

RECONCILIATION RESOURCE MINISTRIES

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A Partnership in Missions!

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Upcoming Events and Ministry Projects:

April 27—Internet Ministry Day—free materials that explain volunteer opportunities on how to use the computer for ministry.

May— Host an RRM evening— You invite friends over, & Scott will bring a 20 minute DVD on Reconciliation Resource Ministries.

June—Empower Urban V.B.S. and evangelistic outreaches. Snacks, juice boxes, materials, and crafts are all needed.

July— (*NEW) Food, Spanish tracts & Bibles—RRM's evangelistic outreach to the area's immigrant farm laborers.

August 3 "Taste of Reconciliation"

August 13— Back to School Supplies due.

We praise God for you, our partners, for your prayer, concern, involvement, and support.

I preached a sermon at First Church in Lansing entitled, "Partnership in Missions". The CD of that sermon should be enclosed with your newsletter. **I do hope you will take time to listen to it.** I shared from my heart how each part of God's plan for missions is of vital importance. You, make our ministry endeavors possible.

Yesterday, when I went to Walgreens, I had two different people walk up to me and give me a hug, grateful for the impact I've had on their lives. One is a mother of 4 kids. During a difficult time period



in her life she became ensnared with drugs. I came by with Christmas presents, and her children didn't have to go without gifts. More importantly I was able to help reconnect her to God and people to help her with the process of turning from a lifestyle of crack cocaine addiction.

The other was an athletic young man from Ford Heights, that I helped encour-

age in the right direction through a Bible and Basketball Program.

Since I have ministered in the same region for so many years, this happens to me all the time, and it brings great joy to my soul. I wish you could also experience it, since you have made it possible.

Although you might not meet them here on earth, I believe just like Ray Boltz's song, you will be thanked in heaven.

Men's Monthly Bible Study



To go along with my endeavors to disciple men on an individual basis, we have decided to start a monthly Bible Study & Prayer time.

Although it is primarily designed for the Urban Men I am working with, I am hoping that a few of the men from our supporting churches will also come out.

Besides the obvious blessings that come with Bible Study and prayer, it would also afford an opportunity for believers from different economic and cultural backgrounds to

connect, and to grow in love and understanding of each other.

WHEN: SATURDAY,

APRIL 5 (Lord willing, continuing on the 1st Saturday of each month).

8:00 a.m. to 9:15 a.m.

Location: my house

Light breakfast included!

2007 RECEIPTS—

We apologize for the delay. Our bookkeeper ran into computer problems and had some family emergencies. We were told that the receipts went out the first week of February but I know many did not get theirs. **Please contact us if you still need a receipt.**



Easter Outreach & Ministry Projects

Thanks to all who have participated with our Ministry Projects.

The Christmas Toys touched hundreds of children. Children were joyful, grinning ear to ear. Stressed parents who didn't know how they were going to provide, were grateful. Prayerfully all were reminded of God's awesome love - in Word and Deed, God was Glorified!

The Homemade Valentines reminded the homeless & the elderly that they weren't for-

gotten. I especially want to thank the Liccar family for providing an awesome Valentine feast for our homeless outreach.

The homemade Easter Cards and hand creams allowed us to touch many hearts at an urban senior citizen's home.



RCM Homeless Shelter

We have been reaching out to the women and children of Roseland Christian Ministries' Homeless shelter. A supporter empowers us to provide a monthly meal for the homeless that many of the moms and children attend.

We have also partnered with Rich Van Til (CPO) and Joe Greenwald (Grace Reformed) to provide a monthly activity for the moms and children. Pictured is the Easter Party we co-sponsored. Please pray as we are in the process of making arrangements for me to provide a weekly Bible Study and fun time for the kids.



What a difference a year makes!

One year ago we shared with you the health problems I had and the difficulties our family was facing. The response was overwhelming—we will forever be grateful! We have put some pictures up on our website to show some of the tangible help we received (www.christcares.org).

I am doing much better, although I am still facing some difficulties.

This past year I have also been connecting more with the Body of Christ. Before, I pretty much just had friendships with the people I was ministering to. Lisa and I have spent some time with the Dekkers and VanDerHydens for some evenings of fun. I joined a small group Bible Study on leadership called Living Fire. There is a weekly prayer group at EHC Bible Church that I try to attend. I have been

blessed to connect with a mentor, Carl Boender, who is a good match as he has been the Director of a Christian non profit (CMBC) for many years. I am blessed to have a Board Member, Sam Williams, that I am now connecting with on a weekly basis to refine our ministry mission and how to most effectively invest my time. I also meet with Rich quite often, just basically to keep each other out of trouble. :-)

I am working on having more of a team approach with RRM. I am training a group of volunteers that I believe will greatly increase our ministry's outreach—more about that in our next newsletter. Thanks again for your prayer and support, Scott

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