



# L.A.M.B. SERVICES, INC.

2013 Year-End Newsletter

## Modesto Gospel Mission

### Feeding the Hungry, Devotions & Gate Night

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#### 2013 Highlights for LAMB Services, Inc.

We want to sincerely thank you for all of your incredible outpouring of support in 2013, through your donations, helping hands, and your prayers! In these few short pages we want to show you how your donations, prayers, and time have impacted the lives of many around the world & here at home.

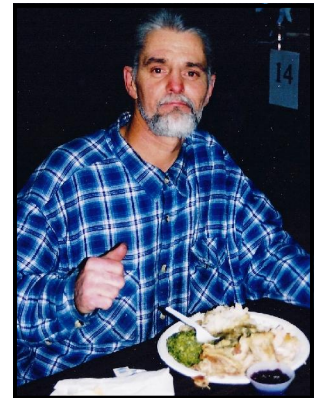
L.A.M.B. Services has been providing the evening meals at the MGM, the first Saturday of each month. We serve 2 meals, one at 5pm for the people who are in the New Life recovery program and those who work there. This meal serves approximately 50-60 people. The second meal of the evening is provided at 8pm following the devotions service provided by our Brethren. This meal is for people who come in off the street and need a hot meal. They may or may not be spending the night at the mission. There are approximately 10-20 women and children and 60-120 men. We usually serve a main dish, which may be a casserole or a meat and starch, vegetables, salad, bread and dessert. We have had wonderful support from our community, preparing food, and coming to serve. We can use between 8-12 people to prepare food and we need 10 people to serve. We encourage families to participate. The children have to be at



least 10 years old. If you are interested in helping, please contact Janice Jarboe or Nancy Layman for more information. This service is very much appreciated by the Gospel Mission staff. One really nice aspect is that all we have to do is cook and serve the food; we don't have to do any cleanup or dishes. This is a great opportunity to be visibly helping our community with a real need and we always receive many thankful and positive comments from those that are served food.

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The MGM provides a 1 hour devotional service and a meal in the evening to homeless & needy in the community. Before eating the meal, the homeless are required to sit and listen to the message. Since November of 2009, we have taken a turn on the first Saturday evening of each month to lead the devotions for the group of guests. We have had a variety of our Brethren volunteer to speak. Sometimes this can stretch us out of our comfort zone, but in a good way! This has provided us an opportunity to share the gospel with those who may have never heard it before. Several of the staff have commented that they really appreciate it when



our turn rolls around each month. More volunteers are needed for 2014, so please let Randy Jenkins know if you can help.

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Our Young Folks volunteer on the first Friday night of each month at MGM for what is called Gate Night. This is a great opportunity to reach out the local teenagers in the airport district of Modesto and show them the Love of Christ. Somewhere in the middle of the evening one of the young men will share something from the Bible. The reason that it is called Gate Night is because there is Gate that all the teenagers must come through to be able to attend. They promptly close the gate at 9:00 PM, so if you are not there before then, you are not allowed in. Contact Ben Eller if you would like to help.

## Heritage Harmony Singers

This is a group of people who love to sing, and practice about twice a month. Lloyd Wagner is the visionary behind this and is also the music director. There are around 50 singers, comprised of people from the Brethren Churches including German Baptist & Old Brethren. In April they sang for the Modesto Gospel Mission and Gideon's Dinner Meeting, in August for the residents of Bethany Home and have several singing engagements planned

for 2014 as well. It's wonderful to hear beautiful voices harmonizing and praising the Lord in song!



## Comforter Knotting Day

An all-day event was held at the hall February 27<sup>th</sup> to prepare comforters to bless the lives of North Korean Tuberculosis Patients. There were two shifts—one from 8am–5pm for anyone and one from 7pm–9pm for the young folks. Approximately 100 blankets were finished. They were sent to CAM-West to be shipped overseas. Everyone had fun and worked hard.

