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Ending the Pre-School to Prison Pipeline

By Ed Davis, Chair, RJMN

In March this year Texas newspapers featured alarming articles about the volume of children in pre-school on up suspended by administrators for “unacceptable” behaviors. The number of suspensions is indeed remarkable and depressing. Clearly we have behavior problems and clearly we have applied remedies that do not work and have produced outcomes exactly opposite to our stated goals.

How we treat our children greatly shapes who they are. How we treat our children greatly shapes how they will treat their children. The family and the schools have a massive impact on what children become.

Discipline should be an act of caring designed to protect child and society from individual behavior that is destructive to the individual and those around him/her. If we do not like the outcomes of our child rearing, we must change what we do while keeping our eye on the need to nurture.

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Honoring Emmett Solomon

From The Desk of Bill Kleiber, Executive Director, RJMN:

On Friday, March 28, 2014, a Dinner was held to honor Jan and Emmett Solomon's faithful service for almost sixty years. It humbles me to review all the dedicated contributions made by Emmett and his family over the years. Emmett pioneered modern penal reform, introduced the vision bringing faith-based volunteers into our prison systems, and many more public services. I can't name all the institutions and Board of Directors on which he faithfully served. Through it all Emmett remains a steadfast spiritual leader for his family, a large extended family, and our communities at large.

Texas Representative Sylvester Turner expressed his appreciation in the following Resolution from The State of Texas. *Continued on Page 4*

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Regional News by Richard Blake

By Richard Blake

Sacramento, California –

The California Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation (CDCR) provided more than \$ 2.5 million to victims of crime as restitution ordered by county Superior Judges. CDCR's Unknown Victims unit was instituted in 2010 due to difficulty in disbursing funds collected from prisoners for the benefit of victims because of incomplete and outdated records. It is important for those entitled to restitution ordered by the courts to make to provide your local district attorney's office any updated contact information.

The CDCR is introducing a pilot program which will provide rehabilitative services to long term offenders to aid them in an easier transition back into the community upon release. Because of the length of incarceration, the changes in technology, and societal changes, tools are now being provided that will help them to be successful in their rehabilitation. For additional information you can visit the CDCR website.

There are plans to Build New Housing Units at Two Existing Prisons; the Richard J. Donovan Correctional Facility in San Diego, and on land adjacent to Mule Creek State Prison in Ione. These additions will provide a total of over 2,300 beds and show the State's ongoing effort to comply with Federal court orders to provide adequate inmate health care and reduce overcrowding.

The CDCR published a recent report showing that the state's recidivism rate declined from 67.5 percent four years ago. These results are attributed to the use of more evidence based rehabilitation efforts.

Four California Counties-

Alameda, San Joaquin, San Diego, and Solano, have been selected to participate in an innovative program for youth involved in county child welfare and the juvenile justice system. The Positive Youth Justice Initiative (PYJI) will concentrate their efforts on providing holistic care for high risk disadvantaged youth that they will need to succeed as adults.

Folsom –

The California Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation (CDCR) are expanding their education and job training programs for women offenders at two facilities, the Green Valley Training Center, and the Folsom Women's Facility. This program will provide job skills in high-tech computer training in "Autodesk" software. Graduates will receive certification of completion and will be also be given help in obtaining jobs, when released or paroled, in areas of Architectural, Mechanical, or Engineering fields. This is a first of its kind program at a state prison location.

San Francisco –

A Fair Chance Ordinance was recently passed by the San Francisco Board of Supervisors to improve fairness in public and private hiring.

The initiative calls for the removal of the box on initial employment applications that reveal an applicant's criminal history. This allows the applicant to first be considered for employment based on the merits of experience and qualifications.

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St. Joseph County, Indiana –

“Reading for Life,” a Notre Dame-based program offers second chances to juvenile offenders using literature as an alternative to community service and to reduce recidivism among teen offenders. The program has been effectively operating for over five years. Studies indicate that of the 100 participants studied only six have been in trouble with the law since. Officials with the Thomas N. Frederick Juvenile Justice Center in South Bend credit the program as being more successful than traditional programs and community service alternatives. The program is not for teaching reading skills, but it is designed to develop character, moral fortitude, and to help the participants make right choices.

Springfield, Illinois –

The Illinois Supreme Court recently ruled that inmates serving mandatory life sentences for murders committed as juveniles will receive new sentencing hearings, opening the door for approximately 100 imprisoned killers a possible release. Some of these inmates, who were only 14 years old, at the time of their sentencing, will now be allowed to present evidence, which includes the circumstances of their background and of rehabilitative efforts while in prison.

