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The people who walk in darkness Will see a great light; Those who live in a dark land, The light will shine on them.

Isaiah 9:2

#### JOHN 8:12

Then Jesus again spoke to them, saying, "I am the Light of the world; he who follows Me will not walk in the darkness, but will have the Light of life."

### Thank you!

Thank you first to our Good God for every provision, and for allowing us to be part of impacting the lives of so many children this past Christmas! Thank you, Father for allowing us to bring your light into dark places. But where sin increased, grace has overflowed; Romans 5:20.

Thank you to all of you our prayer partners for your support. Thank you to all of our volunteers! Without you, there would be no ministry! Thank you to all our financial supporters.

### InnerChange

One of our four core program areas is called "InnerChange". Yes, it is just as the term suggests, true change only occurs from the inside out. For God, who said, "Light shall shine out of darkness," is the One who has shone in our hearts to give the Light of the

knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Christ. 2 Corinthians 4:6

The primary mission of Prison Fellowship Canada (PFC) is to use a restorative justice approach based on the life and teachings of Jesus to serve those who have been incarcerated. Our InnerChange activities for offenders include:

- 1. Bible study
- 2. Mentoring groups
- 3. One-to-one mentoring
- 4. Pen Pal

We have been very focused in the last few months on providing consistent weekly or biweekly small group Bible studies and discussions in several institutions. Recently we were blessed by a letter from one of our small group members inside.

I deeply appreciated your leadership of our Tuesday afternoon Bible study, and receiving a copy of The Prison Bible. I am grateful for the opportunity to study in a group setting and receive good feed back during discussions. I am presently participating in the PFC PenPal program and have been paired with a very committed Pen Pal. PFC is playing a spiritual mentoring role in my life and is helping me be honest, truthful, lawful, conscientious, generous, compassionate and more Christ centered day by day. Again, I'm very grateful for the spiritual and moral support as provided through PFC by you. All the best to each of you and your families through out 2016. May your ministries prosper in our Lord Jesus."

#### Connecting Links

## (Ministering to Ex-Offenders)

A large percentage of those returning to the community at the conclusion of their imprisonment do not have the basic components to succeed as responsible citizens. This includes stable housing, stable employment and stable relationships. This puts ex-offenders at a significant disadvantage for reintegrating into community. It is a privilege to work with other ministries in the local context to help provide support for ex-offenders and help them become productive citizens. By networking together with others, we are able to facilitate a broader scope of services.

The mission of Prison Fellowship Canada includes engaging the community to identify and accept these individuals back into the community and to provide opportunities that will serve to reintegrate these individuals in the context of friendship and accountability. This includes connecting ex-offenders to local chapters of PFC volunteers as well as to



partner churches and other local organizations for community and support.

#### Connecting with Harvest House

# CONNECTING PEOPLE OF COMPASSION WITH PEOPLE IN NEED TO MAKE A DIFFERENCE.

Recently we had a chance to reconnect with Cal Maskery and Doug from Harvest House and share our vision and discuss opportunities to work together as we move forward.



▲ Cal Maskery & Doug

### Village of Hope

#### Mission Statement

To provide an organized opportunity for men and their families to overcome chemical addiction through a living relationship with the Lord Jesus Christ.

On January 31st we took our local Prison Fellowship team and other friends and family and had a wonderful team building opportunity while serving at the Village of Hope. On Sunday morning we were able to share the worship music, the message, caring for the kids' church and bringing a lunch to have together. What a wonderful opportunity we have to work in harmony with other ministries to fulfil the vision of Prison Fellowship Canada.... to be a national community of reconciliation and restoration to offenders, ex-offenders, their families and victims using a



faith-based approach to transformation based on the life and teachings of Jesus Christ.



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Sharing time



Bringing the Word

▲ Kid's Church

#### A look Ahead

#### ANGEL TREE CAMPING



Angel Tree Summer Camp

It is hard to believe we are already preparing to make a lot of kids happy this summer by sending them to summer camp through our Angel Tree Program! We met in January with the camp director for 2 camps, and also



▲ Bishop Edwards & Jonathan English

with Bishop Edwards to discuss how we can cooperate on the camping program and more. Angel Tree Camping provides funding for a child with an incarcerated parent to attend and integrate into a regular week at a local Christian day or overnight camp.

### How can you be a part of Prison Fellowship Canada?

- 1. By surrounding us with prayer.
- 2. By asking your Pastor if we could come and share with your church about what the Lord is doing inside the institutions and through the other programs offered by PFC.
- 3. By volunteering with Prison Fellowship. Here is the link that will take you to the website where you can fill out a volunteer application. This ministry is mainly done through volunteers who help in so many ways. www.prisonfellowship.ca
- 4. God is opening so many doors of ministry opportunities, but we are not able to meet all our monthly expenses. We need help with more monthly donors so we can concentrate more of our efforts to ministry. If you can help, please send your cheque to Prison Fellowship Canada, PO Box 7072 Brookside Mall Fredericton, N.B. E3A 0Y7.

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