

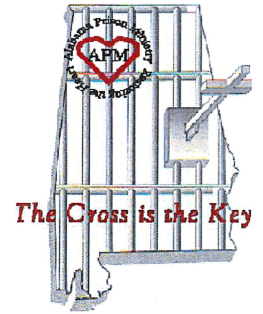


**The Cross is the Key**

**2017 Annual Report**



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## **THE ANNUAL REPORT FOR ALABAMA PRISON MINISTRIES INCORPORATED**

**AND**

## **LIBERTY THEOLOGICAL SEMINARIES INTERNATIONAL**

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Our Cherished & Faithful Pastors, Prayer and Financial partners:

The year 2017 started out a little rough for us here at Bullock Correctional Facility. Many hindrances occurred due to instances of crime, drugs, and violence which interfered with operating the school in its fullest capacity. The Liberty Theological Seminaries was reduced to holding only one complete semester through the entire year and we managed to have only about 35 classes weekly. However in December, we came under the supervision of Warden Michael Strickland who was very supportive of the educational program and assisted us with overcoming many of these problems along with the valiant efforts of the entire correctional staff. With many thanks due to him and the good Lord, 2018 started out with high expectations.

Additionally, the A. D. O. C. took on a reconstruction project of the entire prison here at Bullock. They began remodeling the living area dorms one by one. Eventually, they arrived to do the same for the Faith / Character Based Honor Dorm. This required us to give up the two large dorms with one classroom which we were utilizing for the college. Our bed space was reduced from 104 beds to only 68 beds and on top of that, our dorm residents were mixed back into the population. We were still able to utilize the chapel classrooms for the school but had to do creative scheduling.

There were many Faith Dorm residents who chose to drop out of the Faith Dorm and remain in the regular population dorms. We have been told by the administration that they are going to move the Faith Dorm into the two smaller dorms in the C section. This will be a small loss of bed space for us and we will not have a classroom in the dorm area to utilize for private study and other classes. All in all though, we will be victorious with the final changes and the program will be allowed to continue in the Chapel Complex.

We are still teaching spiritual principles to our inmates and encouraging them to press forward to making a change in their lives. With God's help, we are seeing dramatic results in those who are

participating in our program. It is my delight to present to you an overview of our program priorities.

## I. PRAYER PROGRAM

We are remaining faithful to teach our student body the principles of personal prayer, intercessory prayer, as well as corporate prayer. We participate with them and put these principles into practice. Our prayer schedule is submitted below and we invite you to spend time in prayer with us whenever possible.

### PRAYER SCHEDULE:

Tuesday Night – Corporate & Intercessory 5:00 P.M.- 7:00 P.M.; & 7:00 P.M. – 9:00 P.M.

Wednesday Night – Prayer Time – 5:00 P.M. – 7:00 P.M.

Thursday Night – Prayer Time – 5:00 P.M. – 7:00 P.M.

## II. EVANGELISTIC ACTIVITIES

Throughout the 2017 year, we were blessed to be a part of several Revival Crusades from various ministries who visited Bullock Correctional Facility. We share them with you here and implore your support and appreciation for them should you have opportunity to do so.

1. We Care Ministries – Atmore Alabama
2. Vaughn Forest Baptist Church – Montgomery Alabama
3. The Caring Friends Ministry – Montezuma, Georgia

Scheduled Projects coming up.

1. Vaughn Forrest- Employee Appreciation Days April 27, 2018  
Vaughn Forrest – Inmate Picnic Revival April 28, 2018

## III. DISCIPLESHIP AND EDUCATIONAL PROGRAMS – LIBERTY THEOLOGICAL SEMINARIES INTERNATIONAL.

1. **Bullock Correctional Facility:** Note: As previously mentioned above, these numbers are much lower for 2017 due to the many encumbrances we experienced.

### **First (and only) Semester 2017**

Total Students Registered: 247

Total Classes offered: 38

Total Class Enrollment: 441 (Combined of all students collectively)

2. **Bullock Mental Health Facility** – Bible Institute Program



We were delighted to have Bro. Charlie Hall join our volunteer staff in 2017. He has taken on the task of teaching the students located in the Mental Health facility. Currently, there are approximately 30 students involved in Group Lectures, CBS Bible Study Course, and regular worship services. Chaplain Hall has also been assisted by Chaplain Lindy Waight and Chaplain Esther Walker on occasions.