Albany, New York –

The state of New York has just become the largest prison system to curb the use of solitary confinement. New York made sweeping changes this week to the way prisons use solitary confinement. The agreement, signed by a federal judge was prompted by a federal lawsuit filed by critics who say thousands of inmates were being held for months and even years in isolation, often for minor infractions. While the case was going through the federal court system the claims were being studied by the governor, state corrections officials, and reform advocates. The action calls for the development of stricter guidelines on the use of solitary confinement, will restrict the length of time an inmate can be locked in solitary confinement, and working toward limiting the use of solitary confinement as a punishment for only the most severe violations.

Lansing, Michigan –

The nineteenth annual “Exhibition of Art by Michigan Prisons” at the Dunderstadt Center Gallery on the campus of the University of Michigan, Ann Arbor is being hosted this month by the Citizens for Prison Reform.

A “Legislative Education Day” is schedule for May 15th at the state capitol. Detailed plans for this and other programs of interest on themes of restorative justice, prison reform, and victims’ rights are featured regularly on their website.

RJNews publications are dependent upon contributions from readers.

Anyone wishing to make a donation may do so by sending a check or money order to:

Restorative Justice Ministries Network of Texas, 1229 Avenue J, Huntsville, TX 77340.

Or you are welcome to make your donation online <http://www.rjmntexas.net/donate/htm>.

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Honoring Emmett Solomon

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The State of Texas

Resolution

WHEREAS, Restorative Justice Ministries Network of Texas is marking its 20th anniversary on March 28, 2014, and this occasion provides an ideal time to recognize the many god works carried out by this worthy organization and its founder, Emmett Solomon; and

WHEREAS, After attending seminaries in New York, Kentucky and Fort Worth, Texas, Mr. Solomon entered jail ministry as a volunteer in 1955 the experience led him to embark on a career as a correctional chaplain in 1964 for the Huntsville Unit of the Texas Department of Criminal Justice; resuming his studies with courses in clinical pastoral education, he eventually graduated with a Master's degree in criminal justice from Sam Houston State University; he was elevated to the post of Director of Chaplaincy for the department in the 1980s and served in that role for another 10 years before retiring; and

WHEREAS, In 1993, Mr. Solomon established Restorative Justice Ministries Network with the vision of uniting churches and other faith-based institutions to connect with released offenders and help guide them on a path to rehabilitation and reintegration into society; he has invested a great deal of time and energy, as well as his own money, to ensure RJMN's success at reaching those in need, while never accepting compensation of any kind from the ministry's coffers; along the way, he personally mentored a number of men and women who went on to begin similar ministries, and he is the publisher of Restorative Justice News, a quarterly trade journal that has enjoyed a wide circulation in churches and correctional institution; and

WHEREAS, This respected citizen and spiritual leader was honored in 2005 with the Chaplain Ray Hoekstra Lifetime Achievement Award, becoming one of only a select few prison ministers to receive the accolade; he is supported in all his endeavors by his wife of more than 50 years, Jan, who serves as an adjunct professor at Sam Houston State University; and

WHEREAS, Emmett Solomon has made a profound impact through his leadership and unwavering belief in the redemptive power of faith and his efforts continue to transform the lives of countless people for the better; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That Emmett Solomon be honored on the 20th anniversary of his founding of Restorative Justice Ministries Network of Texas and that all those attending the celebration be extended sincere best wishes for a meaningful and memorable event.

Sylvester Turner
State Representative
District 139

Continuing Care for Women Re-entering Houston

Portal Houston continuing care program is meeting the needs of forgotten women who slip through the cracks in society. The Portal is an after incarceration program of Oil of Joy specifically for women and targets the Houston inner-city communities.

The current rate of incarceration for women is growing twice as fast as that of men. Their reasons for incarceration are vastly different, and the challenges they face in returning home are complicated. Most of these women are the sole provider for their children.

Portal Houston is a lifeline which begins by identifying the women's strengths and their needs while they are still in prison. Upon their release they are met with a smiling face and a wonderful, loving support system. Our case volunteers and case managers work closely with the ladies to insure their permanent life success.

Portal Houston, anchored in biblical teaching, life-skills education, and case management accountability, is a three-phase program lasting for 12 months following release from prison. With your financial support, this one of a kind ambitious program provides amazing help by direct delivery of services and referrals to community partner organizations. Advocacy, counseling, reunification of families, parenting, GED, college assistance, and job placement awakens the ladies to a long forgotten dream of a normal life.

With your help these forgotten ladies can become healthy, productive citizens and neighbors in our communities. The next generation will be stronger because you cared.

Portal of Houston continuing care program is a 501(c)3 non-profit, donation and faith-based initiative in partnership with the Texas Criminal Justice System. Your contributions are charitable donations.

Your partnership is vital to the success of the program. The need is great, so any donation will be appreciated.

For information contact: Rhonda Arias, Executive Director at 713-419-1214.

