



Ministry News

from the Training Division of
Only Hope Prison Ministries

Helping chaplains to bring God's light to those who sit in darkness. Ps.107:10-16

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What's Current in the Ministry

"... for the word of God and for the testimony of Jesus Christ" Rev. 1:9c

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Our Jail Ministry Training Manual is Being Translated - into Spanish

Recently, Only Hope Prison Ministries was invited to come to the Dominican Republic. Later this year we plan to help train some of their local pastors and Chaplains. Therefore, we are beginning to translate the 81 page Jail Ministry Training Manual into Spanish. Once completed, this

resource will also be on [our website](#) for use here in the USA. If you know of any Spanish speaking jail or prison ministries, this would be a good tool for them to use.

The Dominican Republic has a population of just over 10 million people. They have approximately 63 places of incarceration with over 21,000 prisoners in detention. As in the USA, their facilities are overcrowded which always makes living conditions tense. One recent report says the overcrowded jails and prisons exceed capacity by about 185%! The Dominican government has been trying to make repairs and improve the quality of their prisons, but the improvement is slow.

The gospel of Christ faithfully taught with the attendant power of the Holy Spirit, can conquer the hatred and violence in their overcrowded prisons just like He did at the Louisiana State Penitentiary, in Angola, Louisiana.

Check it out at www.onlyhopeprisonministries.com under Training.

ENGLISH VERSION IS NOW AVAILABLE ONLINE

**Only Hope
Prison Ministries**

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**Jail Ministry
Training Manual**
to be:
**Cárcel del Ministerio
Manual de Entrenamiento**

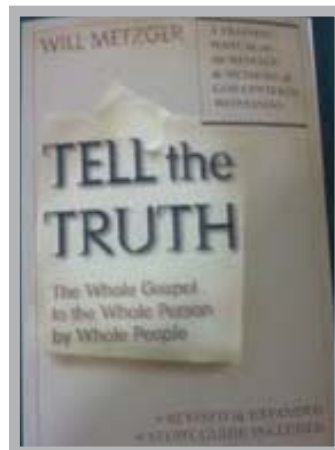
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We Highly Recommend ...

Will Metzger's book, "Tell The Truth, The Whole Gospel to the Whole Person by Whole People."

It is a thoroughly biblical approach to giving the gospel to the unsaved. Although it is great for any evangelistic ministry, it has particular applications to inmate evangelism.



It helps answer the question of why so many professing Christian inmates fail when they get out. We use this book as one of the textbooks in our Chaplains Training Academy. We have always taught students that our evangelism must come from a thoroughly biblical understanding of the theology of salvation from sin.

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Chaplains Training Academy News

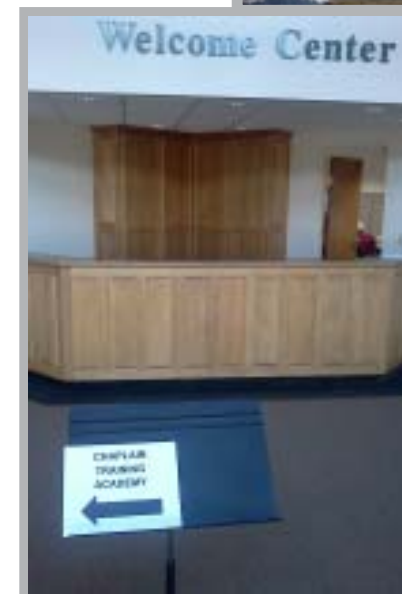
Recently we had a wonderful week of classes in the Chicago area, March 19-23, 2013. There were 15 eager students for the evening Academy classes at the New Covenant Bible Church's wonderful facilities in St. Charles, Illinois. Note the pictures, to the right and below. The final day of the Academy was also a One-Day Seminar in Aurora, Illinois. The Academy students were joined there, by about 40 eager attendees in that Seminar, on March 23rd.

The remarks below came from one attendee at the Seminar, who is thinking about taking the next round of Academy classes in St. Charles, Sept. 24-28, 2013.

"Thank you very much for the materials! It will definitely come in handy. Thank you again for your teaching. I will likely see you again as I may sign up for the training in Sept." To join our Academy [see our web site noted above.](#)



Academy Location
St. Charles, IL, March 2013



We Highly Recommend "Tell the Truth" - Continued

The title of Metzger's book says it well. Since God is about changing the whole person from sinner into saint, one of the themes of the book is that in evangelizing others, we must thoroughly begin by a biblical explanation and definition of who God truly is.

Here is an excerpt from the book, "I remember being in Florida one year at the time of spring break for many college students. As I ambled from person to person on a sunny beach I would inquire about their schools and interests, then pose two questions. 'Do you believe in God?' Most replied, 'Yes.' Then I asked, 'Does sin separate you from God?' Their replies were brief but astounding. 'No, why should it?' or 'I don't believe in that kind of a God,' or 'My concept of God is one who loves.' How many times have each of us talked to someone who does not balk at the word God, and may profess to believe in him, **yet defines God out of personal and cultural values?**" (page 55)

Metzger continues, "We must give people a thorough grounding in the character of God as the self-sufficient *Creator* as part of our basic gospel. The theory of macroevolution between species, ... is uncritically assumed by the college student and the ghetto grandmother. ... The erosion in the Western world of the Creator-creature distinction, which is foundational to all biblical thought, constitutes a serious challenge to our evangelism. **The absence of this crucial distinction forms a barrier to unbelievers seeing their responsibility before their Maker.**" (page 57)

The book goes on to encourage us to encourage Christian gospel givers to use God's law, eventually even the two great commandments to love God and to love our neighbors (Mark 12:28-31) to allow the Holy Spirit to bring His conviction of sin to them (John 16:8) The proper use of the law of God, which can never save, is **to show us our sin** and to then **point us to the SAVIOR, CHRIST JESUS**, who is also LORD (Gal. 3:24).

