

## Liberty Ministries Time Line

1974 – Glenn Alderfer begins weekly bible studies in Graterford and MCCF.

1975 – Glenn Alderfer begins having evangelistic street meetings in Philadelphia with ex-offenders giving testimonies.

1976 – Charlie Ness, along with volunteers, local churches, and Yokefellow go into Graterford and MCCF with Glenn.

Late '70's – Men about to be released ask the volunteers to help find a place to live, work, and continued spiritual needs.

1979 – A steering committee is formed and adopted the name Liberty Ministries.

1980 – Liberty Ministries is incorporated to provide Christ centered housing for ex-offenders.

*“Liberty Ministries Report”* a 10 minute radio broadcast on the Boyertown Christian Radio Station is aired.

1981 – Attempts to purchase a house in Norristown for aftercare are declined by zoning board.

Liberty Ministries purchases a row home, 3054 N. 5<sup>th</sup> St. Philadelphia for bible study, training and street evangelism.

1982 – Ann Angelichio joins the staff with weekly bible study for women in Bldg. 52 at Norristown State Hosp.

1984 – Liberty Ministries rents an old hotel building at 565 Main St. Schwenksville .It opens with a four-bedroom apartment.

1985 – Charlie Ness becomes Liberty Ministries first Executive Director.

1986 – MCCF is completed. Liberty Ministries begins to coordinate all spiritual services there.

1996 – Plans are developed to purchase 565 Main St. Schwenksville and finalized in the spring of 1997.

1997 – Renovations begin throughout the house.

1998 – First Liberty Thrift store opens in Schwenksville. Liberty House program is in place with apartments and support for the men who successfully complete the 6 month program. The Ministry is also computerized.

1999 – Construction begins on the house addition for additional rooms.

2000 – Liberty Ministries begins Pre-Release Program at MCCF, an effort between the Chaplain, Prison Fellowship, and Yokefellowship Ministries.

2001 – Liberty Thrift store, for more retail space, opens in January at the old Main Sat. Video store in Schwenksville.

To date over 300 churches have supported the ministry, in addition to over 55 businesses and 600 individuals.

2002 – Charles Ness “Volunteer of the Year” at Graterford.

2003 – Liberty Ministries opens its second Thrift store in Collegeville. The Schwenksville store becomes Little Liberty, a children’s clothing and maternity shop. Most renovations are complete at Liberty House housing 10 men in Phase 1 and four apartments which can accommodate five additional men. Phase 1 Program is now 9 months.

2005 – Little Liberty Thrift store moves from Schwenksville to Collegeville. A new store opens in Gilbertsville. Three stores are now in operation.

Glenn Alderfer “Volunteer of the Year” at Graterford.

2006 – Paul Long begins serving as volunteer chaplain assistant at MCCF.

2008 – Liberty Thrift Store Spring City opens.

2011 – Second and Third Floor of Liberty House exterior completed. Parking lot paved.  
Liberty Thrift Store Quakertown opens.

2012 – Liberty Thrift Warehouse opens.

2013 – Liberty House Barn Renovated

2014 – First Annual Prison Aftercare Summit  
LM Sponsored – 16 organizations 1<sup>st</sup> year.  
Liberty Outlet Opens  
Liberty House Façade Completed

2015 – Liberty House Outside Remodeling Completion  
New Retaining Wall and Fence Completed  
Women’s Program Raises \$160,000

2016 – Collegeville Thrift Renovated  
Sanatoga Grand Opening –July 16th