Bus Station Ministry, Kingwood United Methodist

TDCJ Volunteer Newsletter January 2014

Texas Department of Criminal Justice releasees arrive at the Greyhound station from a Houston-area women's facility, most are overwhelmed and scared. "Welcome in the name of Jesus Christ", is the greeting that is heard. The women are escorted to a service center, provided lunch and asked to choose an outfit, shoes and tote bag for their travels out of Houston. Volunteers pray and encourage them before they are sent to their next destination. Sometimes, an indigent woman is escorted to a shelter such as the Salvation Army's Sally's House transitional shelter. The Bus Ministry has existed for 6 years and is organized and funded by volunteers from the Kingwood United Methodist Church and Kingwood Christian Church.

More than eighty ex-offenders are met each month and guided through a safe release. The Bus Ministry is wishing to expand their services beyond just Wednesdays and Fridays to include Monday - Friday. Want to learn how you can help? Contact: Beth Whittier at bwhittier@kingwoodcable.com.

Restorative Justice Ministry Events Calendar

April 26, 2014, Special Volunteer Training 1:00pm-5:00pm

Sponsor: Texas Department of Criminal Justice (TDCJ)

Location: Wimberly Public Library, 400 FM 2325, Wimberly, TX

For information contact: Chaplain McComb at 512-268-0079

May 2-4, 2014, Wilberforce Weekend 2014

Sponsor: The Chuck Colson Center for Christian Worldview

Location: Westfield Marriott Washington Dulles

For information: <http://wilberforceweekend.com/>

May 3, 2014, Tennessee Prison for Women

Sponsor: Wings for LIFE International

Location: Nashville, TN

For information contact: Chaplain Yolanda Walker at 615-714-1255 ext.7284 or Yolands.F.Walker@state.tn.us

May 16, 2014, 19th Anniversary Celebration Banquet

Sponsor: Wings for LIFE International

Location: St. John's United Methodist Church, Albuquerque, NM

For information and registration: <http://wingsforlifeinternational.org/>

May 29-31, 2014, IMPACT 2014 Correctional Ministry Summit

Sponsor: Correctional Ministries & Chaplains Association

Location: Wheaton College, IL

For information call 630-752-7085 or email info@cmcainternational.org

June 14, 2014, Denver Women's Prison

Sponsor: Wings for LIFE International

Location: Denver, CO

For information contact: annedenfield@wingsministry.org

June 16-20, 2014, Canadian School of Peacebuilding

Location: Winnipeg, MB

Sponsor: Canadian Mennonite University

For information: Email csop@cmu.ca, Registration: <http://csop.cmu.ca/index.php/registration/>.

June 18-20, 2014, COPE Regional Conference

Sponsor: COPE International

Location: Indianapolis, IN

For information contact: office@copeconnections.org

June 20, 2014, Summer Stakeholder's Meeting, 12 noon—3:00pm

Sponsor: Harris County Sheriff's Office Reentry Program

Location: 701 N. San Jacinto, Houston, TX

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June 23-27 2014, Canadian School of Peacebuilding

Location: Winnipeg, MB

Sponsor: Canadian Mennonite University

For information: Email csop@cmu.ca, Registration: <http://csop.cmu.ca/index.php/registration/>.

June 28, 2014, Springer Correctional Facility

Sponsor: Wings for LIFE International

Location: Springer, NM

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July 1-4, 2014, The World Mediation Summit-Madrid 2014

Sponsor: The Polytechnic University of Madrid and World Mediation Organisation

Location: Madrid, Spain

For information and registration: www.worldmediationsummit.org/summit/registration.html

July 12, 2014, NM Women's Recovery Academy

Sponsor: Wings for LIFE International

Location: Albuquerque, NM

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August 9, 2014, 19th Community Back-To-School Party

Sponsor: Wings for LIFE International

Location: Albuquerque, NM

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September 22-26, 2014, COPE Regional Conference

Sponsor: COPE International

Location: Greensboro, NC

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October 4, 2014, Southwestern Correctional Facility

Sponsor: Wings for LIFE International

Location: Hobbs, NM

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October 25, 2014, Elmont Correctional Institution

Sponsor: Wings for LIFE International

Location: Clairsville, OH

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November 15, 2014, Stringfellow Prison

Sponsor: Wings for LIFE International

Location: Rosharon, TX (Houston area)

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Let us place your
RJM events
on the Events Calendar!

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Include the Type of Event, Date(s),
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New Documentary on Role of Faith in Prisons

EthicsDaily.com has released a new documentary on prisons and faith – *Through the Door*, a title that highlights the gate through which Christians walk to visit those in prison and from which emerge those whom Christians should welcome back into society.

The documentary explores the initiatives of churches and faith-based organizations in Indiana, Tennessee, Texas and Virginia. Featured is the work of Restorative Justice Ministries Network, with footage of and interviews with its executive director, Bill Kleiber, and founder, Emmett Solomon.

Interviewees speak to the issues of prescription drug abuse, addiction, mental health, the role of religious volunteers and chaplains, and the often-overlooked stresses of prison officials.

Stories of redemption and hope run through the documentary.