*LAMB has been able to provide a channel through which donors have been able to anonymously donate to various families, including those with medical needs and other hardships.*

## Billboard Evangelism & Tele-Counselor Ministry

Many people are confused about God and life; they don't know what to believe or where to find help. Churches are rejecting the absolute authority of the Bible, and even some Bible colleges teach students they can believe in evolution AND God. No wonder so many are confused. Where can these people turn for sound Biblical answers? CAM's Billboard Evangelism (BBE) program helps point America to Christ. It is estimated more than 150,000 people drive past our billboard on Hwy 99 each day. The bill-

board includes a toll-free number, which people can call 24 hours a day to speak with one of CAM's Tele-counselors (pastors/teachers who answer the calls). After seeing the billboard message "*If you die tonight, Heaven or Hell?*" Tara called asking if she is going to heaven or hell. Our Tele-counselor took this opportunity to explain to Tara the needed steps to salvation through repentance and a transformed life in Jesus. Tara said, "*I guess then I'm going to hell.*" Tara lives in a cocaine house and is

heavily addicted. Our Tele-counselor quickly asked if she wants to be set free and she acknowledged that she did. After praying with Tara, our Tele-counselor sent her a package of Bible helps with an invitation to keep in touch. Pray for Tara's deliverance and salvation in Jesus.

*Without your support and prayers this would not be possible! Thank you!*

Lets also remember to keep the Tele-Counselors in our prayers!

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This is the billboard message on south-bound Highway 99, at the Woodland area.

**"For whosoever shall call upon the name of the Lord shall be saved. How then shall they call on him in whom they have not believed? And how shall they believe in him of whom they have not heard? And how shall they hear without a preacher? And how shall they preach, except they be sent? As it is written, How beautiful are the feet of them that preach the gospel of peace, and bring glad tidings of good things!" Romans 10:13-15**

## Prison Ministry—Good & Evil Books

With about 2.3 million people incarcerated, the United States has the highest prison population in the world. Many inmates live in frustration, anger, and loneliness because of sin in their hearts that has not been repented of. However, their time in prison usually makes them more willing to think seriously about God and their need for Him. Mr. Hernandez wrote, *“May God bless you and your families and all those around you for sending me the book Good and Evil. With the aid of this book, bit by bit, I am giving my life to God and His Son Jesus Christ. I thank God that there are people like you that help us try to make a change in our lives. I hope that you always help those who truly want to make a change and follow the steps of our Lord Jesus Christ.”* Mrs. Barnes from Chowchilla wrote, *“I don't have a cent to my name but possess the will to know the Lord. I pray that it isn't too*

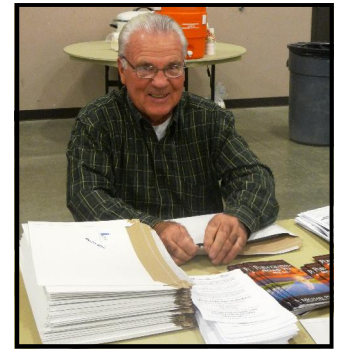
*much to ask for one of the Good & Evil Books. It would be such a blessing to own one of these books so that I can be prepared for the days to come.”*

We started in July of 2010 sending the illustrated adult-level Bible picture book called, “Good & Evil” to inmates in prison. We buy these books from the publisher at their cost, for prison distribution only. We continue to get lots of letters daily requesting a copy of this book.

As the prison population increases, opportunities to share the Gospel also increase. In a time where there are so many temptations and evil influences in prison, these Good & Evil books are especially helpful to inmates who are searching for God and trying to live a godly life.

For a complete history, we have sent out over 28,500 Good & Evil Books. Incredibly, the demand for these books is still

going strong. The daily requests are now at 30 per day on average! We expect to receive about 10,000 requests from inmates for a Good & Evil book in 2014. At this level of demand it will require over \$70,000 to meet all these requests. With over 300,000 inmates in CA alone, we are barely scratching the surface, but what an awesome privilege & blessing to help send the living message of truth to unsaved men and women who are incarcerated here in CA. We need your continued prayers, increasing funds, and willing hands to get these books processed and ready to mail. Thank-you to all of you who read letters, typed names & addresses into our computer program, & packaged the books for mailing. We are appreciative for all of your incredible outpouring of help in 2013, and we look forward to see the Lord's hand work in powerful



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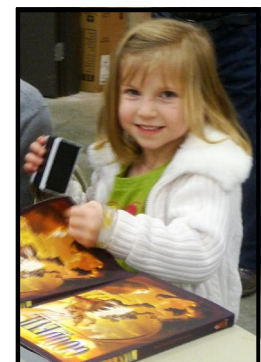


## Prison Ministry—Inmate Correspondence

Approximately 90% of all inmates will at some point be released. Currently 2/3 of these inmates once released will find themselves back in prison at some point. Research has shown that correspondence with inmates from caring individuals outside of prison has many positive results. One is that these inmates rarely commit a crime after they are released. Another is that they tend to be

connected more with the real world when they are released thus leading to greater interaction with individuals. Another is that it is an incredible way to disciple these inmates in biblical truths and principles found in the word of God. Rod Flory, Lowell Beachler and a few others have corresponded with inmates who ask for correspondence. This continues to be an exciting opportunity for

us. The CA State Prison & many other secular organizations love for us to correspond with those incarcerated for a lot of secular benefits. We are encouraged by the support from these secular organizations for these secular benefits, while the main purpose we correspond if for the spiritual benefits of discipling & encouraging these inmates in the word of God.



