

God Accomplishes Great Things

Lots of ministry is taking place through CPO even though we've had to cut back on staff due to financial constraints. Please take a minute to see what God is accomplishing in this place.

We still have weekly Bible studies for men and women in Cook County Jail and in the Boot Camp. Our Rhoda Fellowship Bible Study for women who have a loved one in jail or prison still meets every Thursday morning. We are still mentoring ex-offenders. We continue to have carpentry classes in the Boot Camp. Volunteer instructors keep our computer repair/refurbishing classes and our welding classes for ex-offenders going at our Roseland facility (150 to 200 rebuilt computers have been donated to non-profit organizations) – and these men and women are being instructed in the Word every day (many meeting Jesus for the first time), and many are getting jobs!

Using all volunteers, CPO's *Angels of Hope – Adopt A Family* program is up and running with 1 local church already a year into the program, 1 church now trained and ready to begin and 2 churches waiting to be trained. Bi-weekly visits to an inmate's family with a box of food, Bible study and prayer has proven to be effective in getting these families connected to the Body of Christ and, in some cases, the families have formally joined the church. One primary goal of this program is to be the means God uses to prepare a godly home for the inmate to return to after release.

God has called CPO into a new endeavor. CPO has been asked to join with the Cook County Department of Corrections, Aramark and Roosevelt University to provide job training, industrial math, and life skills training for inmates at Cook County Jail who are also military veterans. CPO will provide the math and the life skills – from a Christian, Biblical perspective. CPO will use staff already in place and volunteers in this project.

We Need Your HELP!

1. Your support is much needed right now and deeply appreciated.
2. We are totally committed to faithfully pursue the ministry that God has called us to do – no matter what!

CPO has never been and never will be driven by or motivated by funding – we don't "follow the money". We believe that if we are faithful in doing that work to which God has called us, He will provide. And He always has – primarily through you.

There are a lot of worthy causes out there, and a lot of requests to consider. Please prayerfully consider helping to get CPO through these tough times with a generous gift. It **will** be a good investment in Kingdom building.

p.s. Don't forget that you can donate on line on our web site: