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## Tribute to Emmett Solomon



**Emmett Solomon**  
January 2, 1936—April 22, 2014

By Anita Parrish, Ministry Assistant, RJMN

Emmett was raised on a West Texas farm by a godly mother and father who instilled in him his rich Christian heritage. He often spoke of that as we traveled together to planning meetings and conferences. Jan told me he was riding bare back at the age of 4 and was an excellent horseman. He loved raising a garden and being outdoors

Emmett retired from the Texas Department of Criminal Justice (TDCJ) as Director of Chaplains in November, 1993 and

established an office in Huntsville for Restorative Justice Ministries Network (formerly called INforms Ministry). His life work began in New York as a ranch foreman at Jubilee Ranch, a place where the “at risk youth” of Brooklyn, as well as other areas, could learn they had a choice in life and could be successful, productive citizens and family leaders. Many have gone on to be very successful and have stayed in touch with Emmett over the years.

When Emmett returned to Texas, he was hired by the TDCJ Chaplains Director, Clyde Johnston, who took him under his wing, and trained Emmett to succeed him as Director. Emmett had planned to be a military chaplain. Thank God that he followed the Lord’s leading into correctional ministry. Restorative Justice Ministry in Texas would not be what it is today; chaplaincy would not be the change agent for men and women’s lives that it is today; the church would not be as welcome in the prisons as it is today; communities would not be receiving returning citizens *Continued on Page 2*

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from prison with offers of helping them reintegrate into the community as they are doing today; victims would not be receiving the ministry that is available to them today; correctional professionals would not be receiving understanding and counseling as it is available to them today; parole offices would not have chaplains and Welcome Back teams in them; and many ministries would have gone by the wayside without the help, encouragement and support of Emmett. There would be no chapels on some of the Texas prison units without the encouragement and guidance given by Frank Graham, founder of Chapels of Hope, and to the members of the boards created to raise the funds for each of those chapels. Burning Hope Baptist Church and House of Hope women's recovery program, as well as many other ministry sites, would not be the places of refuge, renewal, restoration, comfort and healing they are today without the guidance and counseling of Emmett.

Emmett was a very active member of Rotary International, the only secular organization that he joined. Over the years, he and Jan hosted several international students through the Rotary International Student Exchange program. Many of those students continued to keep in touch with Emmett and Jan.

Emmett was instrumental in bringing KAIROS weekends, marriage seminar weekends, Weekend of Champions, Mike Barber Ministries weekends, Days with Dad/Mom, Discipleship Unlimited ministries to women, and many other events too numerous to list into the acceptable programming for the prisons.

Emmett encouraged our state legislators to re-think the "lock'em up and throw away the key" Texas tough on crime rhetoric and instead, to get smart on crime, use alternative sentencing, drug courts, and mental health courts. He encouraged the Texas Board of Criminal Justice to rethink policies that negatively affected families as well as prisoners; to keep the inmate close to family so finances and relationships wouldn't be as strained; to put pay phones in the prisons so families could talk to their loved one; to improve conditions for women inmates and recognize that women must be treated differently than men such as having women's shoes and clothing sizes rather than having to deal with the prison uniform that was made only with men in mind; as well as many other issues dealing with incarceration and their return to the community.

Emmett encouraged churches to become more involved in the criminal justice arena. He taught us that the criminal justice mission field is the largest mission field in Texas. He taught us to work across denominational lines; to look at people in a different and more caring way. His quiet way of correcting us and guiding us to the right way of approaching a situation has benefited many a person while in prison, upon and after release as well as the volunteers who may or may not have had the wrong idea about their own importance and how much they blessed the prisoner with their presence and the benefit of their knowledge. Thousands of volunteers have experienced the joy and blessing of being allowed to intrude in a prisoner's or returning citizen's life because of listening to the advice of Emmett Solomon. He taught us it is a privilege as well as our responsibility to love and care for the least among us.



**Emmett's truck loaded with the first INForms newspaper ready to take to the post office for mailing. We mailed 3,000 of the first issue and the last mailing was over 60,000.**

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Emmett was in constant demand as a speaker at local, regional, state and national conferences and was considered an expert on restorative justice. He was involved with Chuck Colson in establishing the first faith based prison unit in the United States at Sugar Land, Texas. He was instrumental in getting faith based dorms in Texas prisons. Today wardens are calling the chaplaincy department and asking for faith based dorms to be established on their units because of reports from other wardens whose units have those dorms. Wardens are saying that the whole unit is effected by the faith based dorm and not just the inmates who live in it. The whole unit is reported to have less conflicts and confrontations; it is more peaceful as a whole and, makes the wardens job easier.