"What we found in producing the documentary is a convergence of cooperation across denominational and theological boundaries to address the prison issue. It is one place where houses of faith are making a measurable difference for the common good," said Robert Parham, executive editor of EthicsDaily.com and executive director of its parent organization, the Baptist Center for Ethics.

In addition to the story and work of RJMN, the documentary captures an unexpected program at the Wabash Valley Correctional Facility in Carlisle, Ind., and another success story involving the Nashville-based prison ministry for women, The Next Door.

Two versions of the documentary appear on a single DVD: a short version (28 minutes) is designed for a public forum while a long version (53 minutes) is designed to be used in churches as a moral education resource over a four-week period.

A discussion guide with supplemental resources is available at the website www.EthicsDaily.com.

To order "Through the Door" go to <http://www.ethicsdaily.com/mod/ecs/index.php?ViewProduct=145>.

Criminal Professionals Appreciation Day via Texas Baptist Men

Thank you Texas Baptist Men for organizing Criminal Justice Professionals Appreciation Day in 10 Texas Prisons for all three shifts.

Texas Baptist Men facilitated volunteers with Bonded Leather Bibles, gospel tracts, "Meet Jesus Christ" booklets,, snacks, candy, ink pens, pill and pocket organizer and warm conversations for hundreds of Correctional Officers across Huntsville, TX.

One Officer on second shift at the Huntsville Prison Unit had a startled look on his face as he shook hands. He said. "I never had anybody tell me thank you before."

It was heartwarming to watch their solemn faces break out in smiles from receiving kind words. There was definitely a bounce in some of their steps as they walked away thumbing through the new Christian literature.

We should all do a better job conveying thanks to our dedicated professionals within the Texas Department of Criminal Justice. They have a difficult and sometimes thankless job carrying out their mission: "Provide public safety, promote positive change in offender behavior, reintegrate offenders into society, and assist victims of crime."

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Development of good character is a function of modeling, explicit instruction, and consistency. Partnership between home and school is the ideal. Incentives and discipline methods that hold violators accountable for their wrongdoing and educate them about the effect of misbehavior on others is necessary. Respect is an important ingredient in any system. Restoration of right relationships between the person who engaged in misbehavior and the victims is the immediate goal of any system.

The long range goal is permanent conduct change by understanding first the pain caused to others and second, to self by inappropriate behavior. Punishment works to change behavior for only a small number, teaches the use of force, and generates resentment and anger. Peace and compliance is rarely the outcome in punishment centered systems which are certainly a hallmark of Texas law, prisons, and school discipline.

The Zero Tolerance Experience

Zero tolerance “solutions” have been a disaster for children, families, society and state. Out of this experiment in discipline has come the phrase, “School to prison pipeline” which, in fact, has research support.

Discretionary expulsion and placement in Disciplinary Alternative Education Program (DAEP) outnumber mandatory removals three to one. Where one goes to school is a greater predictor of school response to misbehavior than the actual behavior. However, the student who is removed from the regular classroom is likely to be African American or a special education student. Both groups are significantly over represented in discretionary removals.

The overall statistics on suspensions and expulsions show 59.6 percent of all students in grades 7-12 experience at least one of the disciplines; 25 percent experience five or more. Put differently, only 41 percent of all students do not experience suspension or expulsion. (NYT).

Excerpts from Research Findings

The American Psychological Association study of Texas found that zero tolerance may have actually increased disciplinary problems and dropout rates...., exacerbated the problems of over-representation of minority and emotionally disabled students....

“School suspension in general appears to predict higher future rates of misbehavior and suspension among those who are suspended.”

“In the long term, school suspension and expulsion were associated with a higher dropout rate and failure to graduate on-time.”

Academic progress and suspensions are inversely related.

“Zero tolerance policies have increased referrals to the juvenile justice system for infractions that were once handled in the schools, resulting in the school to prison pipeline.”

“By subjecting students to automatic punishments that do not take into account extenuating or mitigating circumstances, zero tolerance policies represent a lost moment to teach children respect and a missed chance to inspire their trust of authority figures.” Safer Saner Schools, Transforming School Culture reported by the American Psychological Association.

The Restorative Discipline Approach

The underlying truth behind restorative discipline is that life is fundamentally about relationships and all people need respect, recognition, and nurture. Listening to others, as well as self-expression, is necessary to have healthy relationships. Listening and being listened to validate self-worth. Misbehavior often is motivated by the need for

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attention. Misbehavior, including that which imposes personal harm to another person or group must be addressed for the sake of the victim(s) and the perpetrator, as that person must change to be successful in society. How best to right the wrong and teach a good lesson to the participants is the question. All agree that the perpetrator must be held accountable for the action. Restorative Discipline advocates argue that the offender must understand the harm s/he has caused. Since 99.5 percent of the population has a conscience, it is safe to say that empathy is a teacher—"I don't want what I did, done to me."

