



L.A.M.B Services, Inc.

Good & Evil Book Ministry

As my fingers glide over the keyboard entering each letter of another prisoner's name, I have often wondered what kinds of seeds will be sown in the heart of each of those dear prisoner's souls!!! It matters not to me what kind of crime each one has committed, but rather what will reach the heart of her/him so that they might see Jesus? Recently, I entered about 350 addresses in one sitting and thought, this is amazing that here I sit one more time, entering hundreds of letters to form addresses of souls reaching out for the Word of God!!! I marvel at the craving these prisoners have.

Many letters have inspired me. Many prisoners are crying out that the Word of God be available not only for themselves, but for their

families or friends. Some will include pages of fellow prisoners, who desire to read the Good and Evil books. They tend to feel sorry for the pain they have caused and one can begin to feel like you wished your arms were very long to hug them all!!! Spiritual restoration of their souls is exciting and I pray that through the opportunity we give them, they can continue to seek restoration of their wrong doing. It is only through the Holy Spirit that we are lead to "greener pastures"!!!

The growth of this ministry astounds me! It has proven to me that sown seeds of any kind can multiply quite fast, and certainly these prisoners are sharing

with one another as the letters continue to multiply rather quickly. Yes, sometimes we smile at a name and its uniqueness as we are typing, however, we remember that however unique that name is, there is a soul attached to it, and we rejoice over her/his interest. I am thankful for the opportunity to do such a small task and rejoice for this opportunity!!!!

~ Bonnie Miller



~ Byron & Bonnie Miller ~

Billboard Evangelism—along Highway 99

Back in January, we shared with you all our vision to raise enough funds to have a CAM billboard put up locally along the freeway 99. Through your support we have seen the Lord's answer to our vision and the first Billboard was put up on Monday, July 23rd! It is after the Briggsmore/Carpenter exit

on South-bound 99, just before the Woodland overpass.

Several years ago Christian Aid Ministries saw a need to minister the gospel of Christ to those in America, through the avenue of billboards that share the gospel in a clear and precise way. Their main purpose for

posting Gospel messages is two-fold: To warn the sinner of the coming judgment (Colossians 1:28) and To encourage the believer in his walk with the Lord (Hebrews 3:13).

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We have dedicated this newsletter primarily to highlight the Good & Evil Prison Ministry and the new Billboard Evangelism Ministry

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Spanish Good & Evil Letter Translation & Personal Correspondence

It is my privilege to have been involved in LAMB Services since December of 2011. My main task is to translate the Spanish letters to English. I receive a picture of each individual letter written in Spanish via email and translate the message or request into a Word document. I then send, in return, the English version of the letter in PDF format.

I also have had the opportunity to personally correspond with a Spanish-speaking inmate. In his first letter to LAMB Services, he requested a copy of *Good and Evil* and also asked for someone to write to him explaining more about the Bible. I've learned that he is from Mexico but had a bad experience there and is afraid to return. He expressed a desire to change his life

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and be a different person. I have tried to point him to Jesus and give an accurate presentation of the Gospel of Christ. We have communicated several times; in his last letter to me, he said that he might soon be set free from the Detention Center. It's my prayer that his soul also would be set free and find his refuge in Jesus.

For me, personal correspondence like this has been the most enjoyable part of my responsibility with LAMB Services. From time to time I eagerly open my PO Box hoping for a new letter. I believe, that for those in prison, outside correspondence is even more looked forward to.

