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This year I am again participating in the leadership & discipleship ministry group, Shining Light. Last season **we ministered to over 3,300 people in correctional facilities, rehab centers, and shelters.** That included presentations in Rikers Island (New York City's jail, one of the largest in the US) and in Chicago area youth correctional facilities. We got to see amazing examples of how Jesus' message of love and hope is impactful in these situations. During the week after our presentation at a Philadelphia area youth correctional facility, over 40 young men made commitments to Christ! The chaplains and ministries in these locations are extremely appreciative of our visits as it provides opportunities for discussions and growth in their ministries for many months afterwards.

One of the benefits of Shining Light is the opportunity to visit places that are very different from my situation. **We learn about the challenges other people face** in those situations, and hear from people working to help others. Last season **we met many Christians who work in secular places.** That included an FBI supervisor who served on an FBI SWAT team and now works in counterterrorism around the world. Another is the warden of one of the Rikers Island facilities who is very outspoken about his faith. They **shared how they live out their faith** as administrators, counselors, corrections officers, etc. We also had the **opportunity to speak with individuals in rehab centers,** hear their personal stories, and learn about the obstacles they are striving to overcome.

The community of **Shining Light provides a group of other young people seeking to understand what it means to be a Christ follower.** It is a place that encourages me as we discuss the challenges of living this every day. We are also able to encourage each other when this is difficult or we are challenged by the situations we encounter in school or at work.

Our 70 members will be offering over 20 outreach presentations for people in prisons, homeless shelters, rehabilitation facilities, schools, and the general public this season. There is a cost to doing this. **I have committed to giving 250-300 hours of my time over the next 9 months. I am also contributing regularly financially to cover the financial part of the cost of this ministry.** To raise the \$2,500 it will cost for me to serve people in need and other young people in our community, I need to seek additional assistance. **Will you consider how you could help?** Any contribution would be greatly appreciated. (Those of us who are able to raise more than our amount are helping those who cannot raise this themselves!)

Contributions can be made directly to Shining Light Ministries, 452 Ebenezer Road, Lebanon, PA 17046. Shining Light is a PA 501(c)3 non-profit organization. Make checks payable to Shining Light and please add a note with the check that this is for my account.

Thank you for your assistance! I have enclosed a list of places where we are doing ministry and opportunities for you to attend a presentation. For more information or to keep up-to-date with our ministry, visit **www.shining-light.com**. Please come to one of our public presentations! Thanks again.

In His Service,