

# Seeds of Hope Ministries Opportunities to Serve



- **Evening Aftercare/Reentry Group (SJA)**—every Thursday--except Thanksgiving--for almost 13 years we facilitate a Christian Reentry Group for ex-offenders at the Antioch Baptist Church Fellowship Hall)...7:30pm until 9pm...great group...all Christ-centered...for guys on parole, in half-way houses or maxed out. Men only. 15 to 20 men show up regularly. Looking for men who would like to come alongside recently released ex-offenders by participating in that group on a regular basis.
- **Daytime Aftercare/Reentry Group (SJA)**--On the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Mondays of each month we facilitate a Christian Reentry Group for ex-offenders at Opportunity Reconnect, 1812 Federal Street, Camden, NJ...9am until 10am...same as the Thursday evening group...great for men who are working the 2<sup>nd</sup> or third shift or otherwise have availability during the day. Men only. One or two men show up for each meeting. Looking for men who would like to come alongside recently released ex-offenders by participating in that group on a regular basis.
- **Mentors for Christian Men Recently Released from Prison (SJA)**—We have an on-going need for mature male believers to help men who have just come out of prison. Help them continue to grow in their walk with the Lord while providing practical help as they transition through this difficult season. Counsel, coach, rides, encouragement, involvement in your local church, help with locating suitable employment. Training and on-going support is provided.
- **Mentors for Christian Women Recently Released from Prison (SJA)**—We have an on-going need for mature female believers to help men who have just come out of prison. Help them continue to grow in their walk with the Lord while providing practical help as they transition through this difficult season. Counsel, coach, rides, encouragement, involvement in your local church, help with locating suitable employment Training and on-going support is provided.
- **Driver's License Restoration Conferences for Ex-Offenders (SJA)**-- On the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Mondays of each month we conduct Driver's License Restoration Conferences for ex-offenders. Getting back on the road is just one of the hurdles ex-offenders face while transitioning back into their communities...we meet with each individual for approximately 15 to 20 minutes to assess and discuss their situation. Follow-up help is often needed: calling various municipal courts or the New Jersey Motor Vehicle Commission and/or writing letters. 10am until 12 noon at Opportunity Reconnect. We can train you so that you can help.
- **Christian Transitional Homes for Ex-Offenders (SJA)**--We currently have 3 homes for Christian ex-offenders in Camden...strict rules governed by a Covenant...for those coming out of prison who are serious about their walk with the Lord and about changing their lives with the Lord's guidance and accountability from like-minded men. The three homes have a capacity to hold 11 men. As a mentor, you would be working with the men who reside in the transitional homes.

- **Christian Fatherhood Groups (SJA)**--We conduct Fatherhood Groups/Classes for men in halfway houses and others on a weekly basis...The halfway house groups are currently offered on Thursday mornings from 9am until 10:15am. The size of the groups range from 8 to approximately 15 men. We also facilitate Christian Fatherhood Groups/Classes at Southern State Prison each Friday morning. The first group meets in Compound A from 8am until 9:20am and the second group meets in Compound B from 9:45am until 10:50am. We can use help with both of these ministries. Clearance from the New Jersey Department of Corrections is required before beginning to help.
- **Angel Tree (Camden City) (SJA)**—(December)--We oversee a coordinated delivery of Angel Tree gifts in Camden where many volunteers deliver gifts to over 250 children with an incarcerated parent all on one Saturday morning and early afternoon...very cool In addition to delivering gifts on behalf of the incarcerated parent, as the Lord allows, we share the reason for the hope that we have. We can always use individuals and families to help by buying the gifts and to assist with the deliveries.

**Back Pack Ministry (SJA & MFH)**--(August)—we collect back packs and school supplies and distribute them to children who have an incarcerated parent, to children who participate in the Christian after school ministry at the Fellowship House and to other children in need in the City of Camden. People collect them at their church, through their schools and at their offices. This year we collected and distributed 300+ backpacks loaded with school supplies.

