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Prison Ministry Born Amid Instability in Malawi

Crossroad Bible Institute (CBI) announces the launch of two new satellite campuses in Malawi in the midst of the recent unrest following the president’s death. Of seventeen CBI satellites now operating internationally, seven are located in Africa.

Earlier this month, the Malawian government withheld details about President Bingu wa Mutharika’s death for two days, sparking fears that the reigning political party would circumvent the constitution to bring in a new president. The government eventually acted in accordance with the constitution, appointing Joyce Banda as Malawi’s first, and Africa’s second, female president. Previously, as the country’s first female vice president, Banda was an outspoken women’s rights advocate and publicly opposed the president, a surprising move for a woman in her society.

Along with international concern quelled by the smooth succession of power, Mutharika’s death brought celebration in Malawi. His rule was *Continued on Page 16*

Supreme Court: No more life without parole for juveniles

The Supreme Court ruled on June 25, 2012, that it is unconstitutional for states to require juveniles convicted of murder to be sentenced to life in prison without possibility of parole.

The 5-4 decision is in line with others the court has made, including ruling out the death penalty for juveniles and life without parole for young people whose crimes did not involve killing. Monday’s decision left open the possibility that judges could sentence juveniles to life without parole in individual cases of murder, but said state laws cannot automatically impose such a sentence.

We "hold that mandatory life without parole for those under the age of 18 at the time of their crimes violates the Eighth Amendment's prohibition on 'cruel and unusual punishment,'" said Justice Elena Kagan, who wrote the *Continued on Page 17*

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Sharing Christ's love to inmate families and returning citizens

These are just a few of the hundreds of quotes from the first three Wings Ministry prison parties in 2012:

- *The Warden, Chaplain and staff need to be put on a pedestal for allowing this wonderful authentic family visit.*
- *Family is essential to recovery and a feeling of hope.*
- *People showing concern from the outside also gives great encouragement and more hope of a future.*
- *Praising God with my family and Brothers and seeing the smiles of their faces.*
- *It allows our families that were split apart to reunite and fellowship.*
- *This party allows family to worship together and give God all praise. It gives the incarcerated and their family time to bond toward one another in harmony and spirit to reconcile the past and secure their future on God's grace.*

I started Wings Ministry in 1995 after my first husband ended up in a federal prison with a 15 year prison sentence. I raised four boys on \$800/month with a \$3.5 million IRS lien that was totally erased after 15 years. Our family attended churches – the first, where no one contacted us after my husband's arrest and the second, where I had been youth director for five years and when I announced my husband was coming home from prison, the new Senior Pastor said, "Then I can no longer be your pastor."

We needed a church home where we were loved, accepted, and wanted. I went to Prison Fellowship, received a small grant through Angel Tree, to have a party where we built relationships with people through singing, Bible stories, crafts, games, and eating together. At the END of the party we gave a Christmas present, but the greatest gift we gave was the gift of our caring and being welcome – especially into a church!

Our Wings' volunteers are encouraged to be *God's angels*. First, to create a safe place, for our guests are generally wounded and hurting. Then we need to comfort and protect them – nurture – love – feed (through God's Word and food) and ultimately we want our guests to be able to *fly* on their own. That's the goal of a Wings Party – to share Christ's unconditional love with everyone.

In 2002 we started Wings Parties in prisons, and currently parties have been held in 14 states. Lives are changed. Prisons change. Happy people cause less problems. When an inmate looks forward all year to a Wings Party, knowing that an infraction may keep them off the guest list, they behave. Those positive attitudes permeate a facility. And we've heard Wardens say that attitudes change not only with the inmates and their loved ones, but with the CO's too!

Our second program, **Wings for L.I.F.E.** – Life-skills Imparted to Families through Education (WFL), came as a result of my book – *Family Arrested: How to Survive the Incarceration of a Loved One*. Even though I was college educated, and had been respected at one time in my life, I found that the prison system had a whole new language and world that I wasn't familiar with. 97% of all inmates get out of prison.

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Dear Ministry Partners

By Emmett Solomon
April 4, 2012

Over the last 7 years many of us have worked untiringly to bring about a more efficient system of criminal justice in Texas. The gains now are seen by many as a turning point in justice reform nationally.

I want to thank you for the times that you wrote letters and contacted legislators about one or another issue regarding a more efficient justice system.

Below is an article from Grits for Breakfast Blog which highlights the "sea change" in attitudes regarding criminal justice. You know that thousands of you from all over the state wrote letters to Governor Perry about criminal justice reform.

