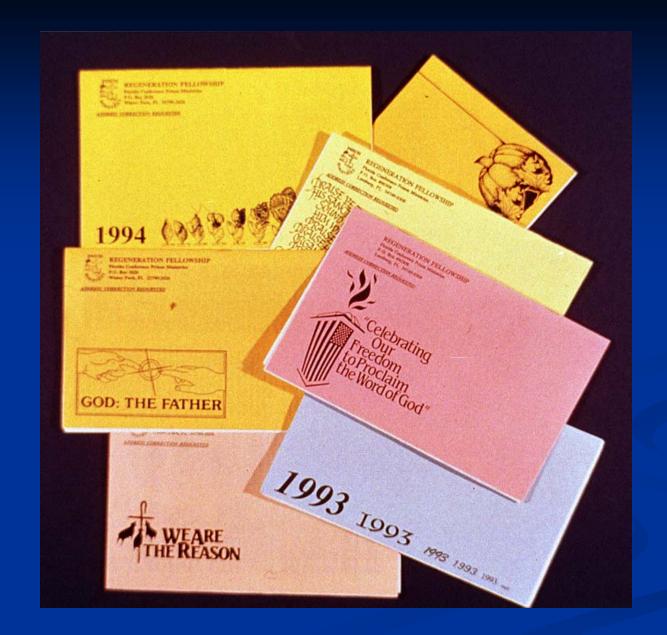
" We ought to obey God rather than man"

11. Welcome new students and give out new lessons. Give out certificates in front of group.

**Bible Lessons** 

Regeneration Fellowship





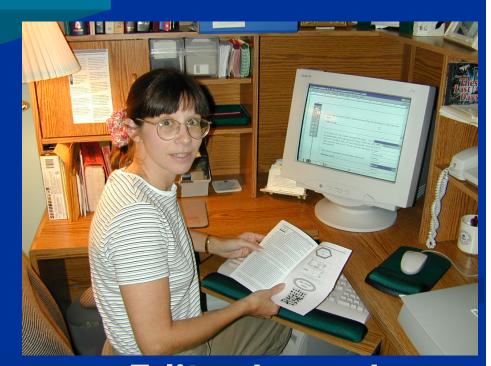


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  - 5. Character issues
  - 6. Your turn
  - 7. Order Bible Lessons
  - 8. Prayer request



**Editor Laura L** 

# Why News Letters

- 1. It further adds to your legitimacy as a bonafide religious organization
- 2. It will go into places in prison that you will never be able to go.
- 3. Not all inmates interested in the Bible will come to religious programs.
- 4. You will be able to say things in the material that you will not otherwise be able to do.



5. You will attract another type of interest and much needed support.

# The Importance of Support Programs

- Trained Volunteers Personal ministries is the most effective.
- Pen-Pal Will reach those in prisons that have no volunteers working.
- Regeneration Fellowship Will go into the prison where you can not go.
- Complete overall Program to reach the unreached in whatever circumstance they find themselves.







### Request for Continued Study or Membership

In response to the love of my dear Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ who has shed His precious blood for my sins, I am determined by His grace, to express my love and gratitude by endeavoring to obey His precepts and keep all of His commandments including the fourth. To further help, strengthen and support me. To allow me to fellowship with like believers. This will allow me to strengthen my faith I therefore hereby request of the Florida Prison Ministry, that arrangements be made to be contacted in the near future, by someone for the purpose of further Bible Studies in preparation for baptism, fellowship and or becoming a member of God's faithful commandment keeping church.

My Name		
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Best time to contact:		
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# Now on our web site www.foridaprisonministries.org





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Number of inmates visited	
umber of Baptisms performed	
Number of Bibles distributed	
Number of miles traveled	
Miscellaneous volunteer hours	
Pieces of literature distributed	



The Director of Florida Prison Ministries is Frank \_\_\_\_\_\_.



# 12. Special music





13. Bible study classes, consisting of three or four students only if possible.\* Prayer before and after class. \* Study from "Bible Readings for the Home."





# Florida State Law

Note. Florida state says, we cannot proselytize in prison, this means our goal cannot be to convert inmates to our denomination, but we can present the Bible and allow the Holy Spirit to lead.