- **Winter Coat Ministry (MFH)**—(Fall/Winter)—Each year, beginning at the end of September/ beginning of October we collect gently used coats to be distributed to the homeless, the poor and others in need within the City of Camden. People collect them at their church, through their schools and at their offices. Once dropped off to Seeds of Hope they are sorted and prepared for distribution. We distribute them through our Saturday Morning Outreach Breakfasts and at other times/locations as the need requires.
- **Reentry Bible Study (SJA)**—We facilitate a weekly Reentry Bible Study at Hope Hall (a local halfway house) in Camden. Similar to the pre-release classes that we used to have at Riverfront State Prison, this group concentrates on the practical application of God's Word to our lives and the lives of the men transitioning back into their communities and families. You can join our team by helping to facilitate this study. Saturday evenings from 6:30pm until 8:00pm.
- **Code Blue**—(Winter) When the city of Camden deems an emergency weather scenario during the cold winter months (below freezing), our team jumps into action, providing blankets and hot chocolate to those on the street.
- **Code Red**—(Summer) When the city of Camden deems an emergency weather scenario during the hot summer months (above 95), our team jumps into action, providing cold water bottles to those in need.
- **She Has A Name (SHAN)**—Friday evenings, Saturday mornings and other random evenings: "Girls Only" outreach—prayer, care and an ear for the ladies who are addicted to drugs and walk Broadway in Camden to support their habits...we offer a meal on Fridays (made by various individuals) and breakfast on Saturdays, feminine products, clothing and, most importantly, the hope found only in the Gospel of Jesus Christ. We can facilitate detox and we can send the ladies, at no cost, to Christian drug rehabilitation facilities across the country for those desiring "a way out". If you are interested in helping—ladies only—a great place to

begin is at our Saturday Morning Outreach Breakfast. A number of the ladies from the street come to the breakfast each week—it is a good place to begin to come alongside them and develop a relationship. Interview required.

- **Sunday Street Ministry (MFH)**--Every Sunday Morning...we engage in Street Ministry in the CVS parking lot in Camden before church...8:00am until about 9:15am...we serve over 200 people (anyone God sends...homeless, drug addicts, prostitutes...anyone who finds him or herself on the street). A different church or ministry covers every Sunday of the year with supplies and servants. This is an awesome way to practically demonstrate the love of Christ in a practical way to the least, the last and the lost. You can help handing out the food and drinks or you can mingle with our guests and talk with/pray for the people that the Lord has sent. In you are interested in serving in either of these ways, let us know and we will plug you in. We also have the need for small groups (ladies groups, men's groups, youth groups) to prepare and deliver 225 sandwiches each Sunday. Your group can just drop them off or stay and help with serving. Let us know and we will put you in touch with the right person.
- **Saturday Morning Outreach Breakfasts(MFH)**--Every Saturday...we serve a hot breakfast (eggs, sausage, pancakes pastries, coffee and hot chocolate) to those on the street at the Fellowship House located at 1722 Broadway in Camden....we pick people up right off the street in the ministry bus. The Lord has been sending over 300 people each week...Many of those who come to serve sit down with our guests and engage them in conversation and, as the Lord leads and allows, they share the reason for the hope that they have! We start setting up and cooking at 8am, begin serving at 9am and are wrapped up no later than 11:00am. We need set up people, cooks, people who can put the platters together, utensil wrappers, servers, clothing sorters, nail painters, table wipers, bathroom cleaners, floor moppers, prayer warriors for the Prayer Station and people who just want to share the love of Jesus Christ in a practical and real way.
- **CDL Driver:** Need for someone to drive the 20 passenger ministry bus one (1) Saturday morning per month. A Class C CDL (with a passenger endorsement) is required. If you, or someone you know has this type of license is willing to serve in this way, great. If not, but you know someone who is interested, we will assist them with obtaining the license.
- **Good Friday Outreach (SHAN & MFH)**—We have two simultaneous outreaches on Good Friday. A small group of women reach out and minister to the ladies on Broadway using the ministry bus...food, clothing, toiletries, prayer and the love of Christ to the least of these. At the same time, a team of servants set up the “Prayer Station” and our own Christian DJ on the sidewalk on Martin Luther King Blvd. near the Transportation Center. While gospel and worship music plays in the background, the team prays for and with anyone the Lord sends. We can use people to provide supplies for each of these outreaches and to man the Prayer Station on Martin Luther King Blvd.
- **Thanksgiving Turkey/Food Boxes (MFH)**—we have the privilege of collecting turkeys and all of the trimmings for an awesome Thanksgiving dinner and then delivering them to families with an incarcerated parent, families connected to the Christian after school ministry at the Fellowship House and other needy families in our South Camden neighborhood. The distribution occurs on the Saturday before Thanksgiving. In years past, we have had approximately 50 people there to sort items, pack boxes and hand-deliver them to the families. We begin with worship and prayer—then we package all of the items in to boxes to deliver and