In 2006, I personally spoke to more than a hundred churches all around the state about being Smart on Crime. At each place numbers of people wrote to the legislature and governor urging Texas to get "Smart on Crime."

It is no surprise that during the next legislative session, Governor Perry spoke about becoming Smart on Crime. We were not the only ones talking that talk, but we were among the first.

Thank you for all of your help! God has used your influence to make a difference. Our Texas criminal justice system is still very destructive to our society, but thanks to good people who are willing to get involved, there are positive changes taking place!

Texas justice initiatives presaged changing public opinion on reform

Could Texas' closed Central Unit in Sugar Land "symbolize a new approach to justice in America?"

Public Broadcast System (PBS) *Need to Know* posed that question in a 25-minute feature on Texas corrections reforms and the state's first-ever closure last year of a prison unit, interviewing state Senator John Whitmire in the bowels of the now-empty Central Unit. "You can't build your way out of the problem," said Whitmire. "If you don't deal with the root causes of crime, you'll never, ever have enough prisons. You'll bankrupt your state." The closed prison unit, said the chairman, is "the evidence we need that we're doing something right, and we're not compromising public safety." At one point, Whitmire said "most" of the 12,000 women locked up in Texas Department of Criminal Justice (TDCJ) probably don't need to be there.

PBS also interviewed outgoing House Corrections Chairman Jerry Madden who recalled how, when he was named Chairman in 2005, House Speaker Tom Craddick called him in and said eight words to him that "changed my life": They were, "Don't build new prisons, they cost too much." Madden estimates that so far Texas' reforms have saved the state around \$2 billion.

In a blast from the past, the story quoted Governor Rick Perry's 2007 State of the State speech, showing a clip where the Governor declared that "There are thousands of non-violent offenders in the system whose future we cannot ignore. Let's focus more resources on rehabilitating those offenders so that we can ultimately spend less locking them up again," he advised to hearty applause. Another nifty quote: "Doing the intelligent thing is not being soft," said District Judge Robert Francis, who runs a reentry court in Dallas.

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Regional News by Richard Blake

Sacramento, California

The Luis Palau Association joined forces with Prison Fellowship for a number of special services held for the inmates of five Northern California prisons in June. These included: Both “old” and “new” Folsom State Prison, Rio Cosumnes Correctional Center, California State Prison, Solano, and Sacramento County Juvenile Hall.

Prison Fellowship’s field director for Northern California, Rick Atchley reported that an estimated 5,000 attended these meetings. Of those attending 500 responded to the Gospel message by making decisions for Christ. In addition to hearing speakers, like Andrew Palau, of the Palau Association, and Garland Hunt, President of Prison Fellowship, the programs included live music, Christian comedy, and a performance by BMX bike riders.

San Francisco, California

The Center for Restorative Justice sponsored a program “Get on the Bus.” Father’s Day 2012 children of inmates at San Quentin State Prison were allowed to visit their dads in prison. Many of these children live at least 100 miles from the prison.

The aim of the program is to help the child adjust to the reality of not having their fathers available to guide them as they grow up. The children also learn of the difficulties faced by their fathers in jail and will motivate them to avoid the mistakes their parents made and avoid a life of crime and incarceration.

The fathers also receive a benefit. This “supervised visitation” becomes a motivation for reform and an increased desire to rejoin their families when released. The benefits of the program include: families are united, emotionally healed, and given hope for a better future.

Scranton, Pennsylvania

The 31st National Convocation of Jail and Prison Ministry (NCJPM) met on the campus of the University of Scranton in June. The program included recognized speakers, including:

- William DiMascio, executive director of the Pennsylvania Prison Society, who addressed the subject of the past influence of past practices, systems, and punishment policies impact on the future of criminal justice.
- Dr. Todd Clear, dean, School of Criminal Justice, Rutgers University, discussed how Community justice shapes the way the NCJPM looks at crime and its effect on a specific community.
- John Wetzel, secretary, PA Department of Corrections, opened the meeting with an address titled “Implementing Community Justice in Pennsylvania.” Wetzel described the goal of community justice as working to improve the quality of life for victims, offenders and the community.

Benton Harbor, Michigan

A recent analysis published by The PewCenter named the state of Michigan as having the most violent crime record of the Midwestern states and has four of the twelve most violent cities in America. Benton Harbor is one city in the state that is taking proactive steps toward reducing these statistics in future years by providing programs reaching teens with positive activities and opportunities.

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The Benton Harbor Boys and Girls Club of America celebrated the opening of the newly built teen center strategically located across the street from Benton Harbor High School. The center is named after Joel E. Smilow, the major contributor for the new facility. The 20,000 square foot center includes a gym, a kitchen, game room, computer equipment with programs for pursuing academic pursuits in the performing arts and technology.

In addition to the Boys and Girls Club, a new start up organization with an emphasis on mentoring programs, REALITY, acronym for (Real Experiences Addressing Life Issues) held an open house in June. The organization is co-founded by Kortney Harris and Anthony Suggs Jr. The program is aimed at matching responsible adults with at-risk youth ages 8 – 17. Harris has a background in childcare, work in the Texas state prison system, and currently works as a technician locally with Lakeland Health Care. Suggs understands the reality of street life as he has personally experienced it before he got his life together.

South Bend, Indiana

The South Bend Juvenile Correctional Facility, one of four in the state is slated to be closed around July 1. Some of the South Bend juveniles will be transferred to the other facilities but plans call for many more to be moved to community based programs.

Covington, Louisiana



Glenn Milan

I was pleased to get an update from my friend Glenn Milan recently. Glenn was chairman of the Board of Follow Up Ministries, when I met him. He has been involved in jail and prison ministry since 1984, beginning at juvenile hall in San Leandro, California. Since then he has ministered in fourteen different institutions, including Pelican Bay in California, Cook County Jail in Chicago, and Louisiana State Penitentiary at Angola, LA and Rayburn Correctional Center in Angie, LA.

In 2010 he formed Life Recycling Ministries, a 501c3 corporation under which he continues his jail and prison work through discipleship training, mentoring, and counseling. You can contact Glenn at Life Recycling Ministries through their blog site at <http://liferecycling.blogspot.com/>.

Danville, Illinois

In an effort to combat the nation's rising incarceration rates and the uncertainty of prisoner release programs, volunteers from Willow Creek Community Church, Chicago are launching the state's first Bible College within a prison. It is their hope that this may become a model for the rest of the U.S.

The college officially opened at the Danville Correctional Center this spring. The school offers a fully accredited two-year course with plans to expand to a four-year degree program.

Restorative Justice Ministry Events Calendar

July 17—August 21, 2012, Oil of Joy Training for Recovery Program (each Tuesday for 6 weeks)

Harris County Jail, Houston TX

For more details and to register contact: Rhonda Arias, rhonda.arias@att.net

July 27-28, 2012, Alabama Families of Prisoners Conference (AFPC)

Gardendale First Baptist Church, Gardendale AL

For information: www.alabamafpc.org

August 18, 2012, Wings Prison Party

Denver Women's Facility, Denver, CO

Volunteers Application deadline: July 18, 2012. Contact: Captain Michael Bowers, Phone 303-307-2661 or online www.wingsministry.org, Volunteer Application: <http://wingsministry.org/PDFfiles/VolunteerApplication.pdf>

August 22-24, 2012, COPE 2012 Mid-Atlantic Regional Conference,

Friends Hill Church, Jamestown (Greensboro), NC

For information: Phone 817-684-7870, online: <http://copeconnections.org> or email office@copeconnections.org

September 15, 2012, Wings Prison Party

Los Lunas Correctional Facility, Los Lunas, NM—Men's Prison

Volunteers Application deadline: August 15, 2012. Contact: Captain Kevin Opatz, Phone 505-383-3348 or online www.wingsministry.org, Volunteer Application: <http://wingsministry.org/PDFfiles/VolunteerApplication.pdf>

Oct. 9—Nov. 13, 2012, Oil of Joy Training for Recovery Program (each Tuesday for 6 weeks)

Harris County Jail, Houston TX

For more details and to register contact: Rhonda Arias, rhonda.arias@att.net

October 20, 2012, Ex-offender Faith Based Celebration

Prison Museum, Huntsville, Texas

For details contact Anita Parrish by phone: 936-291-2156 or by email: arparrish@sbcglobal.net

November 7-9, 2012, COPE 2012 South Central Regional Conference

Houston, TX

For information: Phone 817-684-7870 or online <http://copeconnections.org>

December 1, 2012, Wings Prison Party

Southeastern Correctional Institution, Lancaster, OH

Volunteers Application deadline: November 1, 2012. For information online: www.wingsministry.org. Volunteer Application: <http://wingsministry.org/PDFfiles/VolunteerApplication.pdf>

February 20-22, 2013, 5th Annual National Prisoner's Family Conference

Hilton Houston Southwest, Houston, TX

Presenter Guidelines & Application: www.prisonersfamilyconference.org

Let us place your restorative justice events on the Events Calendar! Send information to: R.J.NEWS@restorativejusticenews.net Include the Type of Event, Date(s), Location, Sponsor(s), and Contact information

**Ministry Resources from Restorative Justice Ministries Network
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Order online at: <http://rjmn.net/resources.html>

Recommended for ministry people:

Challenging the Impossible: Discovering Beautiful Trophies for Jesus- Joe Fauss \$13.00 _____
The inspirational story of Joe and Charlotte Fauss, who have spent the past 31 years reaching out to prisoners.

The Real World of Restorative Justice Ministry- Pastor Dave Umfreville \$13.00 _____
Timeless principles in a restorative justice ministry arena. Dedicated to those who labor in this field.

Families on the Gallows of Criminal Justice - Roger Hollar \$35.00 _____
This is a complete manual for churches on doing ministry with at-risk families and children of inmates.

Ministry Action Awareness Clinic - Roger Hollar \$13.00 _____
Develops awareness of the at-risk nature of families & children of inmates. Introduces the Mercy Heart model for ministry.

Recommended for ministry & offenders:

Serving Time, Serving Others - Tom & Laura Lagana \$18.00 _____
Acts of kindness by inmates, prison staff, victims, and volunteers

Chicken Soup for the Volunteer's Soul -Canfield,Hensen,Oberst,Boal,Lagana \$18.00 _____
Stories to celebrate the spirit of courage, caring and community

Chicken Soup for the Prisoner's Soul -Canfield, Hensen, Lagana \$18.00 _____
Stories to celebrate the spirit of courage, caring and community

Karla Faye Tucker SET FREE-Linda Strom \$12.00 _____
Her Death-Row transformation captured the world's attention. Uplifting, good read
Spanish version also available \$12.00

Restoring Peace Using Lessons from Prison to Mend Broken Relationships - Kirk Blackard \$13.00 _____
Forward by John Sage, Founder, Bridges To Life A book about how to really restore any broken relationship.

Recommended for offender's families and friends:

What Is Jail, Mommy? - Jackie A. Stanglin \$13.00 _____
It is the author's firm belief that it is incumbent on each of us to provide age-appropriate facts to young inquiring minds. To do otherwise will be evident in future generations. *Spanish version also available* \$13.00

Family Arrested: How to Survive the Incarceration of a Loved One - Ann Edenfield \$16.00 _____
Ann Edenfield is Executive Director of Wings Ministry, a ministry to families of inmates.
Audio tape book also available \$23.00

An Inmate's Daughter - Jan Walker
Jan Walker taught parenting and family relationships to adult felons for eighteen years.
She used her background and success with incarcerated dads to create this 'true fiction' novel \$11.00

Recommended for offenders:

Man, I Need a Job- Ned Rollo \$11.00 _____
Provides offenders the insights and skills they need to find and keep a job following release

99 Days and a Get Up - Ned Rollo \$13.00 _____
A guide to success following release for inmates and their loved ones.

Life Without A Crutch - Ingraham, Bell, Rollo \$11.00 _____
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Wings for L.I.F.E. (WFL) teaches family members how to cope with the legal system and how to interact with their incarcerated loved one so when they come home from prison they can become productive, law abiding citizens – thus the new name for them – Returning Citizens. An estimated 7 out of 10 children of prisoners will spend time behind bars. WFL works with the children and strengthens family relationships to avoid incarceration. The positive ripple effect of keeping even one person from returning to prison has a dramatic impact on the family and our communities.

Lastly, Wings tries to find the good in everyone. God doesn't make junk. People make mistakes, but through sharing Christ's love and seeing people through Christ's eyes, people can change and can become the people God intended them to be.

To learn more about the Wings Ministry go to <http://www.wingsministry.org>.

Why Work with Families?

- Children of inmates have a 70% chance of ending up in prison themselves!
- 78% of inmates claim to have had a relative in prison.
- 1 in 30 Americans is in prison, jail or probation/parole.
- 1 in 10 American children (8.3 million children) have a parent who is under correctional supervision-either incarcerated, jail, on probation, or parole.
- Over 50% of the children who have a parent in prison NEVER visit their parent in prison.
- If recent incarceration rates remain unchanged, an estimated 1 of 15 persons (6.6%) will serve time in a prison during their lifetime.