A proactive approach to school discipline would provide a "check-in time" every morning for students to express how they are feeling in a safe environment. Such a structure would provide a process that could be called "preventive," conditioning participants to a mechanism for respectful listening and allowing expression of feelings and conditions that might lead to outbursts and anti-social behavior in stressful conditions. Conflicts, however, will occur. When they do, the same structure may be utilized to reconcile the parties and set right relationships among them. These are "responsive" events to mediate harmful acts by one or more students against a classmate or the class. (Disrupting class is an offense against all as opposed to cursing an individual).

Both proactive and responsive processes use a "circle" configuration which allows all participants to be face-to-face with each other. Rules require a trained facilitator (teacher or peer-mediator) to convene the activity and allow all to express themselves.

The person who has been harmed wants and needs to be listened to and the individual who is guilty of wrongdoing needs to hear and feel the pain s/he has caused to another. In addition, the one who offends needs to "get outside of self." Most harmful behavior is caused by someone wanting something for themselves and consideration of others is not a part of the equation. The results of a circle process may include apology, forgiveness, agreement on what the offending party needs to do to make it right to restore harmony and a plan of action. Accountability, consequences, learning life lessons and restoration of peaceful relationships are the ideal outcomes.

A school that adopts restorative processes is a school that has experienced a cultural revolution. It can expect far fewer disruptive events and consequently far fewer suspensions and expulsions. Expect pro-social behavior, higher grades, and higher graduation rates. Good outcomes include fewer school referrals to the courts breaking the school to prison pipeline and creation of positive behaviors.

What Studies Tell Us

Studies and comments from those who have instituted Restorative Discipline in the schools, public and private, reveal that one key person led the charge for change: a principal, police officer/school resource officer, or social worker. When the proposal is presented to the teachers, there is often resistance. There is disbelief and cynicism at work on their part because they are accustomed to punishment centered responses to discipline problems, although they likely did not apply that standard to their own children! They fail to see that sitting in a circle with the person one has harmed is harder than Disciplinary Alternative Education Program (DAEP) and a far greater teaching opportunity. They also fail to see that if restorative methods fail, all the old punitive methods still exist! The bottom line problem is the natural resistance to change and effort to learn something new.

The Edward White Middle School in San Antonio is part of the Northside School District which holds the distinction of suspending more students than almost any other school district in Texas.

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From the Inbox

Clases De Ingles Gratis!

Gratis son los clases de Ingles como segundo idioma a adultos que desean aprender a hablar en Ingles. Cada Domingo 3:30 PM - Crosspoint Church 4601 Bellaire Blvd Houston, TX 77401, 713-270-9434 www.iglesiabilingue.com

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Smart on Crime—2 decades of work

I encourage you to take time to read the "Smart Justice" piece put together by Marc Levin and Sarah Rumpf (http://justicesummit.org/documents/Marc_Levin_and_Sarah_Rumpf_Smart_Justice_Initiatives_Around_the_Country.pdf). Many of us have been working on these issues for 2 decades. More and more of our leaders are now beginning to get the message that Smart on Crime is the way to go. You may feel free to use the report anyway you would like to further our message. This secular piece does not mention Faith Based Ministries. However you know that we were at the heart of the 'ramp-up' of Smart on Crime. The thousands of Citizen Volunteers which we bring to the issue form the political base for Smart Justice.

We need to make a big effort to inform our people and congratulate them on what they have allowed God to do through them as they continue to go forth to minister in the justice arena. Grace and Peace, Emmett Solomon

Indigent and choosing to change their lives through recovery with Jesus Christ

Praise God! The Oaks of Righteousness **transitional and recovery house for female ex-offenders** will be opening this spring in Humble. This ministry is a calling from God and established by God for His daughters in Christ who have lost their way, but desire a change to become the women that God intends them to be. With mentoring, recovery sessions, group counseling, job placement and lots of love and encouragement, up to 6 female residents will have the opportunity to be transformed and renewed in a home for 6 months to one year.

Please contact us to present our story to your church or civic organization. The support of the Christian community and community services will give these women another opportunity to be transformed and renewed. The Oaks of Righteousness is in need of a used, 7 passenger vehicle to transport the women to recovery classes, job opportunities and daily needs. If you can help this ministry, please contact bwhittier@kingwoodcable.com. The Oaks of Righteousness is a 501©3 ministry: PO Box 1731, Humble, TX 77347.

The Prison Bible—Special prison ministry discount price

Ever heard about *The Prison Bible*? It's a unique Scripture resource created specifically for inmates! *The Prison Bible* is available for purchase at the **special prison ministry discount** price of \$69.12 for a case of 24 (\$2.88 each). A single copy is also available for \$5.25 each.

