



# Liberty Letter

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## PAUL LONG BECOMES FULL TIME CHAPLAIN ASSISTANT



Paul Long has been an active volunteer with Liberty Ministries since the 1980's. During that time, he has visited with many inmates at the Montgomery County Correctional Facility (MCCF) in Eagleville. Paul said, "After visiting with some of the

inmates informally, I received a letter from the administration of MCCF in 1988 to come more regularly as a volunteer chaplain." Paul also states, "I do it because I care."

Paul Long has played a vital role in opening the door for the Lord's presence there. Many of the inmates at MCCF ask for Paul by name. There are currently over 100 volunteers supporting high-quality religious programming. Many of the inmates at MCCF

participate in church services, Bible studies, and the Pre-release Preparation Class where they hear the Gospel and have the opportunity to be strengthened in their faith. When you consider the fact that there are over 1,500 inmates incarcerated in this facility, Liberty Ministries must take the lead in providing the chaplain as much support as we possibly can to

"I do it because I care."

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## TODD GOES TO THE MISSION FIELDS OF AFRICA



My Name is Todd Fearheller. I am 23 years old and originally from Pottstown, PA. I first became involved with Liberty Ministries in March 2003 when Pastor William White, (former resi-

dent director), rescued me from the streets. I graduated from Phase I in September 2003 and in January 2005, I accepted the position of full time staff at Liberty Ministries.

Since graduating from Phase I, I have felt led to the mission fields of Africa. I have been working diligently to get there and I have been given the opportunity to go with Jubilee Ventures in the spring of 2006.

I will be serving at Grace Orphanage in Nairobi, Kenya by teaching math and english,

cooking, helping with chores, and teaching Bible lessons.

I have been working and saving for the past year to raise the \$6,000 needed for my mission trip. I have currently saved \$3,700 that I have used to pay for my travel expenses. However, I have come to the realization that I will need help in order to raise the remaining \$2,300 by March 13, 2006.

I appreciate the

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(Todd Fearheller, cont'd from Pg. 1)

support I have received from you in the past through the contributions you have made to Liberty Ministries. I am now asking for your support as I move forward on the road to becoming the man God would have me to be.

*(Please see the donation corner on page 3 to send money in support of Todd.)*



## 2005 BANQUET NEWS

In October, we held our annual fundraising banquet. As this was also our 25th anniversary banquet, we tried something a bit different in our formatting, program and the way we promoted it. These changes and the generosity of those in attendance made it the most successful fundraiser to date.

It was a blessing to see the men of Liberty House well-dressed, seeking and praising the Lord. We shared visions of where we've seen the hand of the Lord at work and the trials He's brought us through. We also shared the hope for the future and the vision of redeeming lives affected by incarceration and addiction. We heard some inspiring testimonies and the exciting possibility of a woman's house being formed in the area.

In addition, we were able to have a silent auction with items donated from various corporate and private sponsors. One item that stood out was a beautiful hand-made quilt that was quite lovely. The generosity of our sponsors continually humbles us and keeps our hearts full of thanks to the Father for their support.

## BOARD REPORT

### *... Planning for the Future*

Where do we go from here? That was the question that 17 members of the Board of Directors, staff and volunteers struggled with on a chilly Saturday in October. With the assistance of facilitator Tana Pelkey-Landes of Communications and Business Strategies, an unprecedented strategic planning session on the future direction of Liberty Ministries was held at the headquarters of the Franconia Mennonite Conference in Souderton on October 28.

During the course of the day-long session, ideas flowed and paper covered the walls of the conference room. Four pages of preliminary recommendations have been made to the Board of Liberty Ministries and it is expected that it will take a number of months to complete a strategic plan.

Bob Thompson, Chairperson of the Board of Directors, had these thoughts on the value of the strategic planning process: "As stewards of what God has given us and as a missional organization, we must do both short and long term planning. We must be diligent in making plans that are attainable and measurable. We must use wisdom and prayer in working out our goals, but we must continue to rely on our great God who loves His people to determine what He has for the future of Liberty Ministries."