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Dear Ministry Partners

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The reporter marveled that with Texas' reforms diverting thousands from prison, crime rates continued to fall even as incarceration rates declined. And Jeff Greenfield interviewed Adam Gelb from the Pew Center on the States to ask if Texas' "experiment" might become a "national movement." Gelb discussed how conservatives like those who've signed onto the **Right on Crime** principles are able to get to the same place on the issues as moderates and liberals, often agreeing on outcomes for different ideological reasons.

Relatedly Gelb's colleagues at the Pew Center on the States just released a public opinion poll which affords reason for optimism that the public would support further changes along these lines. Among the top line findings:

- American voters believe too many people are in prison and the nation spends too much on imprisonment.
- Voters overwhelmingly support a variety of policy changes that shift non-violent offenders from prison to more effective, less expensive alternatives.
- Support for sentencing and corrections reforms (including reduced prison terms) is strong across political parties, regions, age, gender, and racial/ethnic groups.

Prison Ministry Born Amid Instability in Malawi

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autocratic, and citizens hope for an end to repression and economic difficulties. Already, President Banda has fired government officials loyal to Mutharika and reinitiated contact with countries that suspended aid during his presidency.

Yet obstacles to improvement are significant: Malawi is considered one of the least developed countries in the world, with low life expectancy, high infant mortality and a high prevalence of HIV/AIDS. Overcrowded prisons, some at more than 200 percent capacity, are plagued by unsanitary conditions, and the judicial system is corrupt and understaffed.

In this chaotic environment, Crossroad Bible Institute is providing prisoners with biblically based studies and steadfast support from the church. Two campuses have been opened, with Wale Junaid directing CBI Malawi North and Platwell Dindi overseeing CBI Malawi South. "Most of the prisoners have no one and have never known real love. But God has them in a good place for His touch of mercy," Director Dindi remarks. The government granted permission for the CBI program to be introduced in many Malawian prisons.

"Like other CBI satellites across the globe, these campuses offer the hope and dependability of the Gospel in the midst of political uncertainty, broken judiciary systems and inhumane prison conditions," states Crossroad President Dr. H. David Schuringa.

CBI is a nonprofit prison ministry with over 42,000 students studying through satellite campuses on six continents. The program is provided at no cost to prisoners and their families.

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Innovative Rotary re-entry approaches

Programs for incarcerated men and women returning to society are at the top of the list in terms of importance and value to local communities. No one recognizes this more than John Conyers who had to face the same obstacles when he came home from prison. Now, as founder of "Saving Our Society" (S.O.S.), a re-entry program located in Port Chester, NY -- John has partnered with the local Rotary Club in assisting formerly incarcerated men with the daily challenges of housing and employment.

Rotarians are serving as mentors in an effort to provide much needed assistance with resume writing, interviewing techniques, job searches, etc. This "team effort" by the Port Chester Rotary Club and S.O.S. mirrors the well-staffed "Coming Home" re-entry program at the Reformed Church of Bronxville which focuses on goal setting, and providing mentors to assist program participants in achieving short and long-term goals.

The goal of the Hudson River Presbytery's Prison Partnership is to interest some of its churches and other Rotary Clubs in adapting this innovative approach to re-entry in their communities as well.

Prisoners praise new book on how to keep a job

Sixty percent of people released from prison will return within three years. A major factor in the incarceration cycle is the challenge felons face when they try to reenter the workforce.

The President of Crossroad Bible Institute (CBI) Dr. H. David Schuringa is trying to combat the problem by equipping prisoners with the information they need to overcome reentry obstacles in his latest book *Seven Secrets for Success in the Workplace*.

“At first I couldn't believe that CBI sent me this book. After all, why would I need a book about a job when I'm in prison? Then I realized that God has a plan for me, and I won't be in here forever. I am now looking forward to my release so that I can put the things I learned into practice,” CBI student Shane said. Other students explain they are practicing the seven secrets in their current prison jobs.

Nearly thirty years of ministry to men and women behind bars have demonstrated to CBI the crucial role of employment in an individual's ability to stay out of prison and reintegrate into society upon release. *Seven Secrets for Success in the Workplace* offers strategies for developing a strong work ethic and succeeding in a career. The most commented on secret in the book is the chapter on becoming a change agent.

“I thought becoming a change agent was saying that I have to ‘kiss-up’ to the boss. But I pondered the idea, prayed about it and have decided it is an excellent idea,” responded CBI student Gary.