Call Bible League International's Bible Store at 888-542-4253 or go to <http://www.store.bibleleague.org/>

Success in their careers yet still searching for hope— Defining Moments—FREE download

Defining Moments is a 30-minute presentation that shares the stories of three individuals – illusionist Jim Munroe, NFL player David Tyree and musical artist Lacey Sturm – all of whom found success in their careers yet still searched for hope. Clips of messages from Billy Graham are woven in the testimonies. It is a powerful and clear presentation of the gospel and can be viewed online or downloaded at <http://myhopewithbillygraham.org/programs/#bonus-programs>.

A special free resource is available to Chaplains. The **Prison Box** containing one *Defining Moments* DVD and 25 booklets can be ordered by calling 1-800-801-3953. The booklet describes the program and includes a copy of *Living in Christ* for use as a discipleship guide for new believers. You will also receive a follow-up envelope and a copy of *The Cross* DVD. For additional information or to order up to 5 copies of *The Cross* go to www.myhopewithbillygraham.org.

170 Year Tradition Led By Huntsville First Baptist

Huntsville First Baptist Church has been plowing the mission fields of Texas for 170 years.

Imagine 150 years ago when a husband and wife team would leave Huntsville behind a team of horses. Pulling a wagon loaded with Bibles, Hymnals and a foot organ. Missionaries from Huntsville FBC proceeded to baptize new converts along the Trinity and Brazos Rivers, and consecrate marriages throughout the Texas Gulf Coast. Worship services were conducted in the open air with settlers coming from miles around for food, fun and Christian fellowship. Pioneering missionaries would exchange the Bibles they brought for food and necessities.

Huntsville "First Church" continues a 170 year tradition by evangelizing the largest mission field in Texas. Over the past twelve years Welcome Back volunteers from First Baptist have greeted over 300,000 individuals and their families as newly returning citizens were released from the Huntsville Prison Unit.

Prison ministry is the largest mission field in Texas. 90% of Texas prisoners will be released and become neighbors. Many of the men and women being released from prison have experienced spiritual awakenings. Over 20,000 volunteers venture into Texas prisons to share the promises of God. Huntsville FBC knows the value of greeting these individuals, their families and providing good orderly direction. Welcome Back programs now operate in 16 state jails and 18 parole offices to provide resources, restore lives and invite families to neighborhood churches for continuing sanctification.

We cordially invite you to start a tradition in your neighborhood to reach out to lost families. Restorative Justice Ministries Network will provide you the contact information for struggling families near you. All you have to do is contact the families, direct them to helpful resources in your neighborhood and invite them to church. We trust God to take care of the rest.

You could start a 170 year tradition today by contacting Restorative Justice Ministries Network and volunteering your time to guide needy families near you.

Ending the Pre-School to Prison Pipeline

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It adopted restorative discipline in the 2012-2013 school year. First year results include an 84% drop in OSS (out of school suspension, removed from school) and an overall drop in OSS, ISS (in school suspension, on campus, but removed from classroom) and expulsions of 44 per cent. (UTSA on-line). This does not necessarily mean that there are fewer conflicts (although there probably are). It does mean that teachers and administrators are handling them differently than the previous year. One year is not much time to change culture and behavior of all parties: teachers, administrators, students, and school resource officers. The school has made a three year commitment to the program and will assess at the end of that time. (UTSA on-line).

The promise of Restorative Discipline is changing a culture of schools and, over time, families and society into one where peaceful relationships are the norm. The bottom line is that we must devote energy to reducing the flow into our criminal justice system and that requires a complete rethinking of how parents, teachers, school administrators, police, prosecutors, and others discipline children. We in the restorative justice movement must broaden our horizons and become educators of the public and public officials and we must start today!

From the Chairman's Perspective

By Ed Davis, Chair, RJMN

Dickens long ago noted that “it is the best of times; it is the worst of times.” What we do today shapes the possibilities of tomorrow. We look at the stalemate in Washington and ask whatever happened to a spirit of cooperation and shake our heads, but it is also possible that “they are us.” Have we become hard, self-righteous and uncooperative as a people?

Scripture says there is one Lord, one God and Father of all and one church, not 250 denominational silos. Jesus reminds us of the “Great Commandment:” love God; love your neighbor as yourself. And Jesus says, “You shall do greater things than I.” The “you” is you plural—the Church.

We are called together to worship and then we are sent out to preach and care for the widows and orphans, the poor, the hungry and thirsty, the ill clothed, those without shelter, the prisoner and I would add, the victim and others that society closes its eyes to. The Restorative Justice Ministries Network (RJMN) and many other ministries strive to do this work and we are indebted to you for your participation in it. Together we make a qualitative difference in people's lives. There is no lack of opportunity to serve God's people!