Being involved in this prison ministry has had a positive impact on my life. It has improved my Spanish, opened my eyes to what life in prison is like, and challenged me in prayer. As I

read some of these letters, I can only imagine what it would be like to go through these experiences. One inmate wrote that he is *“doing a sentence of 40 years”*. A Salvadoran man wrote, *“Eight bitter years of solitude, sadness, and melancholy; of not being able to do anything to be with my family, for my whole family resides in El Salvador.”* In another letter I read, *“I received it when I needed it the most, for I'm in a cell that they call “the Pit”, and here I have no access to anything except mail, but no one writes to me. I felt really depressed and needed to read something about the word of God and like a miracle I got this book.”*

Truly men and women in prison are seeking for something to satisfy the loneliness and despair that they feel. May they find their satisfaction in Jesus. Blessed are they which do hunger and thirst after righteousness: for they shall be filled. Matthew 5:6

In Brotherly Love,

Andrew Peters (from Brookville, Ohio)



A letter from Alberto in Wasco State Prison, CA

To Whom It May Concern:

I am currently incarcerated at Wasco State Prison. My name is Alberto. I'm writing to ask for your help in resolving an issue I'm facing here. I've been here at Wasco for about 4 months, and upon my arrival I put in a request to the Chaplain for a Bible, but I have yet

to receive one. A fellow inmate here just received the "Good & Evil" Bible from you, so I'm turning to you for help in receiving the Word that I so desperately need in my life. I have no one to help me on the outside because I've alienated

“...So I'm turning to you for help in receiving the Word that I so desperately need in my life.”

everyone I love with my drug abuse and sinful lifestyle. Please help a lost soul find his way.

I thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

Alberto

Billboard Evangelism—Continued from page 1

Each billboard that goes up has a toll-free number at the bottom to give people the opportunity to speak with a Minister/Teacher who can help them spiritually. The Tele-counselors would really appreciate your prayers each day because they get many phone calls from folks who desperately need the Savior, and they need the wisdom of the Lord for each phone call they receive. One person from Maryland said, “I want to live a godly life and I’m glad for any help I can get... I am so glad I called. I have not felt so loved and cared for in a long time.”

It costs approximately \$1,975 per month to pay for the Billboard. If we receive enough funds, we can change the CAM billboard with a new message in 6 months or so.

In Hebrews 9:27 it says, “And as it is appointed unto men once to die, but after this the judgment”. For some folks this message will become a reality sooner

Please open your heart and PRAY fervently for each person that drives past this billboard today, that they will allow God to change their life.

than they think. God warns us in the Bible that we should always be ready to die. We don’t have the promise of another day, regardless of how young we are.

Death happens to every person. But does everyone know what to expect after they die? Death is final. After you die, you cannot change your eternal destiny. All true Christians know and believe this, but there are many, many people who simply don’t want to think about it, or don’t want to believe it is true. Because if it is true... then they would have to answer to an Almighty God for their sin.

“The days of our years are threescore years and ten; and if by reason of strength they be fourscore years, yet is their strength labor and sorrow; for it is soon cut off, and we fly away”.
Psalms 90:10

There is a solution to the problem of sin.

It’s simple, really! Repent and accept Jesus Christ as the offering for your sins, and make a public confession of faith through water baptism. Allow Him to guide your life. And in allowing Him to be your Savoir now, you don’t need to fear His judgment after you die.

This is an incredible prayer project. It *will* cause Spiritual warfare. Are you ready? Now we must get on our knees and pray for changed hearts. Also, the Tele-counselors who take the calls need our prayers, and they may direct lost souls to our very own Church; People who need prayer, our compassion, our time and our resources. Praise God that we are counted worthy by His blood, to help those in need!

May God richly bless you for your prayers & financial support!



Who is blessed more... the prisoners, or us?

A brother in Christ and I spent a couple hours reading and sorting the letters received from inmates. We would read the letter to determine the nature of the inmate’s request. The letters would then be filed into an appropriate box based on the request which ranged from an English or Spanish Good & Evil book or a Bible, to prayer.

I was very blessed to be able to take a couple hours and read many letters from real inmates, in real prisons, with real problems, and real desires to know more about Jehovah.

It caused me to think more about the lives of people who are locked out of society and to yearn for the life, love, and peace of the Lord



Happy Helpers Serving Jesus

Jesus to reach every soul breathing on this planet.

I was blessed and encouraged by this project in many ways. The thing that sticks out the most is the need for and the effectiveness of the gospel passing from heart to heart and from soul to soul. The large majority of people requesting a Good & Evil book learned of it because of a fellow inmate. May God prosper this work for His glory and according to His will.

–Brandon Bayer (from Troy, OH)

One letter at a time... by Lowell Beachler

Since early in 2011, it has been my privilege to read letters from people in penal institutions. Sad to relate, most of them are young people, just getting started in life and for various reasons, took a wrong turn or made an incorrect decision. I suppose I have read thousands of letters from all sorts of cultures and backgrounds and geographical areas. Often I have thought about the Scripture that starts with "Train up a child"...

These letters are from individuals requesting the illustrated Bible that they have seen or heard

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about somehow, often from a cellmate. So many are sincere in their requests and inquiries. Some write on and on and some tell

much about themselves. One thing for sure, they all need the Lord. I have enjoyed writing to one special young man whose original letter touched my heart of crying out to our Lord for guidance.

One of my favorite requests simply stated, "Can you please send me the Good and Evil book. Thank you! God bless you!"

- Lowell Beachler



Present Needs and Facts:

- Prayer—for each person that receives a Good & Evil book; That their hearts would be opened to the saving Gospel of Jesus Christ and will fully turn their life over to Christ. Don't underestimate the power of prayer!
- Prayer—for those travelling along the freeway, that they will see the billboard, and not only realize their great need of Jesus Christ to be their Savior, but to also accept Him as Lord of their life.
- Funds are needed—to enable us to continue the Prison Ministry, Billboard Evangelism and the other on-going projects. If you use the enclosed donation slip, be *sure* to mark what project you would like your donation to go towards. Thank you!
- On an average—we get 35 letters from prisoners every day requesting a Good & Evil book.
- It costs approximately \$8 to purchase & mail 1 book for each prisoner request.
- Continued interest to pack & label books for distribution

**"And whatsoever ye do, do it heartily, as to the Lord, and not unto men; Knowing that of the Lord ye shall receive the reward of the inheritance: for ye serve the Lord Christ."
Colossians 3:23-24**

Thank You!

We appreciate your willingness to support each LAMB function by your presence, prayers and donations! May the Lord bless your serving spirit.

Update on our Ongoing Projects & New Events

Annual Dinner Meeting

- ◆ Save some time in January to hear a detailed overview of each Lamb project... and come with an appetite!

Clothes Packing

- ◆ A Clothes Packing was held in February—a total of 93 bags of clothing were sorted and packed along with 9 bags of shoes, and 15 boxes of fabric. These bags are then shipped back to CAM's warehouse and sent overseas wherever the greatest need is—usually they are distributed to the poor people who live in Haiti and Romania.

Emergency Food Boxes

- ◆ In March—we packed 320 Food Boxes! Everyone enjoys helping pack rice, beans, sugar and etc. The little children take great joy in carrying each finished bag to the assembly line!

Hygiene Kit Packs

- ◆ In April—we had a Hygiene Kit pack which consisted of bath towels, hand towels, shampoo, toothpaste, toothbrush, comb, fingernail clippers, razor and bar soap. An enthusiastic group of people neatly packed each bag.



Erica ~ typing prisoner addresses

School Kit Bags

- ◆ For the month of July— there was a School Kit pack at the pavilion where we placed notebooks, rulers, pencils, pens, erasers and color crayons in a colorful bag. A total of 500 bags were assembled, and will be sent to CAM for distribution where needed most.

Dried Fruit Pack

- ◆ Come join us! We have planned a dried fruit & nut packing—Friday, August 24th @ 7pm at Root Farm's HOME warehouse located on Ladd Road.