On a recent visit to Iowa, Dr. Schuringa preached at New Life Prison Community, the prison congregation in Newton Correctional Facility. He met a group of inmates who are studying his book together. Like others in prison, they expressed their gratitude for the lessons learned from the text.

“The lack of a work ethic is part of what lands many people behind bars. My hope is that *Seven Secrets* will help them pave a new path upon release. But the book is not only for them, anyone can benefit from these principles,” explained Dr. Schuringa.

You can learn more about the book by visiting www.successintheworkplace.com. CBI is a nonprofit prison ministry with more than 42,000 students studying through satellite campuses on six continents. The program is provided at no cost to prisoners and their families.

No more life without parole for juveniles

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opinion for the majority, referring to the U.S. Constitution.

She was joined in that opinion by Justices Anthony Kennedy, Ruth Bader Ginsburg, Stephen Breyer and Sonia Sotomayor.

Chief Justice John Roberts and justices Antonin Scalia, Clarence Thomas and Samuel Alito dissented.

“Neither the text of the Constitution or our precedent prohibits legislatures from requiring that juvenile murderers be sentenced to life without parole,” Roberts said.

The decision came in the robbery and murder cases of Evan Miller and Kuntrell Jackson, who were 14 when they were convicted. Miller was convicted of killing a man in Alabama. Jackson was convicted of being an accomplice in an Arkansas robbery that ended in someone else committing murder.

Dear Editor

New listings of special prisoner groups available for correspondence

It's time again to let you know that we have new listings of special prisoner groups, such as Lifers, Death Row, Age 50 and over, Indian background. Each one of these is a separate list, they are not mixed on one list. Let me know if you might like one of these lists (and which one). Thanks to all for caring about prisoners. Joy, Freedom Through Christ Prison Ministry, <http://prisonministry.net/ftcpm>

Is there anything I can do?

Please put me on your e-mail information list. I see you have a lot of information on the internet that I can review. Thank you so much for all you are doing and it was an honor to be able to meet you. I know you are doing God's will in caring for the prisoners. "I was in prison and ye came unto me" (Matt 25:36). God bless you. Now that I am out please let me know if I can ever help you. John H.

Letters that lift and encourage

Because of your prayers and financial support, Freedom in Jesus Ministries' Correspondence Ministry is touching hearts and changing lives. Here are just three of the many recent comments we have received. Because you are part of our ministry, I wanted you to be able to read them, be encouraged, and know you are making a difference! Here they are:

- "Your letters are a tremendous help to me and my spirituality. It feels like you always touch on the part of my life that I am struggling with. Thank you. I really do enjoy your letters." R. A, Montford Unit, Lubbock, TX
- "...reading your letters gives me more 'want to' to follow our God. I need a lot of work and can tell that I am softening up. I want the new man here, and the old man to be gone...the difference is that now I have a conscience that recognizes wrong so I'll be working on myself. I pray that one day I will experience the freedom you feel...I want to thank you for encouraging me with your (testimony and picture of) transformation...I'll put a lot more effort in my studies and talk more to God. I pray for the knowledge I need to follow Him with a whole heart. I'll keep the "25 Tools for Sobriety" you sent me. With God by my side I can do anything". G. O., Clements Unit, Amarillo, TX
- "I am writing to thank you and the rest of your congregation and volunteers for taking the time to send me your letters. I really appreciate it. I got denied parole and have been in a slump but ya'lls words of encouragement help me get through the day. I pray for all you guys and just wanted to write to express personally how much of a blessing you guys are. I don't get mail except for your letters so it feels good to get mail every once in a while from you guys. Thank you!" J. C, Rudd Unit, Brownfield, TX

Thank you sincerely for helping us minister to the lost, the less, and "the least of these"! We are writing monthly Discipleship letters now to over 600 men and women in two foreign countries, and over 10 states in the U.S. Be blessed today in Jesus!

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Why I do prison ministry

The link below is to a nice video, about 10 minutes, with three men on the inside sharing what Christ has done to change their lives. One of the men mentions that he had attended a Kairos. A nice little reminder for all of us about why what we do in prison ministry does matter. <http://www.advent2.com/Projects/ChangedontheInside.aspx>

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Thank you for all your help

I want to thank you for all of your help during my release process on 4-6-2012. Miss St. James was especially helpful. She advised me that since I didn't have an address at the time of release which was accurate, to mail the enclosed application for a phone as soon as I got more information.