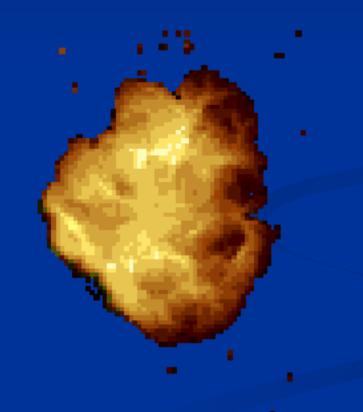
## **Our Goal**

- Christ is to be their text.
- They need not dwell upon doctrinal subjects:
- let them speak of the work and sacrifice of Christ.
- Let them hold up His righteousness, in their lives revealing His purity.
- The true missionary must be armed with the mind of Christ. His heart must be filled with Christ like love and he must be true and steadfast to principle. Testimonies, vol. 7, p. 228

- I never read, quote, or interpret a scripture for an inmate.
- Always answer a Bible question with "What does the Bible Say"

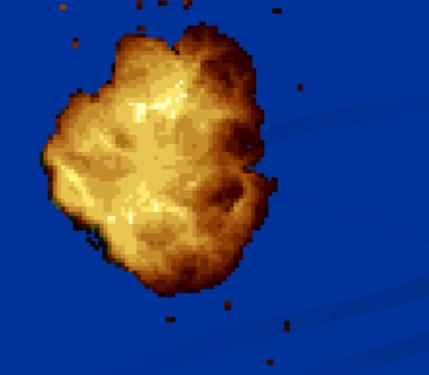


I never push Baptism in prison.





I never talk about the Sabbath in prison.





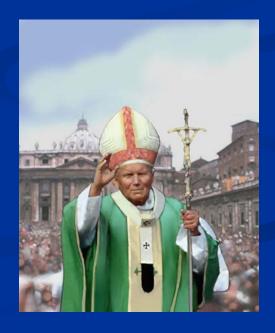
- I do not get involved in Legal Matters
- Variety
- Advertise

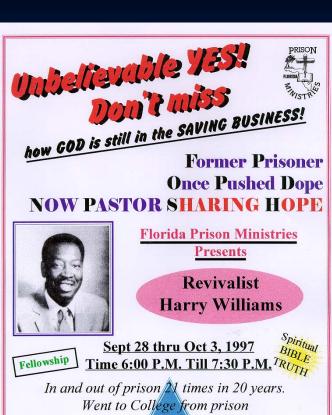


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In and out of prison A times in 20 years.

Went to College from prison
Only three out of a gang of 300 left alive today
Jugular vein cut, four Doctors said he would never
talk again.

Two thousand dollar a day drug user Biggest drug dealer in Philadelphia



Special Music Groups including Tony Williams



THIRD MESSAGE



- 14. Fellowship time, time to get to know and share the inmates concerns.
- 15. Alleluia (song)
- 16. Closing prayer
- 17. Prayer outside prison



## **Bad People turn GOOD**



## Ministry to Family

Large numbers of families today are being affected by having members incarcerated including Seventh-day Adventists.

The trauma that incurs is almost overwhelming to these families.



## Ministry to Family (Cont)

The goal is for lay prison ministry volunteers to witness for Christ weekly in prison.

As the inmates respond to spiritual truths, a reciprocal relationship of trust and understanding between him and the volunteer ensues and a bond of friendship is established.



## Ministry to Family (Cont)

It is usually at this point of time that an earnest request breaks through. "Will you please call my father and let him know I'm O.K.?" Or "could you contact my mother and tell her I'm changing my life and learning to know God?"

Unafraid now, and without embarrassment, the inmate begins to talk about his past life, why he was incarcerated and his desire to be a better person.



## Ministry to Family (Cont)

A case in point: "I have such a good wife at home and three lovely children. I want my wife and children to learn about God's Word just as you have taught me here in prison."

The counselor silently rejoices and assures the inmate that we will try to contact his family. Request his approval to visit his family.



### REMINDER

- Remember you can not deal with the inmate inside and the family outside.
- ✓ But some else can deal with the family on the outside as you deal with the inmate.



## Gaining Entrance to Prison

Have a Prison Ministries training program in your church.

Vote a leader from your church to be a Lay-Chaplain Coordinator of the group.

Meet every two weeks for prayer, study and planning.



# Gaining Entrance to Prison (Cont)



When everything is right, and you are impressed by the Holy Spirit, make an appointment to visit the Superintendent and ask for permission to minister in the prison; he will probably send you to the Chaplain.



