



Restorative Justice Ministry

of the Brazos Valley

A Christian Ministry to the inmates of the Brazos County Detention Center

RJM Calendar	VOLUME 1, ISSUE 1, SEPTEMBER 2015 OFFICE PHONE:361-4852	EMAIL: RJMBV@RJMBV.ORG WEBSITE: WWW.RJMBV.ORG
Sept 10— Vol Orientation	RJM Newsletter makes it debut — This is the first edition of the bimonthly RJM newsletter. The intent of the newsletter is let our volunteers, partner churches, inmate families, and the Sheriff's Office know of the ministry occurring “inside the walls” of the BCDC, while seeking to expand this ministry outside to those in need.	
Sept 14— Life Skills begins		
Sept 17— RJM Board Mtg.		
Oct 23 — Life Skills ends		

What's going on?	Ministry Activities for July/Aug.
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RJM Website now accepting Online Donations! The RJM website now accepts online donations through PayPal and Debit / Credit Cards and is a blessing.

Jail Procedures and Guidelines Sign Off— Volunteers who did not attend RJM training on Jail Procedures and Guidelines, should have received an email with attachments. You are being asked to read the Jail document and return the Acknowledgement form by **September 18, 2015**, either via mail or to the SO Visitation officer as you do your ministry. Call RJM at 361-4852 if you have questions. You may also attend the Volunteer Orientation on September 10, 2015 and get this information.

Life Skills (LS) Evaluations scanned and sent to LS instructors.—Thanks to our Administrative Coordinator, Shannon Coyle, LS class evaluations are scanned into electronic format and sent to each LS instructor for their review on LS classes. This was a request from LS instructors from our training meeting. The Board and AC are delighted to support our Life Skills instructors in this way. Thank you Shannon and LS instructors for a job well done!

Men's Dorm Ministry Rotation— The Sheriff's Office feedback on the new ministry rotation in the Men's Dorm has been very positive. The SO appreciates your cooperation.

	<u>July/Aug.</u>	<u>Year to Date</u>
• Bible Study Sessions	66	278
• Worship Services	57	619
• Life Skills Classes	4	74
• LS Sessions	24	265
• <u>LS Certificates Awarded this 6 week Session</u>		
67 inmates = 402 Inmate Class Hours		
• RJM Volunteer Hours for July /August		404 Hours
Year to Date RJM Volunteer Hours		1,713 Hours
<i>Thank you Volunteers for your commitment and hard work.</i>		
<u>“I thank God, every time I remember you.”</u> Philippians 1:3		

Chaplain's Report		
	<u>July/Aug</u>	<u>Year to Date</u>
Baptisms	8	34
Discipleship Inmates	31	127
Bibles Delivered	335	1,580
Inmate Contacts	620	1,814

There are three stages in the work of God:

- *Impossible*
- *Difficult*
- *Done*

- Hudson Taylor

RJM's Financial Situation

<p>RJM is doing much work as is shown in the above chart of ministry activity.</p> <p>Unfortunately, we are barely maintaining financial stability. Donations have been falling for two years and we have lost one of the churches who was giving on a monthly basis.</p>	<p>To address this problem RJM must raise an additional \$6,000 by this time next year to meet expenses.</p> <p>RJM runs a very small staff.— a part time AC and a part time Chaplain, both necessary to this ministry's mission.</p> <p>To remedy this situation, the RJM Board is beginning a fund</p>	<p>raising campaign. You can help by making your church aware of our ministry and need for support.</p> <p>View the RJM website at www.rjmbv.org for ways you, as a volunteer, can let your church know of our need. The <u>Volunteer portion</u> of the website has info about RJM ministry for your use. Please keep RJM in prayer.</p>
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