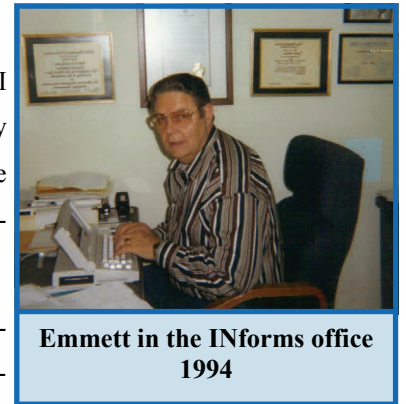
Emmett was a giant in the faith; such trust, faith and commitment to His Lord as I had never seen before in any man. Emmett was highly respected in Texas Baptist life, highly respected in the United Methodist Conference, the Assemblies of God, the Catholic Diocese of Texas, the Episcopal Diocese of Texas and many others. He served on boards and committees too numerous to name.

Emmett nurtured many ex-felons in the ministry. They serve today as pastors, associate pastors, and pastors/starters of ex-offender churches, chaplains, directors of organizations, founders & directors of residential aftercare programs for released offenders including places for sex offenders and in many other areas of service and business. He encouraged them to get their college degrees, master's degrees and even doctorates for some. He always had time for the ex-offenders, to listen, encourage, support in whatever way possible and never expected anything in return. He would tell them to pay it forward; help someone else on this journey and that would be payment and thanks enough.

Emmett loved his church and everyone in it. He has been a member of First Baptist Huntsville for 27 years. He served as deacon, Bible study teacher, counselor, on many committees and anywhere he was needed. He encouraged and prayed faithfully for each pastor who served the church over the years; always humble in his counsel and supportive of their endeavors.

Emmett was a devout family man. He loved his beautiful wife, Jan; his sons, Matthew and Mark; his daughter-in-law, Laurie and his grandchildren, Amanda, Stephanie and Stephen. The family had several traditions that kept them close and involved in each other's lives. Snow skiing at Christmas in Colorado; summers at South Padre Island; Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo; Texas State Fair to name a few. Matt would stop by the office just to visit with his dad and he was always full of trivia questions. And, of course, he always knew the answers! Mark would call the office often and ask, "Is Pops there?" Emmett proudly displayed in the office pictures of his family. They would talk about the kids or football or Mark's job and so on.

When we first set up office in 1994 (Emmett had not unpacked any of his boxes when I started as a volunteer in his office), I began to put up all of his plaques, awards, certificates, framed picture and letter from Governor Mark White, and Emmett told me it was not necessary to put those things up, just leave them packed away. But, I did not listen and filled the wall behind his desk and a portion of the wall on the side of his desk with all those "things." His humbleness, his deep love and compassion, his integrity, his deep belly laugh, his huge giving heart are the traits that caused thousands of us to love, admire, depend on and respect him. Our lives are so much richer today from having been considered Emmett Solomon's friends.



# Regional News

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By Richard Blake

## **Salem, Oregon**

Men incarcerated at the Oregon State Correction Institution (OSCI) in Salem recently hosted a walkathon to raise funds for children of parents in prison. Proceeds went to help underwrite the children's registration cost to attend a four-day camping experience at Camp Agape. The goal of the program is to break the cycles of incarceration. The event raised approximately \$ 4,200.

## **Montpelier, Vermont**

The state of Vermont has initiated a pilot study of state inmates who have opiate addictions. The program will begin on a limited basis. The plan includes supervised opiate-replacement therapy, be in good standing with facility parameters, and provisions for further treatments upon release. The program will replace outside inmate visits to offsite treatment centers, reducing the cost of security personnel and travel expenses. It is projected that if proven successful, this study will dramatically reduce recidivism in drug related offences.

## **Sacramento, California**

California voters clearly demonstrated support of Proposition 47 an initiative that reflects a change from mass incarceration to reform that will allocate tax dollars to include treatment and prevention programs addressing school truancy and dropout prevention, victim services, and other programs that offer another course of action than incarceration. Projections estimate a savings of from \$ 100 million to \$ 300 million which can be relocated to sponsoring these programs.

## **San Joaquin County and Stockton California**

California Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation (CDCR) in San Joaquin County recently observed Ground Breaking Ceremonies on a new Health Care Facility. California Health Care Services (CHCF) in Stockton is building on the 400 acre site of the Northern California Correctional Center. These are important additions to the long awaited needs for healthcare in the CDCR system's medical shortage.

## **San Francisco, California**

San Francisco's Homeless Employment Collaborative (HEC) and San Francisco Training Partnership (SFTP) collaborated in an orientation for the San Francisco Clean City Coalition. The coalition provides transitional employment for formerly incarcerated and other homeless people. Job opportunities for beautification of the City of San Francisco are focusing on graffiti removal, street sweeping, and neighborhood greening projects. The program recognizes the difficulty for reentry into the community is finding work. The HEC and SFTP help clients overcome these hurdles, often in cooperation with other agencies and organizations.

Cameo House in San Francisco is looking for volunteers to help and assist with children in its new playroom. The program is designed to help children of "justice-involved" mothers. These are women with criminal convictions who are allowed to remain in the community to rebuild their lives outside of the criminal justice system. Volunteer's in the Cameo House playroom address the child's development of normal physical, cognitive, social, and emotional skills and stability to help break the cycle of incarceration through interaction in a warm and pleasurable environment.

## **Peoria, Illinois**

In an effort to address the complaints of seriously mentally disturbed inmates and a pending federal lawsuit, the Illinois prison system is making plans to add four mental-health treatment units and 350 additional clinical staff employees.

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# Creation of Emmett Solomon Internship Scholarship

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Those of us that knew Emmett Solomon have been blessed by his friendship and the wisdom he dispensed in nearly every conversation. Thousands of Texans, incarcerated and free world persons, have benefited from his focus on rehabilitation of those individuals caught up in the criminal justice system. He was known as the “Father of Restorative Justice in Texas.” What a legacy that is, but what Emmett stood for and fought for, both as chaplain and founder of the Restorative Justice Ministries Network of Texas will not be recognized in five or ten years. Yet, the state will continuously need men and women that share the vision of transforming broken human beings into agents of good citizenship and peace.

In conversations with Jan Solomon and the chair of Criminal Justice at Sam Houston State University, a consensus has developed that in honor of Emmett a scholarship should be created at his alma mater to sponsor students in internships that provide “hands-on” experience for those committed to reintegration of offenders and utilization of restorative practices as a means of holding people accountable for behavior damaging to others (and themselves).

The awardees would qualify for an internship in non-profit organizations after obtaining 90 hours of coursework and maintaining a 3.25 GPA. Other selection criteria would include need and written expression of their motivation and personal goals for a career in service to the public.

The purpose of this message is to solicit your support for creating this memorial to Emmett Solomon. A minimum of \$ 25,000 is required to fund a scholarship. I invite your contributions. Make checks payable to RJMN-Emmett Solomon Scholarship Fund and send to 1229 Avenue J, Huntsville, TX 77340. For further information or to make suggestions feel free to call or email Ed Davis, Chair RJMN at 936-662-3842 or [edsalpc@yahoo.com](mailto:edsalpc@yahoo.com).

We will keep you posted on our progress in this endeavor!

## A sampling of other tributes to Emmett Solomon

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**From Judy Woods, 8 years as First Contact Family Ministry volunteer:** Because of Emmett’s influence on my life, I feel a need and love for a group of people and their families I have never known before. My home is open to released felons for our Bible study, and I am glad to worship once a week with them at my church’s services. Emmett’s faithfulness to God and love for others has been a testimony of a “servant hood” that has changed me forever.

**From Vance Drum, Director of Chaplaincy, TDCJ Rehabilitation Programs Division:** Thank you especially for being a faithful mentor and guide to me your student for 30 years. I’ve worked on doing what you taught me. Whatever good I’ve been able to do I give you (and God) the credit. My shortcomings are mine, however.

Thank you for being our leader in the TDCJ/RJMN for so many years. I thank God for the well of wisdom and steadfast energy He gave you which enabled you to speak for Him all over Texas—in the legislature, in churches and in conferences—wherever God opened the door. Thank you for leaning on it.

**From Grover Weaver (Former inmate and now successful contributing member of the local community):** This man for four decades and a half has spoken words of hope and encouragement to me from in prison and into the “free world”. I’ve found energy in his words as well as astonishment in his actions. The Chaplain and his now deceased son surprised me by driving up from Huntsville to Fort Worth to attend my college graduation in May of 1993. A Bachelor of Fine Arts in Theater was conferred upon me that day, witnessed by him, his son, and my son and daughter. I shall never forget the joy.

