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## New and Improved MBJM Website Goes Live

Master Builder Jail Ministries has launched a new website, making it easier for the public to learn about and support ministry to prisoners.

"This will not only give us a new look but allow us to provide more information," said Chaplain Michael Sowell, Executive Director of Master Builder Jail Ministries.

The new site features testimonies from ex-offenders who have seen their lives changed

by MBJM, full details on the programs run by the ministry, the staff and available resources to help others who wish to be involved in jail ministry, including the book *Tools for Effective Jail Ministry* by Chaplains Michael Sowell and Laura DeVries.

The site's news section will be updated regularly as well. The new address is:

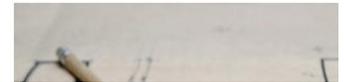
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*"I was in prison and you came to Me."—Matthew 5:36*

The prisoner is often bound by more than handcuffs and overshadowed by more than prison walls. Family dysfunction, drug addictions, a poor educational background and chronic unemployment or



## Master Builder Banquet Set for November 30, Will feature Jail Minister Murph the Surf

How does a jewel thief and murderer become an ordained minister, evangelist and crusader for prison reform? Only the power of Jesus Christ can explain such a change.

Jack "Murph the Surf" Murphy (so called because of his surfing championships) was involved in what was then known as "The Jewel Heist of the Century" when he stole The Star of India and other jewels worth over \$2 million from the J.P. Morgan collection in the American Museum of Natural History in New York City. Murphy was eventually sentenced to life in prison in Florida for a murder, and it was as an inmate that he faced the cold reality that his life needed to change. He gave his life to Christ and has spent the years since

ministering to prisoners, first on the inside and then (after being paroled) as a speaker for prison ministries.

Murphy will share his fascinating life history and the work of God in prisons as our guest at the 1st Annual Master Builder Banquet on November 30th at 7pm. The banquet will take place at the Stephenson County Farm Bureau (210 W. Spring St) raising funds for the new Joseph's Training Center, a new facility designed to help ex-offenders achieve success on the outside.

A sponsorship form is on the back of this newsletter, or for further information, call 815-978-0715 or visit:

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# 1st Annual Master Builder Banquet

7:00pm ♦ November 30, 2013

Stephenson County Farm Bureau

210 W. Spring St. ♦ Freeport, IL

Changing the life of a single inmate can change a family, a neighborhood or even whole communities for eternity. Our annual banquet will raise funds for Joseph's Training Center, a ministry facility devoted to helping ex-offenders develop the skills for solid citizenship and career success. Please support this vital work by sponsoring a table or purchasing reserved seats today!

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  - Event sponsor
  - Name recognition in all advertising for event
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  - Name recognition in event signage
  - Verbal recognition at event
  - Reserved seating for 20
  
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  - Reserved seating for 10
  
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  - Name recognition in event program
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  - Reserved seating for 10
  
- \$100 "Fighting 100—Fight for Fathers" Sponsor**
  - Name recognition in event program
  - Reserved seating for 4
  
- \$50 Reach One Sponsor**
  - Name recognition in event program
  - Two reserved seats
  
- \$25 Individual Supporter**

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