# Gaining Entrance to Prison (Cont)

Make an appointment to visit the Chaplain explaining your plans and your connection to this <u>State wide network of Florida Prison</u> <u>Ministries</u>. Emphasis should be on that this is a Bible based program only.

If you get turned down, pray some more and return back to see the Chaplain again. Repeat this till the prison doors open by the Lord in His time. Amen!

# Handling Emergency Situations

- The safety and security of visitors, staff and offenders are the most important concerns in any correctional facility.
- Department of Corrections staff are trained and have planned for emergency situations ranging from mediating a fight between two offenders to handling a major disturbance.
- ✓ The following are a list of emergency situations that, while unlikely, you may encounter while volunteering for the institution.



## **Hostile Offenders**

- A. Talk calmly to the offender and avoid being argumentative.
- B. Signal to get a staff member.
- C. If you are alone with the offender, maneuver yourself into the vision or hearing range of a staff member.
- D. Do not attempt to resolve the situation on your own--get assistance from staff.

## Offender Fight

- A. Summon staff
- B. Do not put yourself between offenders.
- C. Stay clear of the altercation and do not try to break up fight
- D. Tell them firmly to stop
- E. Await the arrival of staff
- F. Follow Staff directions



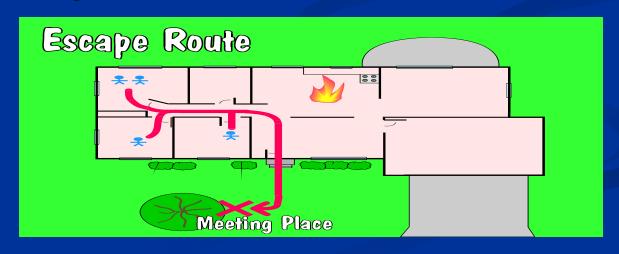
## Riot

- A. Do not intervene
- B. Remain where you are
- C. Find cover
- D. If a telephone is available, contact staff to notify them of your position
- E. Await the arrival of staff



## Fire

A. There are fire escape plans posted in all areas of the facility. Locate them and familiarize yourself with the appropriate escape route(s) and emergency phone numbers.





## Fire (Cont)

#### B. In case of fire:

- 1. Remove yourself and others from area following posted escape route
- 2. Pull the fire alarm nearest the emergency if one is available



## Fire (Cont)

- 3. Call the emergency number for reporting a fire at the institution. In other facilities, call the Fire Department and notify staff. Be prepared to provide the following:
  - a. Name of the caller
  - b. Location of the caller
  - c. Location of fire/emergency
  - d. Type of fire/emergency



## Fire (Cont)

- 4. Follow staff orders
- 5. Know the emergency number at is



## Hostage

The likelihood of being taken hostage is remote; however, if you are taken hostage follow these guidelines:



- 1. DO NOT be heroic. Don't try to attack.
- 2. Be cooperative and obey hostagetakers demand. Failure to cooperate increases the potential for violence.
- 3. Look for a protected place to dive or roll if either authorities or offenders attempt to assault your area.

- 4. Remain calm.
- 5. Keep a low profile. Avoid the appearance of observing crimes that rioters commit.
- 6. Do not make threats against hostage-takers or give any indication that you would testify against them.

- 7. Avoid physical resistance. In the event of sexual attack, offer verbal resistance and passive physical resistance. Do not risk your life.
- 8. Try to drink water and eat even if you are not hungry
- 9. Act neutral and be a good listener if your captors want to talk.

- 10. Appear friendly. Its harder to hurt someone you like.
- 11. Do not attempt to negotiate.

  Your credibility as a negotiator is nonexistent.
- 12. Even though you must appear disinterested while being held hostage, observe all you can.





## **Hostage Situations**

- Two Types
  - Planned
  - Unplanned



## **Hostage Situations (Cont)**

#### **Four Variations:**

- 1. Single Hostage/Single Hostage Taker
- 2. Multiple Hostages /Single Hostage Taker
- 3. Single Hostage/Multiple Hostage Takers
- 4. Multiple Hostages/Multiple Hostage Takers

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Tosus Christ

Florida Prison Ministries is committed to train volunteers to reach every inmate and his/her families/friends that would like to have an opportunity to know Jesus Christ and be saved. We are blessed by God with a complete effective program Implemented by volunteers relying on the