Our difficulty is, however, not seeing others as God's people and also not looking into the future to see the consequences of today's public policy (and personal) decisions. I am pleased that Texas in recent years has made some decisions that are good for people caught up in the criminal justice system. These include treatment beds, a hierarchy of sanctions to apply to parolees who violate their conditions of release, chaplain restoration in prisons, a regional chaplain in every Parole district and the encouragement of programs by Texas Department of Criminal Justice (TDCJ) in our prisons. Is there much more to do? Absolutely, yes there is and there always will be. For example, we see the newly released Council of State Governments Justice Center report on the impact of the Harris County Public Defender's on the justice system in the state's largest county.

The conclusions of the study show that the Public Defender's office has worked well with prosecutors and judges and has made a positive difference in cases involving the poor and mentally ill in spite of very meager funding. Another notable finding is that the Public Defender's office provides much better representation than court appointed attorneys. The legislation creating the office applied only to Harris County. These findings and the others are the product of one well familiar to Texans, Tony Fabelo, in collaboration with Carl Reynolds, and Jessica Tyler.

With literally thousands languishing in jails for months for alleged misdemeanor violations (yes, felonies too) awaiting trial because they cannot afford bail, the coming of a public defender system throughout Texas would pose a blessing for the indigent who serve the longest in jail before trial and a blessing for counties paying for the incarcerated who are found not guilty. Justice does not hold people in confinement who are not guilty and justice demands speedy trial. There is much work that needs to be done here.

Another matter to do some thinking about is the relatively new jury option of Life Without Parole (LWOP). Texas juries are handing out this sentence at an increasing rate as a preferred choice over the death penalty. The questions that beg to be asked about the law and its effect are: do we really want to say that a young man or woman should spend forty, fifty or more years in prison; are these felons incapable of changing; can the state of Texas afford to house individuals at a lifetime cost of \$1.2 to \$1.5 million dollars each; and, very long range, are correctional officers in danger as the percentage of LWOP inmates increase? Finally, should we ask victims what they want at some point when the pain of the crime event and the trial are not so raw?

In the first six years of LWOP 398 persons received the sentence, but the pace has picked up. In 2012, 94 LWOP sentences were handed down. The trend line here is worth watching for both justice and economic reasons.

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
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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 Edenfiel** \$16.00 _____
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Audio tape book also available \$23.00 _____
 - An Inmate's Daughter - Jan Walker** \$11.00 _____
 Jan Walker taught parenting and family relationships to adult felons for eighteen years.
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Book Review— Love in a Cauldron of Misery by Kirk Blackard

Reviewed by Richard R. Blake, richard330@yahoo.com

A Challenging Approach to Christian Prison Ministry Today

Kirk Blackard expertly combines poignant stories, interviews, and historical background to introduce the reader to a divergence of views, opinions, and perspectives on prison reform, retribution, rehabilitation, and restoration within our country's justice system.

The book is divided into two parts. In part one Blackard traces the historical perspectives from the Colonial days to the recent explosive growth, overcrowding and crisis found in today's prisons. Part two presents four basic Biblical principles for prison ministry based on Jesus: teaching the Gospel by living it, fostering forgiveness, building wholeness, and encouraging restoration.

Through the expressed opinions and observations of lay ministers, inmates, theologians, ethicists, criminologists Blackard interweaves these perceptions as they relate to the myriad of problems faced by prison officials, political pressure, the incarcerated, family members of the inmates, faith based prison organizations, and the individual Christian reaching out in a ministry of love.

"Love in a Cauldron of Misery – Perspectives on Christian Prison Ministry" has opened my eyes to see the potential of the power of Christian love to bring hope, redemption, and restoration to individual men and women condemned to misery behind prison walls. I recommend the book be assigned as required reading for those considering careers in criminal justice and for Christians exploring the opportunity of ministry with state and federal prisons or in local jails.

A complimentary copy of this book was provided for review purposes. The opinions expressed are my own.

Copies of the book are available through the Restorative Justice Ministries Network Store at: <http://rjmntexas.net/store.html>.

When I surrendered, God changed my life

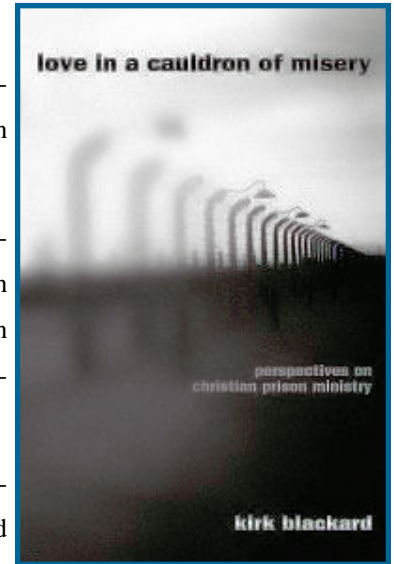
by Paul Owens, Fort Worth

The most awesome experience in my life was when God revealed my purpose, and gift. My purpose is to give hope to men and women recently released from prison. My gift is to share the Good News of Jesus Christ. Since April 2009 I've been volunteering for Welcome Back Tarrant County, a non-profit organization that ministers to recently released convicted felons. We serve an awesome God.