## MISSION STATEMENT

**Liberty Ministries exists to serve offenders in prison and ex-offenders in the community by showing God's love, providing practical assistance, and supporting biblical standards of justice.**

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meet the spiritual needs of this burgeoning population.

Liberty Ministries is seeking to raise the \$1,000 a month needed to support Paul in his full time mission work at MCCF. Although such a move has yet to be approved by the new MCCF administration, we prayerfully believe that the Lord will open the door. In his expanded role as a full-time chaplain assistant, Paul would be more available to provide spiritual counseling and direction to inmates. He would also, under the supervision of the correctional administration and the chaplain,

prepare and conduct religious services, assist in the arranging of programs conducted in the prison by visiting religious groups, and any other duties of a religious nature as directed by the chaplain.

Paul has been invaluable as a volunteer at MCCF for more than 18 years. He brings a spirit of dedication, cooperation, willingness, and responsible care that represents the very best of volunteerism and chaplaincy.

Please pray for this endeavor as we prepare our appeal for the current prison administration.

## Wish List ...

### Material Needs:

- Pillows
- Toiletries: toothpaste, soap, shampoo, mouthwash (non-alcohol based), wash cloths and towels
- Paper Products
- Men's Briefs

### Thrift Store Volunteers are Needed!

As a non-profit organization created to help support Liberty Ministries, we always need volunteers to help keep our stores running smoothly and keep in organized condition.

**If you are interested in donating some of your time, please call Dorothea Ray at 610-831-9856 or email her at ltahf@yahoo.com.**



**Do you enjoy yard sales and thrift shops?** Check out our stores for excellent bargains and weekly sales, or drop off good leftovers from your spring yard sale. We accept most items in good condition, and offer free pickup for larger items. Drop off time is during open store hours to 1/2 hour before closing time. Tax receipts are available upon request.

### Three Locations To Serve You!

Children's & Maternity Thrift  
3838 Ridge Pike  
Collegeville PA 19426  
610-831-2170  
Hours  
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**Send us your e-mail on the form below to receive prayer requests and ministry updates!**

*In order for us to accomplish our mission of freeing men and women from the bondages that have led them to prison, I join the fellowship of believers who prayerfully and financially support Liberty Ministries. To the best of my ability and with God's help, I will give:*

- \$25 monthly
- \$50 monthly
- \$100 monthly
- \$\_\_\_\_\_ monthly
- \$\_\_\_\_\_ quarterly
- a one-time gift of \$\_\_\_\_\_

I would like more information on volunteer opportunities.

I would like to support Paul Long as chaplain. (Make check out to *Liberty Ministries* with "Paul Long" on the memo line.)

I would like to support Todd Fearheller in missions. (Make check out to *Liberty Ministries* with "Todd Fearheller" on the memo line.)

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(Above, please circle preferred method of contact - mail or e-mail.)

**Thank you for your support!**

*Liberty Ministries is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization and all contributions are tax-deductible. A financial statement is available upon request.*



## Attention: Current Prison Volunteers

(and anyone interested in more information on becoming a prison volunteer!)

Please join us for an  
Ice Cream Social  
& Volunteer Appreciation Night  
at Indian Valley Mennonite Church  
on March 25, 2006  
from 7 PM to 9 PM.  
Please RSVP by March 18  
to Deborah Braun at 610-287-8601.

## Upcoming Events

**March 25 - Prison Volunteer  
Appreciation Night**  
Indian Valley Mennonite Church  
7 PM - 9 PM

**May 21 - Open House**  
Liberty House  
1 PM - 4PM

**July 15 - Third Annual Picnic**  
Coble Park  
Lower Fredrick (610-287-8857)  
12 PM - 5 PM

**Oct. 14 - Annual Banquet**  
Location: TBA

**Dec. 17- MCCF Christmas Stockings**  
Montgomery County Correctional  
Facilities  
12 PM - 2 PM

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