Could you please process my application as soon as possible so that I may job search more efficiently?

It will be most appreciated. May our Father YHWH continue to bless your vital ministry and enrich all of your lives.
Respectfully, Pat from Ft. Worth

“Hope for Gangs” Now on YouTube

“Hope for Gangs” a video produced by LifeTree Café featuring some of the youth from Lynn, MA has been posted on YouTube. Check it out to see Straight Ahead Ministries in action.

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=2SSdOWTB6MQ&feature=email>

Mission field ripe for harvest

Dear fellow Believers,

A good report today with 440 inmates present in the 9 classes in the 3 Rusk County Prisons. There were 41 (plus) new faces. We were not able to lead any first time professions of faith today because more than ½ of the 250 present in our largest class came down the aisle at the invitation, so all we 4 could do was lead them in prayer.

If you are really interested in soul winning without having to travel to foreign lands....I have a suggestion.

Ken Hale, kghale@boatcycle.com
Volunteer teacher
Rusk County Prisons (Texas)

An interaction with a Prison Sunday School Teacher

Dear Brother Ken,

I was a DWI offender at the East Texas Treatment Facility (ETTE) until 2 weeks ago. I am now at home in San Antonio after spending 7 months there at ETTF. I received 2 perfect attendance awards from you in the time that I was there.

I just wanted to e-mail you to tell you how much I appreciate your message that you gave to us week after week on Sunday mornings. You and the rest of your staff are an inspiration to those of us who are there and it gave me the strength to face whatever came my way the following week.

Keep up the good work, Brother Ken. Give my regards to the rest of your staff and if you stay in touch with me, I will let you know what is going on with me as I begin my new lifestyle. So far, everything has fallen into place, thank God. He always takes care of me & I am a firm believer that He always will, because I am one of His chosen children, even though sometimes I don't deserve it.

Once again, thank you for all you do for us and I am looking forward to hearing from you real soon.

Your brother in Christ,
Robert

Changes to LA sentencing and parole laws in 2012

Sidebar from article written by Bill Barrow
June 10, 2012
New Orleans Times-Picayune

Amid increasing attention to Louisiana's world-leading incarceration rate, the 2012 Legislature adopted and Gov. Bobby Jindal has signed several measures that alter the state's sentencing and parole laws, primarily for nonviolent offenders whose crimes involved drugs or property. The Louisiana Sentencing Commission recommended nearly all of the changes. They include:

- Merger of separate pardon and parole boards (House Bill 518): Two members will be added to the five-member pardon board, and the seven-person panel, sitting as a "parole committee," will decide whether to release eligible prisoners on parole. The existing parole board will cease to exist.
- Discretion on mandatory minimums (House Bill 1068): Prosecutors, defendants and judges are given authority to make pre-trial plea agreements or post-trial sentencing agreements that call for lesser punishment than the minimum required in existing criminal statutes.
- Parole for nonviolent, second-time offenders (House Bill 1026): Certain second-time offenders, excluding those whose crimes were sexual in nature, could be eligible for a parole hearing after serving one-third of their sentences, rather than the current requirement of one-half.
- Parole for nonviolent offenders sentenced to life (House Bill 543): Certain nonviolent, good-behavior, low-risk lifers will be eligible for release earlier, including for the first time those sentenced to life without the possibility of parole. The change excludes anyone whose crimes were sexual in nature. Inmates who were sentenced between the ages of 18 and 24 must serve at least 25 years to be eligible. Those sentenced between ages 25 and 34 must serve at least 20 years. Those sentenced between ages 35 and 49 must serve at least 15 years. Those sentenced at age 50 or older must serve at least 10 years.
- Expanded re-entry courts (House Bill 521): A pilot court program that assists released nonviolent offenders with job training and other re-entry issues will be expanded into two new judicial districts.
- Streamlined discipline for offenders on probation (House Bill 512): In certain instances, officers will be able to use administrative sanctions to discipline offenders without taking them back to court.

See related publications from the *New Orleans Times-Picayune* "Successful criminal justice reforms in Texas" on page 21.

Gift from Life to Life Fund

Restorative Justice Ministries Network of Texas has received a gift from the Life to Life Fund at the Community Foundation of Abilene. We are grateful for this gift and happy to use it to promote ministry to ex-offenders, offenders, correctional officers and the families of each. May God continue to bless Life to Life as they continue to bless ministries that work in the restorative justice mission field.

