



GOLDEN KEY
PRISON MINISTRY

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Serving: Broome, Chemung, Tioga & Tompkins County
Jails and Elmira & Southport Correctional Facilities

“A Visit with Team Tompkins County”

During the hot summer months, **Golden Key Prison Ministry's** Executive Director **Pastor Curt Carter** has been visiting several of our supporting churches. That included **First Assembly of God Ithaca** on Sunday, June 26 and **New Testament Church of Peruville** (Groton) on Sunday, August 28.

The **Tompkins County Team** of Golden Key includes **Don Brown** (of N. T. Church) and **Mark Barber** (of 1st Assembly) who between them represent decades of ministry to the residents of Tompkins County Jail. Besides leading weekly Bible studies at the jail, they also meet with newly released individuals to provide continuing support. They also travel to several NY State correctional facilities to visit prisoners who are serving sentences after leaving Tompkins County. Please pray for their continued ministry in Tompkins County.



Don Brown, Mark Barber & Pastor Curt Carter at New Testament Church of Peruville

“... Speaking of Prayer”

In our June Supporter's Newsletter, we requested prayer for Mark Barber's wife, **Stefanie**, who has been diagnosed with liver cancer. She has had quite a few chemo-treatments at Chicago's Cancer Centers of America. Unfortunately, those treatments weren't as successful as the doctors had hoped so Mark and Stefanie are traveling to Buffalo and Boston for further insight. Please pray for God's divine intervention and healing for Stefanie.

Bob Klock, our Golden Key colleague and Upstate NY director of **Celebrate Recovery Inside**, has come across an opportunity to purchase a former Free Methodist Church Camp to use as a Celebrate Recovery residence for those struggling with addictions. There are many things to consider in the negotiations, so please pray for God's direction during the purchasing process.



Stefanie & Mark Barber

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A Testimony from Chemung County Jail

"Before I was a Christian I was deeply into drugs, crime and sexual idolatry. I had no sense of respect for anyone including myself. I was arrogant and had a huge chip on my shoulder. I thought I knew God and Christ, but not in the way that I needed. My life was a wreck with one foot in the coffin and one foot in prison.

Then I became a father and I knew that my child would need a solid foundation and there was no way on earth that I would ever be able to give that to them. That's when I started to look above for help. On the day that I committed my life and will to Jesus Christ I immediately experienced a sense of peace that surpassed anything I had known before. I had a renewed sense of energy and as I became more aware of my sins I was disgusted with what they had done to me. I started to share my experience with others.

I discovered that to be a Christian meant to imitate Christ's life and follow His lead. My life became about sharing Christ with others, being loving, forgiving, and worshipping Christ. The members of the Golden Key Team provided me with excellent resources to learn more about God. They gave me a balanced message of truth and love from God's Word.

Charles Lee C. July 23, 2016



“Congratulations! 2 Years of Recovery Success!”



Our Golden Key Team congratulates **Patrick Murphy** on two years of successful recovery. On Sunday, September 18 at **Fairview Halfway House** and Monday, September 19 at Binghamton General Hospital's Addiction Support Group, Patrick received his two year clean and sober key tag and medallion.

Pastor Curt met Patrick in 2010 when he and Bob Klock launched a Celebrate Recovery program in C-Pod at Broome County Jail. After his release from jail, Patrick suffered several relapses as he continued to battle his drug addiction. He entered Fairview Treatment Center seeking help but eventually found himself back in Broome County Jail and in the CR Men's Group once again. After serving a sentence at Willard Drug Treatment Campus (a NY State DOC program) he got out with a new determination to turn his life around.

He is now driving truck for the **Salvation Army** where he also has occasion to give his testimony to the other residents. He has his own apartment and has reestablished good relationships with his family once more. He is getting good support from a circle of close Christian friends and appreciates all the prayers that have been given in his behalf and is determined to live a life pleasing to God.

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