When John Johnson was first released from prison. He wanted to get involved in our ministry, so I began to mentor him. His name stood out in my head; and it turns out John Johnson is the individual I had the disagreement with in 1985. That disagreement ended in me shooting him twice. God was really at work at this time. John forgave me, and we began to share how the forgiveness of Christ was flowing down into our lives. We even shared our stories on the radio.

Jerry Cabluck is the founder of Welcome Back Tarrant County. I first meet Jerry in 2000, while confined in Tarrant County God Pod. Today, I function as a volunteer chaplain and educational coordinator.

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God's story involving Emmett Solomon and Texas Baptist Men

From Don Gibson
RJMN 20th Anniversary Celebration
March 28, 2014, Huntsville, TX

From the very beginning God had much more in His mind and heart than the initial group who first were involved with Emmett in 1993.

God became the big attraction, not the RJMN. We discovered that God was inviting us to join Him in what He already had planned to do. The men who joined with Emmett became a core ministry group. We all came together representing the various ministries that became a network which God put Emmett in charge of; he was God's man to lead us.

The first state-wide meetings began to influence and impact churches, people, organizations into a movement of God. The faith-based initiative by our Governor, George W. Bush, Jr. , added the support needed to impact the Texas Department of Criminal Justice (TDCJ). The Governor's awards were a part of our state-wide meetings – a God-given awareness arose across Texas and spread to other states.

One of the first Restorative Justice Ministries (RJM) awareness meetings was sponsored by Texas Baptist Men at the University of Mary Hardin Baylor in Belton, Texas. That meeting brought various prison ministries together and as we talked, we realized how all these various ministries complimented each other. Later we got the leaders together in Dallas and made a video sharing the vision that Emmett had for RJMN. God was at work in us and through us.

Emmett helped us all put a new passion into the RJMN and keep it, our lives were changed. God opened the doors up for more ministry awareness meetings across the state. We trained hundreds of new volunteers, their lives were changed, churches were changed.

We had hundreds of new volunteers going into prisons during Experiencing God Weekends. 75% of those volunteers had never been in a county jail or a prison! God opened up the prisons by inviting us to go in! God was at work! T.D.C.J. recognized God was at work!

Wardens and Chaplains invited us to come. I made the statement: "Rehabilitation is not working. Regeneration is, together with Christian discipleship.

In all of this time, 20 years plus, during workshops, doing training, Emmett Solomon would always help us keep our focus as RJ Ministry Leaders. His walk with God, his wisdom from God helped us all work for God, for His glory.

Emmett was and still is our real hero in leading us. His influence is on us all. His influence is very evident in the life of Bill Kleiber, as Executive Director now.

As Executive Director for Texas Baptist Men, I would like to present the Texas Baptist Men's "Finishing Well Award" to Emmett Solomon as we celebrate this 20th anniversary of RJMN today here in Huntsville, Texas. We pray God's blessings on him in these tough days and nights.



The Benefits of Hiring Ex-Offenders

Texas HB 1188, 83rd Legislature – Regular Session, limits the liability of employers who hire persons with past criminal convictions. This bill prohibits a cause of action to be taken against an employer, general contractor, premises owner, or other third party solely for negligently hiring or failing to adequately supervise an employee convicted of an offense, based on evidence that the employee has been convicted of an offense.

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I minister, and pray with people that are hurting, and I assist men and women with continuing their education. I aid them in completing their admission applications, and their financial aid applications.

Today, my life is a statement to every man and woman confined. And Yes! I still suffer the consequences for my past behavior. Still today, looking back at my past is very painful for me. The reality of my situation is, I will probably suffer the negative consequences for my past for the rest of my life.

For the past 5 years every employment interview has ended the same way. "Paul your awesome and I believe you're just what this company needs, there's one last thing we need to do and we're all set. "Criminal Background Check." 5 years of rejection, and yet I keep getting up and showing up in the name of Jesus. The enemy is real, and he speaks to me often saying, "You'll never be accepted, just go back to the old life. You are attending college for nothing, no one will ever employ you." The pain is real, and I can't help but wonder, "will I ever repay this debt to society?"

I thank God for a Godly wife and I trust God, and today I understand "my life does not just affect me." If I give up, I fail a lot of people, but most of all I fail myself; and my past is full of failures. Today I stand for something. I'm tobacco free, alcohol free and drug free, and at the end of the day I have no regrets.

I sincerely believe God has a plan for my life, and if I hold on to His unchanging hand, He will make a way for me. Today, I'm a junior at Arlington Baptist College, working toward my bachelor's degree in Biblical Counseling. I am also working toward my LCDC (Licensed Chemical Dependency Counselor) at the Institute of Chemical Dependency Studies. I'm a licensed minister, and I recently began studying the bass guitar. I am what I am today only because of the grace of God.

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