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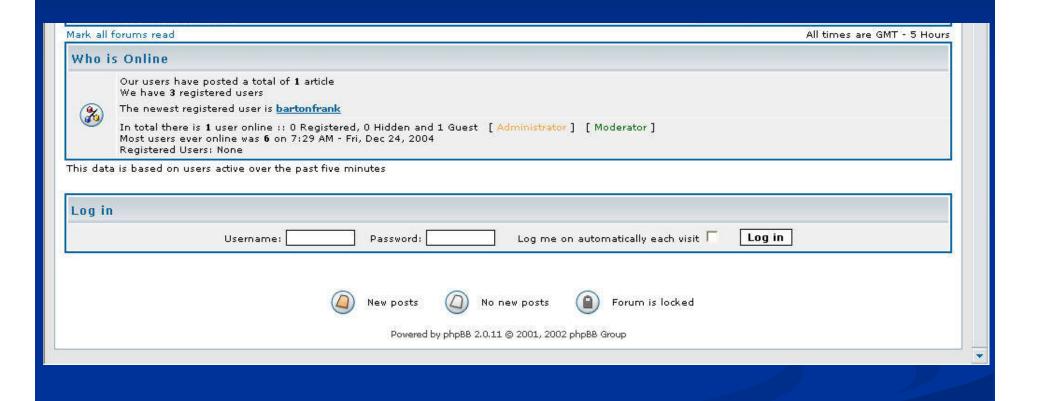
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#### **Event Calendar**

Start Date yyyy/mm/dd	End Date yyyy/mm/dd	Event Title	Event Details
2006-01-28	2006-01-28	FPM Training Certificate Presentation	Brother Ferguson will be doing the 11:00am Worship service at Pen-Mai Church and then we will have a FPN Training Certificate presentation at 4:00pm at the Lauderhill Church.
2006-02-04	2006-02-04	Ft. Myers FPM Training	Training Session I to be held at the Ft Myers Church located at 3451 Ortiz Avenue. Training will be around 1:30 or 2:00pm.
2006-02-11	2006-02-11	Ft. Myers FPM Training	Training Session 2 to be held at the Ft Myers Church located at 3451 Ortic Avenue. Session will be around 1:30 o 2:00pm.
2006-02-18	2006-02-18	Miami Temple	Working out details.
2006-03-17	2006-03-19	North Florida Campmeeting	Will have our booth set up. Please come by and chat with us and see what is going on in the Florida Prison Ministries.
2006-03-26	2006-04-01	South Bay C.I. Revival	Will be holding a revival in the prison a South Bay, FL. Pray for us and our group as we go in to witness to these inmates that the Lord will use us to touch many lives.
2006-04-06	2006-04-08	Adventist Layman's- Services (ASI) Cohutta Springs, GA	Will be holding the Southern Union convenion for ASI at Cohutta Springs GA. If interested in details please contacts. Barton at 352-728-1229.
			We will be having training sessions this





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#### **Training Materials**

Document Title	File Size	Document Description
LAMB Training Manual	4306kb	Training manual for the LAMB Baby Program (PDF file).
Training Manual	115kb	Florida Prison Ministries training manual (PDF file)

#### **Newsletters**

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#### **Miscellaneous Files**

Document Title	File Size	Document Description	
Application Form	15kb	Florida Prison Ministry application form (PDF file)	
Become a Covenant Partner	18kb	Form to download, print, and mail to director of Covenant Partners. Form allows you to indicate if you would like to become a Covenant Partner, to sponsor an individual, to make a one-time donation, or to be a volunteer. (PDF file)	



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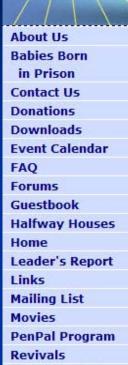




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#### The Lamb Baby Program



Florida Prison Ministries has a desire and commitment to help babies born behind prison walls. In order to give these young ones a new start we will try to provide Spiritual material and physical material to nurture this new life till the age of 3 or 6. This is a critical time in this new born baby and to be torn away from the mother at this critical time we must do all in our power to

see that it at least has some chance to have a life changing experience. We believe that if we could provide for some of the basic physical and Spiritual needs in this child's life that this child along with the mother and caretakers might have a life changing experience also.

Mothers and Fathers inmates cannot purchase gifts or needed material to give to their children. In some cases, women have been known to barter in the prison environment just to get a few tubes of toothpaste to send their children for birthday or Christmas presents.

#### **Our Goal**

Our goal is to provide some of the basic needs for the baby in this terrible environment that this baby is being born into. All material and literature sent to the baby should be as coming from the mother. As we minister in the mother's name hopefully our support will in time produce the life-changing attitude in both the mother and child. Hopefully we will be able to send baby layettes to each baby as it reaches its home, and Spiritual material for the little one to be nurtured with by the caretaker in the child's life at this time. Also there might be needs for strollers, beds, etc. in the first 6 years of life.

We should try to enroll each baby in our Christian Spiritual literature for their age group. Like "Little





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#### Frequently Asked Questions

#### Questions

#### **Halfway Houses**

- Halfway houses are an additional expense in inmates getting out prison, why do we need them?
- Why aren't there half-way houses closer to the families?
- Why do we need halfway-houses?

#### Miscellaneous

- Does Florida Prison Ministries deal with prison ministry in Florida only?
- Who is the director of Florida Prison Ministries?

#### Sending Materials

- . I tried to send material to my relative what did I do wrong?
- What type of material can I send to the inmate?

#### Training

Do you have any training materials I can download?

#### Visitation





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#### **Recommended Links**

#### **Prison Ministry-related Links**

- Florida Department of Corrections
- Florida Department of Corrections Regional Business Offices
- Florida Department of Juvenile Justice Detention Contacts
- Introduction to Information on Florida Correctional Facilities
- Introduction to General Information on Florida Prison Facilities
- Misconceptions About Florida Prisons
- Florida Department of Corrections Awareness Brochure
- Florida Department of Corrections Frequently Asked Questions
- Federal Bureau of Prisons BOP/NIC Directory
- Search the Writings of Ellen G. White

#### Other Links

- . RevivalSermons.org Richard O'Ffill's web site
- <u>LifeTalk Radio Network</u> Connecting you to Christ. Free Bible guides and live Christian radio with free login. Free live broadband audio. Interact with us online during our live talk shows.
- . Chalter from the Storm Shalter from the Storm Too is a not for profit faith based



## **Broader Plans**

- A great work is to be accomplished; broader plans must be laid; a voice must go forth to arouse the nations.
- Men whose faith is weak and wavering are not the ones to carry forward the work at this important crisis.
- We need the courage of heroes and the faith of martyrs.—Testimonies, vol. 5, p. 187 (Christian Service, p. 234.4)



## **Broader Plans (Cont)**

A Call for Larger Plans.--We are altogether too narrow in our plans.

We need to be broader minded. God wants us to carry out in our work for Him the principles of truth and righteousness.

His work is to go forward in cities and towns and villages. . . . {Ev 46.1}



## **Broader Plans (Cont)**

- When in faith we take hold of His strength, He will change, wonderfully change, the most hopeless, discouraging outlook.
- He will do this for the glory of His name.



## **Broader Plans (Cont)**

- God calls upon His faithful ones, who believe in Him, to talk courage to those who are unbelieving and hopeless.
- May the Lord help us one another, and to prove Him by living faith.— Testimonies, vol. 8, p. 12 (Christian Service, p. 234-235)



### **Assurance of Success**

God is anxious for us to do prison ministries (Mat 25:36...." I was in prison and you came to me.").....Our people are sensitive to this ministry as is evidenced by the increasing participation - both in volunteers and financial support. We thank God for His blessing on this outreach and pray for wisdom and understanding. The purpose of this good work is so that those who are giving the care and those who are receiving it may glorify our Father which is in heaven.



- Remember that the Lord Jesus is the Master Worker. He waters the seed sown. He puts into your minds words that will reach hearts.
- Testimonies, vol. 9, p. 41



- When God opens the way for the accomplishment of a certain work, and gives assurance of success, the chosen instrumentality must do all in his power to bring about the promised result.
- In proportion to the enthusiasm and perseverance which the work is carried forward, will be the results given. Prophets and Kings, p. 263



To every worker for God this thought should be a stimulus and an encouragement. In this life our work for God often seems to be almost fruitless. Our efforts to do good may be earnest and persevering, yet we may not be permitted to witness their results. To us the effort may seem to be lost. But the Saviour assures us that our work is noted in heaven, and that the recompense cannot fail. (Testimonies vol. 6, p. 305)

"When we give ourselves wholly to God, and in our work follow His directions, He makes Himself responsible for its accomplishment.

He would not have us conjecture as to the success of our honest endeavors. Not once should we even think of failure.

We are to co-operate with One who knows no failure." (Christ's Object Lessons, p 363)



