
STORY LINK® PROGRAM



UPDATE

... linking offenders and their children

Celebrating 10 Years of Ministry



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Our Mission

Story Link® Program is designed to strengthen the bonds between offenders and their children and to provide opportunities for Christian witness. Offenders who are 90 days free of violations are allowed to select a book provided by the Program. They then read the book and say a short message to their child on a cassette tape under the supervision of a volunteer. They may also write a message in the book. The volunteers send the tape and book to the child at no cost to the offender or their family. The Program is totally supported by donations and volunteers pay their own expenses. The Program is in 12 state prisons in Missouri and two Federal prisons in Illinois, but God's vision to us is to impact the lives of offenders and their families from 40 prisons.

Program News

Story Link Celebrates 10th Year of Ministry

It's hard to believe, but Story Link Program is 10 years old this year. It began in September 1998 at the women's prison in Vandalia, Missouri. Since then, over 30,000 books have been read and sent to the families of offenders at the 14 prisons we serve. The next issue of the new and expanded *Update* will give more details about our beginnings and history.

Story Link Begins at Southeastern Correctional Center; First New Site in Two Years

In February, Story Link Program started at the Southeastern Correctional Center in Charleston, Missouri thanks to the preparation of John Hilpert, who is now a Case Worker at SECC. He called in January and said he had volunteers and approval from the prison administration to start Story Link; could we come? Oh, yes! God's timing is always perfect.

Stamping Party at Rock Hill Baptist Church Processes Over 8,000 Books!

Twenty-five volunteers and friends of the Program from

as far away as Eldon, Missouri came together on March 15th to clean, sort, stamp and repack about 8,000 of the roughly 10,000 books donated to the Program since May, 2007. Shown below are six Girl Scouts from Troop 2962 who attend Claude Brown Intermediate School in Troy, Missouri and their leader, Peggie Enloe. They collected over 700 books at a Bingo night last fall and then joined



the party to help stamp theirs and the rest of the 8,000 donated books with the Program name! Thank you girls!



The Women on Mission from RHBC fixed a delicious lunch. Thank you all for your great help to prepare books for 2008!

Stats for 2007:

Total Books Read – 5,488

Financial Summary –

Beginning Balance	\$	76.69
Donations and grants	\$	28,878.66
Total Income	\$	31,118.86*
2007 Expenses	\$	16,476.01
Ending Balance	\$	14,642.85

*Includes \$1,272.05 postage donated by the volunteers at SECC, \$371.36 postage donated by Centerpoint Christian Fellowship, and \$520.10 postage donated by two Program volunteers.

Based on expenses and total number served, it cost \$3.00/book sent in 2007.

Thoughts from Offender's Families

I am the mother of two beautiful children who faced the incarceration of their father last year. As you can imagine, this past year has been extremely difficult for them. The contact with their father is very limited because he is in a facility that is quite a distance from our home. My children have received two books from your program and I would like to express my gratitude for such a wonderful program. The joy that comes across from my children's faces when they receive a book is amazing and to watch them sit down and read along with their dad is priceless. I want you to know that the program has touched my children's lives in a way that will last forever. The children are the innocent victims and I thank you for the link you have provided for them to stay connected to their father.

You Can Be Part of This Ministry!

- Pray for the volunteers to be bold in their witness of the redeeming power of Jesus Christ.
- Become a volunteer and go with us.
- Support the ministry with your tax-deductible gifts payable to: *Story Link Program*, and mail to: Liberty Belle Ministries, 9909 Manchester Road, #327, St. Louis, MO 63122-1915. (LBM is a 501c3 tax-exempt corporation)

Results: January – March 2008

Date	Institution	Readers	Volunteers
01/05/08	MECC	13	6
	SCCC	52	9
01/09/08	ERDCC	42	6
01/12/08	WERDCC	79	9
01/15/08	BCC	59	5
01/17/08	FPC	54	8
01/23/08	FCC	13	4
01/26/08	FRDC	15	4
	CTCC	27	4
	TCC	34	5
	ACC	11	4
02/02/08	SECC	11	8
	SCCC	59	5
02/09/08	NECC	27	4
02/19/08	BCC	43	3
02/23/08	FRDC	8	5
	CTCC	34	5
	TCC	31	3
	ACC	12	4
02/27/08	FCC	14	4
03/01/08	MECC	17	5
	SCCC	60	8
03/08/08	NECC	20	4
	WERDCC	100	8
03/12/08	ERDCC	42	5
03/18/08	BCC	41	4
03/20/08	FCI	50	3
	FPC	55	3
03/26/08	FCC	10	4
03/29/08	FRDC	13	5
	CTCC	33	5
	TCC	39	6
	ACC	20	5

Total January - March: 1,138 (ave. 379/month)

MECC = Missouri Eastern Correctional Center, Pacific, MO; SCCC = South Central CC, Licking, MO; ERDCC = Eastern Reception and Diagnostic CC, Bonne Terre, MO; NECC = Northeastern CC, Bowling Green, MO; WERDCC = Women's Eastern Reception and Diagnostic CC, Vandalia, MO; FRDC = Fulton Reception and Diagnostic Center, Fulton, MO; CTCC = Cremer Therapeutic Community Center, Fulton, MO; TCC = Tipton CC, Tipton, MO; ACC = Algoa CC, Jefferson City, MO; BCC= Boonville CC, Boonville, MO; FCI = Federal Correctional Institution, Greenville, IL; FPC = Federal Prison Camp (women), Greenville, IL; FCC=Farmington CC, Farmington, MO; SECC=Southeastern CC, Charleston, MO.

Schedule of Upcoming Trips

First Saturday – Pacific/Licking, MO

Second Wednesday – Bonne Terre, MO

Second Saturday – Bowling Green/Vandalia and Charleston, MO

Third Tuesday – Boonville, MO

Third Thursday – Greenville, IL (federal)

Fourth Wednesday – Farmington, MO

Fourth Saturday – Fulton/Tipton/Jefferson City

**Contact us to visit and see what God is doing!
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