Yard Clean-Up Day

- ◆ One way we can bless the older folks is to help clean up their home & yard. We have cleaned out rain gutters, trimmed trees, washed windows and other miscellaneous jobs. All enthusiastic hard-working volunteers are invited! More details will be coming on this work day.

Cookie & Candy Pack

- ◆ In December—we make cookies or candy and bring them to be placed in bags, which then go to Salvation Army for the Christmas dinner they put on each year.



Esther & Alexa ~ playing joyfully at a Good & Evil pack

Modesto Gospel Mission

- ◆ The ongoing focus of supporting the Modesto Gospel Mission continues on a monthly basis. We have had very good participation in preparing and providing food for both the participants of the New Life program which assists willing participants in skills and disciplines that provide training, support and spiritual growth to those who want to leave their dysfunctional lifestyle behind and become more productive citizens. We also provide the meal for those people who come in off the street for a meal, a place to clean up and stay over night. We have definitely seen an increase in the size of the crowd, the last 4-6 months, we have served between 180 to 215 people. Because of excellent support from many willing people we have been able to control our cost for these meals to less than \$2.00 per meal. We certainly appreciate everyone who has volunteered (10-12 people each month) to make potluck potatoes, salads and desserts. It really helps us and those who receive the meal do appreciate it. Thank you to, for all your willingness to come to the mission, help prepare and serve the meal. May God bless you for your service. If you would like to volunteer, please contact Janice Jarboe or Nancy Layman.

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Labeling envelopes



"Sometimes its better to be kind than to be right. We do not need more intelligent minds that speak, but patient hearts that listen."

~ Author Unknown



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Modesto Gospel Mission—continued

- ◆ Matt and Anne Long and Doug and Lori Flora continue to support the Women and Children's Center once a month for the evening worship service. We also provide the worship service for the main facility on the first Friday also. Randy Jenkins is always looking for brethren who would be willing to help with the adult devotion service, and would really appreciate a call from you to volunteer.

Extra Mile Trips

- ◆ On Saturday of May 19th, an Extra Mile trip was taken to The Yosemite National Park. There were 52 people on this trip which included: A stop at the Groveland Museum, then on to the Valley floor, a walk to Yosemite Falls, picnic lunch on the bus, and a

stop in Mariposa on the way home. The Yosemite valley was very busy that day as it was a promotional day for the military. (military personnel were allowed free entry into the Park.) We attempted to have the lunch on the "wayside" someplace, but we were unable to locate a good site. We arrived back home at approx. 5 pm that evening. (we need to do some work on the singing in the bus!) Aaron Rumble & Rod Flory gave facts and history of Yosemite and the Don Pedro reservoir on the trip in. Bob Wurm gave us a nice lesson in backpacking 101. It was also nice to hear various Yosemite trip stories from the senior passengers. A good time was had by all.



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Garage Sale

- ◆ Its time to clean out your house and garage! We are planning on having a big garage sale sometime this fall, and you are welcome to participate! It would be great to have lots of families have their own little booth to sell their used items. And you would have the option to donate the proceeds to LAMB Services, if you care to do so.

New Storage Container

- ◆ We have been researching the options to getting a new storage container to replace the 2 trailers that are parked behind the gym at BHS. It would be ground-level, with easy access for dropping off clothes that you are donating.

L.A.M.B. Services Board Members:

- Ben & Debbie Eller
- Jon & Melissa Brunk
- Derek & Heather Wise
- Rod & Claudia Flory
- Gary & Joy Skiles
- Janice Jarboe
- Randy & Sarah Jenkins

If you have any comments about this newsletter or suggestions, the board members welcome your input!

- Whatsoever thy hand findeth to do, do it with thy might; for there is no work, nor device, nor knowledge, nor wisdom in the grave, whither thou goest. Ecclesiastes 9:10
- But God be thanked, that ye were the servants of sin, but ye have obeyed from the heart that form of doctrine which was delivered unto you. Being then made free from sin, ye became the servants of righteousness. Romans 6:17-18