Circles for sex offenders first in the South

By Dawn Baumgartner Vaughan
The Herald Sun

DURHAM -- Durham is starting the first Circles of Safety and Accountability (COSA) in the South for sex offenders getting out of prison. COSA will match recently released sex offenders in Durham with a circle of people who will meet with them weekly to hold them accountable and support them in re-entering the community.

Durham County is home to about 300 convicted sex offenders.

The COSA steering committee is led by Nick McGeorge, who lives in Durham and in England and was a principal psychologist in the English prison system. He started circles in the United Kingdom in 2002. Circles were first developed in Canada in 1994, and both projects have been successful in reducing rates of reoffenses. The Durham COSA steering group includes representatives from the N.C. Department of Public Safety, Durham Criminal Justice Center and those with experience in corrections, community support for ex-offenders, child protection work, restorative justice and criminal courts.

McGeorge is also a Quaker, and Quakers led the circles in the UK, while Mennonites led circles in Canada. The circle in Durham is the second on the East Coast, following Pennsylvania. There are also circle programs in Minnesota, California and Washington state. McGeorge said he has found that church groups are more interested finding volunteers. The appeal for volunteers in Durham has gone out on the list serve of Durham Congregations in Action, which has given seed money to COSA. The program is also launching with a private donation.

Gudrun Parmer, director of the Durham Criminal Justice Resource Center, said that Durham is fertile ground for COSA because of what it already has in place.

“We already have faith teams [for prisoner re-entry programs] and an interested and active community who believe in rehabilitation,” she said. However, talking about sex offenders is uncomfortable, Parmer said. Volunteers participate for different reasons, she said. Some because of their faith and interest in restorative justice and surrounding them with positive people, Parmer said. Others might be interested because they are connected to the criminal justice system and this is a new model, she said. Volunteer training begins this weekend.

Circles of four to seven people will form around a registered sex offender, called the core member. The core member will be on supervised probation through the criminal justice system already. Circles will visit the offender’s home and meet with the individuals weekly to hold them accountable, as well as help them with re-entry issues like housing and employment. The offenders are in the circle voluntarily. The first person in a Durham circle will be released from prison in May.

Parmer said that many people coming out of prison have no one to go home to, and having a circle is a positive thing.

Circles give the offender another model of life, McGeorge said. The circles are also there to notice things before a reoffense occurs, he said, like questioning an offender who is dating a woman with children. Core members can contact the circle if they feel in distress, and circles are available 24/7, when agencies aren’t open.

McGeorge said the circle can act as an early warning system, both helping reintegration and able to stop reoffending.

“The result is no more victims,” he said.

Training for Circles of Safety and Accountability volunteers will be held this weekend. The deadline to sign up is noon Friday at (919) 383-5160 or office@humankindness.org. The Human Kindness Foundation is offering administrative help for the training.

Successful Criminal Justice reforms in Texas

The following three pieces were published recently in the *New Orleans Times-Picayune* on successful criminal justice reforms in Texas: (Please be patient. The videos may be slow loading.)

- "Texas puts more people in treatment and fewer people in prison," which explains that bipartisan collaboration - as well as a budget crisis necessitating cost-effective, smart-on-crime reforms - has led to lower prison populations in Texas. Click here: http://www.nola.com/crime/index.ssf/2012/05/texas_puts_more_people_in_trea.html?utm_source=May+2012+Wrap-Up&utm_campaign=March+2012&utm_medium=email
- Watch a short video about **Judge John Creuzot**, who heads a strict drug court program in Dallas, which has resulted in a 68% recidivism reduction, and more than \$9 in cost savings for every \$1 spent. Judge Creuzot explains the strategies that can work best to help individuals with drug and alcohol problems. Click here: [http://www.nola.com/crime/index.ssf/2012/05/texas_puts_more_people_in_trea.html?](http://www.nola.com/crime/index.ssf/2012/05/texas_puts_more_people_in_trea.html?utm_source=May+2012+Wrap-Up&utm_campaign=March+2012&utm_medium=email) [2 min, 28 sec]
- Watch another short video on volunteers with the **Restorative Justice Ministries Network**, including Emmett Solomon and Bill Kleiber, who assist returning individuals from the moment they are released from Texas prisons. Click here: http://videos.nola.com/times-picayune/2012/05/reentry_texas_style.html?utm_source=May+2012+Wrap-Up&utm_campaign=March+2012&utm_medium=email [3 min, 15 sec]

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