

Bible Society of Maine

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Our Mission: To Place the Word of God into Hands, Minds and Hearts

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Basketball Challenge III: Bible Memorization Takes Center Court

Bible Basketball Challenge III featured a new twist for the Fall competition. Whereas in previous events, players prepared by studying a portion of a book of the Bible, the October 14 event focused them to memorize Bible verses within three minutes.

Throughout the two-hour competition, youngsters were exposed to 24 separate Bible verses, memorizing at least three of them and hearing the additional 21 verses from the other players/teams.

“It was great to see the young people, huddled in teams of three, going over God’s eternal truths and preparing to recite them word for word,” noted Jim

Duran, BSM’s executive director. Many are from inner city families and this may have been their first opportunity to embed God’s Word in their hearts.

There has been a total of 75 participants in Bible Basketball Challenge events so far this year, along with a dozen adult volunteers.



Hiding The Word in their Hearts

The youth are encouraged to make daily Bible reading and memorization a way of life.

“These youngsters are in the ‘prime of

their life’ when it comes to learning and laying a foundation for their walk with Jesus Christ and we want to seize the moment with these fun-filled events,” added Jim.

“As I’ve said in the past, this is a high-energy event. We give the kids plenty of practice time in the gym and have upbeat contemporary Christian music pumping in the background. This outreach is a perfect fit for us because it connects children to the Word of God in a way that, perhaps, they have not encountered before.”

To learn more about Bible Basketball or other initiatives, contact Jim at bibleme@maine.rr.com or call 207-772-8566.

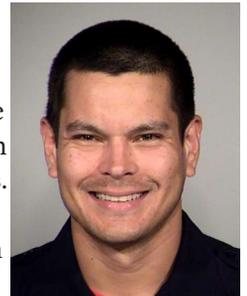


How Could I Forget...??

“Wait a minute! I know you. I know you from somewhere!”

Is the Bible Society of Maine, and its partners in ministry, making a difference in the lives of those in jails and prisons of Maine?

Recently a BSM jail ministry worker was approached on Cumberland Avenue in Portland by a man asking for directions. As the minister was beginning to explain what this man was asking about, the stranger interrupted and exclaimed: “Wait a minute! I know you. I know you from somewhere!”



The minister acknowledged that the “stranger” looked familiar, as well. Yet, neither one could remember how.

Then, the stranger took off his sunglasses and stared the minister in the eyes and said:

“Now, I know. You taught us Bible Study at the Cumberland County Jail. I’ll never forget you. I can’t forget someone like you who helped me through that tough time locked up.”

The man shared that he had been “clean and drug-free” since leaving jail 55 days before. It was the Word of God that

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\$4,000 Raised As Supporters Walk For Bible Society

Thanks to all who gave to our ministry by supporting walkers at the 2017 Walkathon held Saturday, September 16 at Back Cove in Portland. The participants truly went “the extra mile” in



demonstrating their deep commitment to the Word of God reaching the people of Maine, and beyond.

May God richly bless you!

BSM's Niagara Falls & Toronto Tour



All would likely agree that the Niagara Falls/Toronto trip (October 2 thru 6) will be remembered fondly for years to come – the Falls, the food, the tour of Toronto and



the castle, and so much more. But, above all, it's all about the new relationships made and others strengthened by a shared experience such as ours.

We wish to thank those who have sent in a special donation to the Bible Society of Maine (BSM) since your return. These

financial gifts allow us to accomplish the ministry of placing the Word of God into the hands, hearts and minds of the people of Maine, and beyond.

We look forward to planning another trip, or maybe two, in 2018.



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sustained him through incarceration and his commitment to follow Jesus was strengthened during the Bible studies.

The minister encouraged him to get connected to a solid, Bible-believing church and grow in his faith.

Is the Word of God, through the Bible Society of Maine, making a difference in the lives of those who have “messed up??

We believe the answer is an emphatic, “YES!”

“For the word of God is living and powerful, and sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing even to the division of soul and spirit, and of joints and marrow, and is a discerner of the thoughts and intents of the heart.”

Hebrews 4:12 (NKJV)



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