3. At the composition of this letter, we wish to welcome Chaplain Frank Gossett who has joined our volunteer staff and will be assisting us in our program for 2018. Also, we have registered a little over 200 students for our first semester in 2018!
4. Last but not least, though we were not able to proffer graduation ceremonies for this past year, we offer honorable mention of those students who completed study courses which earned them either a diploma or a degree.
  - a. 17 Students earned the 26 Book certificates from Christian Basic Series.
  - b. 16 Students earned a Diploma in Biblical Knowledge.
  - c. 1 Student earned a Diploma in Biblical Life Skills.
  - d. 1 Student earned a Diploma in Biblical Studies.
  - e. 2 Students earned the Advanced Diploma in Christian Restoration.
  - f. 1 Student earned an Associates of Arts in Biblical Studies.
  - g. 2 Students earned a Bachelor Degree in Christian Restoration Theology.
  - h. 1 Student earned a Bachelor's Degree in Christian Ministry.
  - i. 1 Student earned a Bachelor of Arts Degree in Christian counseling.

Since we were not able to conduct a graduation program for 2017, we will be organizing graduation ceremonies for the 2017 semester in 2018. We will make plans to recognize these graduates at that time.

#### IV. THE FAITH CHARACTER BASED HONOR DORM PROGRAM

As mentioned above, we unfortunately saw the reduction of the Faith / Character Based Honor Dorm drop from 104 beds to 68 beds. Several of the student inmates voluntarily left the dorm program and simply returned to population dorms. While it was somewhat discouraging, most of these men stayed enrolled in their classes but decided to forego the Faith Dorm program for the time being. This was most likely due to the intrusion of the reconstruction crews moving around in the dorm areas.

However, we have 68 men who remain faithful and the Faith / Character Based Honor Dorm is still going strong. We are proud of this part of the Religious Programs within our prison system as it affords the inmate students to live in a stringent and structured environment in which they have to exercise personal accountability and responsibility towards themselves, other people, and society. This also prepares them to be released back into society with the abilities to live and do the right things necessary to be a positive influence rather than a burden to our society.



We have been promised 3 new dorms in the C Section which will contain a total of 122 beds; thus increasing our bed space by 18 new beds.

## V. RE-ENTRY PROGRAMS

This continues to be an area in which our inmate men (and women) constantly need assistance. Several new ministries are in the process of preparing residential housing, employment, mental health services, and rehabilitation programs to assist men and women to merge with society again. These programs are residential halfway houses in semi-rural settings that provide constructive transformation from the prison environment to the community at large. We are pleased to have two very wonderful ministries working with us towards this goal.

Rev. Dr. Arthur Robinson: Pastor of The House of Prayer Church who is in charge of '*Source of Hope*' Residential Halfway House in Notasulga, Alabama and Rev. Jon Peters: Pastor of the First Assembly of God Church in Union Springs, Alabama who is in charge of '*R.E.A.C.H. Ministries*' Residential Halfway House, in Opelika Alabama. These men are two outstanding examples of those who are involved in the Re-entry process for inmates and we tip our hat to their heart and courage.

## VI. LAUBAUCH & PRE-GED PROGRAM & GENERAL EDUCATION PROGRAMS

We strive continuously to assist our inmates to learn how to read and write if they do not know how. The average educational level in prison is approximately on a fourth grade level. There are some who have made it further, but the key to making positive change is to learn how to read and write. Our answer to this monumental problem is accomplished through our Laubauch Program. This is an adult basic education program (grades 1-5) designed with other outside teachers as well as inmate tutors dedicated to helping all of our students accomplish literacy.

Additionally, we assist many of the student men in obtaining their GED through the Pre-GED Study Program by tutoring them to pass the General Education Diploma Equivalency exams. This ensures that our men receive the skills necessary to obtain employment and meet the minimum requirement of the high school diploma or its equivalent for employment. Inmates who desire higher education opportunities can enroll in our liberal arts program through Liberty Theological Seminaries International. We also have General Education Courses which are funded by donations and grants that come in for that purpose. Our General Education Curriculum Provider is 'The Teaching Company' in Chantilly Virginia. Our Bible, Rehabilitation, Theology, and Ministry classes originate from Liberty Theological Seminaries International located in Montgomery Alabama.

## VII. FINANCIAL BLESSINGS FOR THE YEAR 2017

With grateful hearts to the Lord for His wonderful blessings, we continue to enjoy the support from various ministries and individuals through both cash and non-cash contributions to the educational programs.

This year, the financial blessings shared with Alabama Prison Ministries, has been successful because of our faithful prayer and financial partners who believe along side with us in what we are doing and have given from their hearts to support Alabama Prison Ministries.

1. Cash Contributions ..... \$ 19,573.65
2. Non- Cash Contributions .....\$ 5,264.94 (estimated value)
3. Total Income .....\$ 24,838.59

We cannot express to each of you how much you mean to our ministry. All that is accomplished through our efforts are also the victories that we share together with you. Thank you from the bottom of our hearts for all that you do in support of our program.

We humbly and prayerfully request that you consider a financial offering in your giving for this coming year for Alabama Prison Ministries, Inc. and our inmate students. You will find a contribution form supplied below for your gift.

With Christian Love & Honor,



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