## Clothes Packing

Donated clothing, footwear, and comforters bring relief and joy to needy people who wondered how they will clothe their families another year. Since our community has been blessed with an abundance of used clothes and owners who are more than willing to donate them to LAMB Services, we have for the last 16+ years packed and sent them to CAM who ships them around the world. Along with all of your donations of clothes, shoes and fabric, a consignment clothing store in Modesto called Priceless Treasures Thrift Shop continues to bring the majority of our clothes. In 2013 the Lord enabled us to have two clothes sortings, packing 103 clothing bags, 19 shoe bags and 34 boxes of fabric. The clothes keep coming in and CAM continually has a need of them. Thank you for your continued contributions & support in this area.



### 2013 Lamb Board:

*Jon & Melissa Brunk  
Derek & Heather Wise  
Rod & Claudia Flory  
Doug & Karen Balsbaugh  
Gary & Joy Skiles  
Janice Jarboe  
Randy & Sarah Jenkins*

## School Kit Pack

When parents across North America prepare to send their children to school they go shopping for new pencils, tablets, clothes, and book bags. In Haiti, however, about half of the population does not send their children to school. For some, no school is available in their area. For many others, there is no money for tuition and school supplies, no matter how near or far away the school.

In July, there was a School Kit Pack where we placed notebooks, rulers, pencils, erasers and color crayons in a colorful bag. A total of 500 bags were assembled, and were sent to CAM for distribution.



## Extra Mile Trips

Rod & Claudia Flory led four Extra Mile trips this last year. They were able to go Apple Hill, Half Moon Bay, Napa Valley and Asilimar State Park/Pacific Grove. This was an opportunity to spend time with the elderly and enable them to visit places they might not be able to visit on their own.

## Yard Cleanup Workday

We had a Yard-Cleanup day in April & November. The November yard clean up we had 13 stops with 74 volunteers that were mainly young folks. We do plan on having this event once this year, in the spring.

## Salvation Army Cookie Pack

We maintained our annual tradition of providing 500 red boxes filled with home-made cookies and wrapped candy again in 2013. These boxes of goodies are handed out to the people who come in off the street for the meal and the remainder are sent to the shut-in's who receive food boxes and meals from the Army the following day. The people who receive this small gift may be homeless or people who have a place to live but have very limited funds for daily necessities. One really nice aspect of providing support to the Salvation Army is that they openly give the Lord the credit for what they are given, and they are both very grateful of our support. Thank you for your participation and generosity!

## Dried Fruit Pack

While many families here in the United States regularly enjoy fresh fruit, dried fruit, and nuts, most of the populace around the world is not able to do so. It is a treat for people in Nicaragua to receive a package with dried fruit and possibly nuts inside of it. In October, a group of hardworking folks met to pack 1500 pounds of raisins and 500 pounds of almonds in 1 lb. packages. These were shipped to Christian Aid Ministries for distribution to the various countries that they support. These are put in their relief food boxes and are received with great appreciation.



## Young Folks OCC Trip

The young folks made a trip to Ontario, CA by bus, leaving early on November 29<sup>th</sup> for a two day trip. Many shoe boxes were sorted and prepared to ship overseas through Samaritan Purse Ministries. 4 couples came as chaperones, and helped prepare meals. Many, many children's lives have been touched by the power of a simple gift.

## Emergency Food Box Packing

Yamah, a poor widow from Liberia had no source of income, and no source of food. Yamah hardly knew what to do; she had four hungry children and didn't have any food. Through miraculous circumstances she received a food parcel from CAM. Yamah said, "Please tell the sponsors thank you".

We had two food packs—one in March and one in August, packing a total of 720 food boxes. Everyone enjoyed packing the rice, beans, sugar and etc. The little children always take great joy in carrying each bag to the assembly line!

