

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

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Organized in 2012, Heritage Harmony is a mixed-voice choir comprised of people who love to sing! Including high-school-age students to the elderly, this group practices together and then sings for others as opportunities arise. Preserving and promoting the Christian tradition of acapella singing is one objective of our choir along with sharing the gospel in song with shut-ins, the needy, unbelievers, and also encouraging the saints. Also, a cross-generational mix of young, middle-aged, and

older singers helps to build wonderful relationships within our fellowships. It is a joy to see teens seated next to grandparents, singing together to the Lord!



Besides singing for the yearly L.A.M.B. banquet, the group plans to sing at the Modesto Gospel Mission and other plac-

es if possible. There has been interest expressed in recording a CD, but no definite plans have been made presently. We currently have forty to fifty regular singers, and welcome more. We ask that singers be at least high-school age and under 120 years old. As David said long ago, "I will sing unto the Lord as long as I live; I will sing praise to my God while I have my being." Psalm 104:33

Blessings, Lloyd Wagner

Billboard Evangelism & Phone-Team 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 that more than 55,000 vehicles drive past our billboard on Hwy 99 each day. The billboard includes a toll-free number, which people can call 24 hours a day to speak with one of CAM's Phone-Team (pastors/teachers who answer the calls). After seeing

the billboard message in Modesto: "*Jesus said, 'You must be born again.'*" Tyler* called the BBE phone number listed, seeking help. He is a young man who grew up Catholic but has lived a life of sin. Conviction has gripped his heart and he has been seeking God. Our Phone Team member explained the need to be born again, but that was new to Tyler. Tyler's heart was softened when our team member prayed with him for deliverance, and he said, "I need to begin reading the Bible and praying." Our team member encouraged Tyler to read the gospels, and

agreed to maintain contact with him. Pray that Tyler's search will bring him to a full surrender to Jesus Christ.

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

Lets also remember to keep the Phone-Team members in our prayers!

**Name changed for privacy reasons*



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

Modesto Gospel Mission Feeding the Hungry, Devotions & Gate Night



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.

2014 Highlights for LAMB Services, Inc.

We want to sincerely thank you for all of your incredible outpouring of support in 2014, 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 30-40 women & children and 40 men. 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 90 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.

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 our 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.



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 2015, so please let Randy Jenkins know if you can help.

Gospel Door-Hanger Project

In November a group of 40-50 people gathered at Wood Colony Hall to put together packets which included a tract, an information brochure about our church, an acapella singing CD, and the Gospel of John. Then we split up and some went to the apartment buildings around the Modesto Church meetinghouse, and others went to the neighborhood in Salida across from Flory Industries to share the Gospel by placing door hangers on the apartment building doors. We distributed around 800 door hangers. This was an exciting opportunity to reach out to our local communities with the Gospel, and invite them to Church.

Prison Ministry—Good & Evil Books

With about 2.3 million people incarcerated, the US has the highest prison population per capita 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.

Scott sent us a letter at Christmas time saying,

“Dear Love and Mercy Brethren Services, My name is Scott, and I am an inmate at Stanislaus County Public Safety Center. I am 26 years old and a believer in Jesus Christ. My current address, and residence does not dictate who I am inside. My dad is a pastor and I was raised in a local Church. I had an awesome childhood which slowly faded away the more I sought to get approval from peers, instead of God. This behavior led me to a life of addictions of every kind. Alcohol, drugs, women, relationships, these were a few of my usuals. I was trying to fill

an emptiness that I now know to be Jesus’ home in my heart. To gratify my addiction, I would often steal, which just took me to more crimes. I destroyed every good relationship in my life, and burnt every bridge. I hated my life. I hated me. Then, God allowed the biggest blessing in my life to occur. I went to jail. Since the beginning of my incarceration in mid-October, I have gotten to know Jesus in a personal, and intimate way. My favorite Psalm, Psalm 116 says, “You rescued me from the grave.” So true! God is good! I saw the Good & Evil comic and thought it was awesome! I would LOVE to get one. Thank you so much for your ministry. These books are changing lives in here. I am blessed enough to be present in watching it happen. God is good ALL the time!”

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.

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 35,000 Good & Evil Books, and the demand for these books is still going strong! The daily requests are now at 25-30 per day on average! We expect to receive 8,000–10,000 requests from inmates for a Good & Evil book in 2015, which will require over \$60,000. We need your continued prayers, funds, and willing hands. Thank-you to all of you who read letters, and packaged the books for mailing. We appreciate all of your help in 2014, and we look forward to see the Lord’s hand work in a mighty way in 2015!



For each Good & Evil book we send, approximately 4 other inmates read it also! And that does not include other family members, once the prisoner is released.



Prison Ministry—Inmate Correspondence

Approximately 90% of all inmates will at some point be released. Currently 70% of these inmates, once they are released will find themselves back in prison within 2-3 years. 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 oppor-

tunity 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 is for the spiritual benefits of discipling & encouraging these inmates in the word of God.



Yard Cleanup Workday

We had a Yard-Cleanup day in May, and cleaned up 16 homes/yards. It's such a joy to help our elderly folks, and they are blessed by the willingness of people to help them clean up around their home. They also love to chat with us while we are at their home.

Extra Mile Trips

Rod & Claudia Flory and Aaron & Janet Rumble led three Extra Mile trips this last year, to Heidrick Ag Tour, San Gregorio State Beach, and Cover's Apple Ranch. 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.



Ray & Phyllis Denlinger—enjoying their train ride at Cover's Apple Ranch, along with the others on the Extra Mile trip.

2014 Lamb Board:

*Derek & Heather Wise
Rod & Claudia Flory
Doug & Karen Balsbaugh
Gary & Joy Skiles
Aaron & Janet Rumble
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.



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 15+ years packed and sent them to CAM who ships them around the world. In 2014 the Lord enabled us to have one clothes sorting, packing 52 clothing bags, 16 shoe bags and several boxes of fabric. Please note that due to poor quality, we are not currently accepting any new clothing donations.

Salvation Army Cookie Pack

We maintained our annual tradition of providing 500 red boxes filled with home-made cookies and wrapped candy for the Salvation Army Christmas dinner. 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!



Hygiene Kits

500 hygiene kits were carefully packaged up in July, and sent to CAM. We also made some kits for local distribution. They include hand soap, toothbrush & toothpaste, wash cloth, bath towel, shampoo, deodorant, a large comb, nail clippers, and a bandana handkerchief.



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 other countries 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 CAM for distribution to the various countries that they support. These are put in their relief food boxes and are received with great appreciation.



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". One food box will feed a family of 4, for 2 weeks!

We had one food pack in June, packing a total of 240 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!