begin deliveries in teams. You can participate in a number of ways: You can lead the collection effort of the turkeys and other meal items at your church, through your schools and at your place of employment (we can supply flyers, etc.), you can come and help sort the items or make deliveries.

- **Thanksgiving Eve Dinner on the Bus for the Ladies (SHAN)**—For three years now we serve a Thanksgiving Dinner to the ladies on the street on the night before Thanksgiving. It is awesome and definitely became an instant Thanksgiving tradition. We set a table up right in the ministry bus and invite the ladies in for dinner, prayer, hope and the love of Christ. You can participate by providing the items for the dinner: turkey, vegetables, drinks, side items, desserts, cookies, notes of encouragement to the ladies.
- **Christmas Morning (MFH)**--Serving those on the street on Christmas morning has become a family tradition for many. We have been hitting the streets on Christmas morning for 8 years... A large team of servants (50 or so) used to worship, pray, make sandwiches and snacks and then head downtown to reach the people on the street. For the past two Christmas mornings we have been blessed to serve breakfast at the Fellowship House to people that we found on the street in Camden that morning. It was awesome. 60+ volunteers served a hot breakfast in the love of Jesus Christ to over 150 people. We were able to pick them up off the street with our ministry bus. You can participate by supplying items: food, gloves, hats, scarves, and just being there for people who are going through a difficult season in their lives.
- **Hope Thrift**—The ministry operates a thrift store on the White Horse Pike in Stratford. We offer previously owned clothing, footwear, nic nacks, furniture, electronics, etc.) The proceeds from the store helps support the work that the Lord has us doing in Camden. We are in need of help in various ways. We need volunteers to sort clothing, clean donated items, serve the customers, etc. The store is a ministry in and of itself. The people who serve have regular opportunities to minister to and pray with our customers. It has been awesome. We also need people to help pick up donations. We have a truck and pick up furniture and other items a few days per week. Lastly, we need donations of furniture, clothing, and nic nacs so that we can keep the stores well stocked. Every dime of profit goes to serving the least, the last & the lost.
- **Bus, Truck & Van Repair**
- **Contractors** (electricians, carpenters, plumbers, HVAC, painters, etc.)
- **Fundraising**: Raise funds for the ministry from businesses and corporations (monetary and hard goods). Acquiring conations for our yearly auction is also needed. We also need volunteers to assist with the actual auction.
- **Identification and birth certificate** administrative help (email for info)
- **Groups to set up prayer station** downtown when needed. (email us for info)
- **Bible study leaders**
- **Cookie baking** for SHAN around the holidays and throughout the year.
- **Collecting Toiletries** for SHAN.
- **Handyman** repair work at our houses.
- **Washing and maintaining ministry vehicles** (cleaning seats and interior)
- **Drivers** to pick up ministry donations (food, backpacks, turkeys, coats, thrift store items)