

SoundWord Ministries
"An Inmate Outreach"

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We recently had the opportunity to preach the gospel in the Southern Ohio Correctional Facility also known as Lucasville. You may remember this name because of the Lucasville prison riot in 1993. Inmates took control of "cell block L" for 11 days and killed 9 inmates and 1 correctional officer. Needless to say, the security is greater there than even the maximum security prisons and violence is common occurrence. Due to the frequent violence a total of only 100 inmates were cleared to attend our services and then only 25 were allowed to attend at a time. We sang and preached in four back to back services and a total of 30 men committed their life to Christ that day.

Several weeks ago I had prayed with a young man after our Tuesday evening service at North Central Correctional Institution in Marion, Ohio. He was quite dejected because he was being held past his "out date". He had been a model prisoner and never caused any problems, so he couldn't understand why he wasn't being let go. After we prayed, I quoted Romans 8:28 (And we know that all things work together for good to them that love God, to them who are the called according to his purpose.) and told him we don't always have the answers, but we can be assured that God is working all things for our good. The next week this young man was back in our service and he had coaxed his new cell mate to come along with him. When I gave the invitation that evening his cell mate stood to his feet and accepted Christ as his Lord and Savior. I don't know who was the happiest that evening, both men were crying. One because his sins were forgiven and the other because he now knew why he had been held past his out date.

Dr. David and Gerri Cottrell and Eric Brown from Springfield Bible Baptist Church were our guests at NCCI on June 10. Pastor Cottrell brought the WORD and four men received Christ that evening.

We would also like to thank those churches that have recently increased our monthly support. Thanks so much.... It has definitely helped at the gas pump.