I also truly believe Metzger hits the bulls eye when he stresses a God-centered gospel that issues in God-centered living, rather than the current popular man-centered gospel that ends up encouraging self-centered living. I am biblically convinced that the me-centered gospel does not truly save. I encourage you to read and pray, and decide.

You can obtain a copy of this great book for you study at a reasonable low price from Christian Book Distributors (CBD).



Rich Hines

Lost Audio Messages We are Trying to Recover

If you read our January 2013 Newsletter you should understand that when the www.ChaplainHelp.org web site was shut down we lost **84 audio Chaplain's Corner messages** (a total of 148 **text messages** are now on our OnlyHopePrisonMinistries.com site). We said we would try and recover them. We have received a CD with not only those lost recordings but also with messages recorded at FIVE Chaplains Seminars (a total of 40 more messages to Chaplains and volunteers from various speakers).

- 63 of the 84 Audio Chaplain's Corner messages we are trying to put on our web site -

2006		2008 - continued	
Jan.	What Kind of Wisdom Are Your Inmates Receiving and Showing?	Oct.	Teaching Inmates and Residents the Fatherhood of God
Feb.	Challenge Inmates and Residents to Ask Themselves "Whose Side Am I On?"	Nov. Dec.	Inmates Should be Thankful for the Doctrine of Adoption Christmas Calls For Our Obedience to God
March	Christ's Resurrection, the Basis For True Salvation and Christian Service	2009	
April	Christ's First Three Statements From The Cross	Jan.	Don't Be Deceived
May	Christ's Final Four Statements From The Cross	Feb.	Salvation: Grace Received Always Produces Fruit
June	Inmates, Residents and Staff Need Biblical Chaplains	March	Easter is a Good Time to Break Away from Paganism
July	Teach Inmates How To Pray, From Paul's Prison Prayers	April	Denying Sin is Another Form of Unbelief
Aug.	More On How To Pray, From Paul's Prison Prayers	May	Heaven: Too Often Forgotten!
Sept.	O, How I Love Jesus?	June	Despite Having More Enemies Than Friends, Jesus Shall Reign! - Psalm 2
Oct.	Answering The Victims of Crime	July	Christian Character Matters - Confront Lying and Teach Truthfulness
Nov.	The Ability To Be Truly Thankful and God-Centered	Aug.	Christian Hope - Part 1
Dec.	Have An Angelic, God-Centered Christmas	Sept.	Christian Hope - Part 2
2007		Oct.	Teaching Inmates the Sovereignty of God
Jan.	Triumphing Over Gospel Opposition In 2007	Nov.	Giving Thanks to God is the Opposite of Self-Sufficiency
Feb.	The Answer for Super-Sinners	Dec.	Three Views of Christmas
March	Be A Godly Chaplain In a Pagan or Secular Setting	2010	
April	How To Live For Christ - Even In Jail or Prison	Jan.	Put On Christ - Clothe Yourself With His Likeness, Even His Love
May	"If There's A God, Why Did This Happen?"	Feb.	Confront Empty Worship - The Lord Despises Outward Religiosity
June	Don't Leave "SIN" Out Of Your Gospel Presentation	March	Remember, the Spiritual is Always More Important Than the Physical
July	What SIN really Is	April	The Spiritual is Even More Important than The Physical, Part 2
Aug.	The Kind of Faith In Christ, That Does Not Save	May	What to Say to Those Who Are Angry With God
Sept.	The Kind of Faith In Christ, That Truly Saves	June	God is the Creator of Everything and is Therefore the Sovereign over Everyone
Oct.	The Difference Between Religion And A Relationship With God	July	Dealing With the Current Issue of "Racism." - Part 1
Nov.	Thank God, He Was A Missionary - What About You?	Aug.	Dealing With the Current Issue of "Racism." - Part 2
Dec.	Christmas - God Kept His Promises	Sept.	1 John 2:12-14, Pray For Spiritual "Fathers"
2008		Oct.	Don't Just Give Them Baby Food
Jan.	Being Fruitful - For Eternity	Nov.	Eternal Life - Teach Inmates to be Thankful For It
Feb.	What Christian Fruit Looks Like	Dec.	What the Peace of Christmas Means and To Whom it is Given
March	Standing Firm in the Faith and the Resurrection	2011	
April	Learning To Trust God - The Example of David (Ps. 34)	Jan.	Jesus our God
May	Helping Christian Inmates Deal With Guilt	Feb.	Jesus our Lord
June	Answering The Deepest Questions	March	Jesus our Redeemer
July	The Chaplain as Christ's Ambassador of Reconciliation		
Aug.	Teach Christians Persistent Growth, Not Perfectionism		
Sept.	Chaplains and Ministry Leaders Need To Raise Up Replacements		