

## **Fundraising – Nourishing the Seeds**

Yahweh's Vineyard of Refuge is founded on the belief and in the hope of Yahweh that He can and will change hearts and lives and He will use these changed souls to further His holy name and His laws through good works in the communities that they serve.

The field of prison ministry is a strenuous and difficult ministry for the individual and for the different assemblies who labor in it. Not only does it require hours of personal devotion, it requires money. Anyone involved in prison ministry can see the increase or explosion of the knowledge of Yahweh's truth, simply by the amount of mail that comes from behind prison walls. There are questions and requests from prisons across America with small assemblies being started everywhere

So, through the efforts of people everywhere, dedicated to furthering the word of Yahweh, the prison ministries are sowing seeds that are producing much fruit.

Now I know that in the parable of the sown seeds in Mark 4, the sower doesn't come back to water the seeds or to pull the weeds so let's be practical about our thinking; anyone who grows a garden tends to that garden with hard work by watering it, tilling it, pulling weeds, to protect it and nurture it so that it will yield the best possible produce.

This is where Yahweh's Vineyard of Refuge comes in; we see the need to protect and nurture the seed that has been planted so that it will produce the best possible fruit. Why go to all the trouble of sowing the seed if you are not going to go back and tend to it? Why waste money and time on seed when there is so much to be done with the resources Yahweh gives us to use?

In reality, Yahweh is sowing the seeds. He is the one opening the minds of these people and as He chooses the seed to be planted, He expects us to work the fields tilling the soil and pulling the weeds and watering his crop and protecting His investment until He returns for the harvest. So, planting the garden is the first step, now, we must tackle the next step, growing the garden.

### **GROWING THE GARDEN**

Scientists know exactly what kind of soil and nutrients are needed and how much water is needed in order for a particular kind of seed to be planted and grown to gain the greatest potential out of that seed. In gardening manuals you can find the proper equations for the seed you would like to grow.

The seed that we want to nurture is different. It comes to us sprouted but very young and feeble. There is a problem scientists can never figure out. A problem that only with the guidance of Yahweh and Yahshua can we overcome. The seed of all man is born of flesh and requires a different type of water and type of soil. This type of water and soil cannot

be found of this world. The carnal mind is enmity against Yahweh for it is not subject to the law of Yahweh nor can it be. Romans 8:7.

Almost all people coming out of prison lived prior lives of the world. The word of Yahweh was new to them in prison and will be even more so out here in the world. Before going to the prison these people lived for other deities (Satan) and whether they knew it or not, that is quite a contrast to living for Yahweh. Living in prison is quite different than living in the free world in so many ways. Most prisoners return to their old communities and their old pagan friends and relatives and soon back to their old pagan ways thus destroying that precious seed that was faithfully planted.

Yahweh's Vineyard of Refuge wants to take these young sprouts and nurture them through encouragement, example and sound biblical doctrine through the word of Yahweh.

**Here's how Yahweh's Vineyard of Refuge would accomplish this:**

1. Provide immediate temporary housing.
2. Help in job searches and other immediate needs to help get the individual grounded.
3. Provide individual with a family of Yahweh for support which includes Bible study, Sabbath worship, and observance of Yahweh's laws. This ensures proper growth of the young sprout.
4. Yahweh's Vineyard of Refuge will lead the way of example by being involved in projects such as; visiting the sick, nursing home occupants, encouraging the prisoners, helping the homeless and other biblical mandated endeavors. This enables the young sprout to experience the joy of giving and to feel wanted and needed by communities of people who didn't want or need them before.

An added bonus is for these communities to see with their own eyes what Yahweh can do with a lost soul. What better physical example than for them to see a group of prisoners helping the community through the *Name* and *Word* of Yahweh? I believe Yahweh is calling many of his leaders out of the prisons. They need our *help* getting started.

## Current Progress Report 1-11-09

We are visiting nursing homes and helping upright brethren with food, clothing and shelter.

So far all of Yahweh's Vineyard of Refuge accomplishments have been funded by a small group of Yahweh's people who believe Y.V.R. to be a worthy cause.

In the past 12 months, I personally believe Y.V.R. has proven their dedication to Yahweh and their people by their accomplishments it has made.

Now in order for the next step to work we need the help and support of more of Yahweh's people. Here is for what we need financial aid for:

- Housing for ex-prisoners: we intend to start out small with the purchase of 10 acres and a mobile home to be used as housing for individuals temporarily as they return to society.
- Community projects to involve the individual in helping the community: Individuals may respond by helping the homeless, sick, needy, and other biblically mandated projects, and to support the individual temporarily until he obtains employment in the community.
- So we may continue to send bibles to prisoners and continue to send letters of encouragement to them.

Please help us to help to nurture the seed that Yahweh is sowing in the prison house. With your help, we believe we can give Yahweh a good, bountiful and ripe harvest! Just \$1.00 can send 2 encouraging letters to prison and \$20.00 can send a bible. I, an ex-prisoner, am willing to work the field. I just need some tools to get started with.

Thank you,  
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