

ROCK OF AGES MINISTRIES

"For we preach not ourselves, but Christ Jesus the Lord." II Corinthians 4:5

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Texas Prison Bus
Ministry

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January 2015,

Dear Prayer Warriors and Friends,

Praise God for the new addition to the crusade ministry! In September, the Duane Claghorn family, Missionaries to Indonesia, provided us their bus for our ministry after they left for the field. What are we going to do with such a gift from God? In the crusade ministry one of the hardest things to do is get volunteers, particularly when the crusade location is far from a volunteer's home. The cost of hotel and food could be a hardship for some volunteers. Until now, we have reduced costs by sleeping on floors, cots or air mattresses in churches. When that is unavailable, we must stay in cheap motels. This bus makes it possible for more volunteers to come. We have rebuilt the bunk area so that we can accommodate eight men. There is a shower, commode, bench, kitchen sink, and microwave. We now have a bunk house to move from one prison to the next. I have given the bus a trial run over a few crusades just to see how it would work. So far, we took it on three crusades: the first, only two of us stayed on it; on the second, there were three; and four on the third. The bus is mechanically sound. Our Lord provided all new mattresses through Bible Baptist Church in De Quincy, LA. We also bought a car tow dolly (for a car for transportation when the bus is staged at a location) with the love offering they gave us.

2015 is a great challenge to work in Texas. Several state chaplains retired in 2014, and we must build relationships with many new chaplains. The state of Texas now has 261 recognized religious groups in its prisons of which Baptist of any type is just one. You can imagine the confusion among inmates! This is a sobering reality! We need more volunteers on teams to bring more truth from the Word of God to 150,000+ Texas inmates. We have visited churches since September seeking volunteers to come with us. My goal for 2015 is to increase the number of volunteers for the work in Texas. A crusade usually consists of three evangelic services on a Thursday, Friday and Saturday. In addition, we are able to visit inmates one-on-one all day on Friday and Saturday. Please contact me for a schedule of the 2015 crusades. *I was in prison, and ye came unto me. Matthew 25:36b*

Prayer Needs:

1. The car I am towing has a transmission that needs to be overhauled and could go out at any time. Repair cost \$1200.00-\$1500.00
2. Diesel fuel and bus maintenance costs.
3. Ministry access to prisons.
4. We **need volunteers most of all** to labor for the souls of these men and women! *Pray ye therefore the Lord of the harvest, that he will send forth labourers into his harvest. Matthew 9:38*

Working till Jesus comes,

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