# Restorative Justice Ministry Events Calendar

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## **December 7, 2014, 1:00pm-5:00pm, Screening of HBO Documentary Film, *Private Violence***

Hosted by the Austin/Travis Family Violence Task Force

Location: Stateside Theatre at the Paramount, 719 Congress Ave, Austin, TX

For tickets go to <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/private-violence-a-hbo-documentary-film-tickets-14030249855?ref=estwhttp://>

## **December 20, 2014, 11:00am-4:00pm, Wings Prison Party/Family Day—Level 4— Volunteers and Cookies Needed**

Sponsor: Wings For Life International

Location: Southern Correctional Facility, 1983 Joe R. Silva Blvd, Las Cruces, NM, 88004-0639

For information email: [AnnEdenfield@WingsMinistry.org](mailto:AnnEdenfield@WingsMinistry.org), or phone 505-291-6412

## **December 23, 2014, 10:00am-5:00pm, Pastors Christmas Prison Revival— Pastors and Lay People Needed**

Sponsors: East Texas Treatment Facility and volunteer lay people

Location: East Texas Treatment Facility, 900 Industrial Dr, Henderson, TX 75653

For information contact: Ken Hale, Prison Volunteer Coordinator at 903-657-3791

## **February 21, 2015, RJM Conference**

Sponsor: Christ United Methodist Church

Location: Sugarland, TX

For information contact: Betty Waedemon email [bbw1m@aol.com](mailto:bbw1m@aol.com) or by phone 832-755-7761

## **May 6-8, 2015, Prisoners Family Conference**

Sponsor: Prisoners Family Conference

Location: Dallas, TX

For information contact: Carolyn Esparza at 915-861-7733 or

email: [info@prisonersfamilyconference.org](mailto:info@prisonersfamilyconference.org)

## **May 28-30, 2015, Correctional Ministry Summit, RENEW 2015**

Sponsored by: Correctional Ministries and Chaplains Association

Location: Wheaton College, Wheaton, IL 60187

For information: <https://www.cmcainternational.org/renew-2015-correctional-ministry-summit-2/>

## **New docu-series being made about restorative justice**

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My name is Stephanie Lewis and I'm a casting director at Watercooler Casting in NYC. We are currently developing a docu-series that deals with restorative justice, and looking at offenders and victims in the wake of their experiences.

The idea for the series came out of the Academy Award-nominated documentary, Facing Fear, which touches on hate, tolerance, and ultimately restorative justice and forgiveness. The subjects of the film are a former racist skinhead and one of his victims, both of whom have since become speakers through the Museum of Tolerance, and now this film, on their experiences.

We are now expanding the film's ideas for a television series with a major cable network that will be premiering in 2015. A series like this about restorative justice and redemption that has the potential to have a real impact on a large audience has never been done before. We are currently looking to connect with any organizations, people or resources who might be able to help us in the process. We are hoping to find some potential subjects and stories about offender - victim reconciliation and restorative justice as a whole. We would like to present the stories of people who are already in a restorative justice process, or who are open to potentially reconciling with a victim or offender.

If you have information to contribute, contact Stephanie Lewis at [stephanie.Lewis@watercoolercasting.com](mailto:stephanie.Lewis@watercoolercasting.com).

# Smart on Crime

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The Pelican Post, March 2014—**LOUISIANA** has the nation's highest rate of incarceration. There are a number of reasons for the dramatic growth of our prison population over the past two decades, but one important factor is the [rise of determinate sentencing laws](#). This has caused a growing number of nonviolent offenders to serve long prison terms without an opportunity to be considered for parole. In many cases, these offenders serve time in prisons where the lack of training and educational options increases the likelihood that they will be released without any of the skills needed to play a productive role in society. - See more at: <http://www.thepelicanpost.org/2014/03/19/how-louisiana-can-get-smart-on-crime/>

Texas Smart on Crime, September 2014— **AUSTIN, TX**— A broad-based and diverse coalition of groups is coming together to support criminal justice reforms that will make the system more just and, at the same time, improve public safety for all Texans. The Texas Smart-On-Crime Coalition will advocate for reforms that will provide punishment that actually fits the crime, protection for the innocent and a path to redemption for those convicted of non-violent crimes so they can get back to work and be productive members of society. Read complete press release at <http://www.rjmntexas.net/smartoncrimetexas.pdf>.

For more information and how you can become involved visit <http://smartoncrimetexas.com/>

## Way Past Nickel and diming: How Prisons are unnecessarily burdening families

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By Elisabeth Boehm, November 4, 2014

A mom finds out that her son hasn't been brushing his teeth at camp because he can't find the toothpaste he packed. The mom runs to the store, buys the toothpaste, and tosses it in the mail. Problem solved. The cost of making sure her son keeps his pearly-whites clean? About \$8—around \$3 for the toothpaste and maybe \$5 for the postage.

Another mom finds her son in a similar situation, but this time he isn't at camp. He's in prison. To get her son a tube of toothpaste, this mother is going to take more than \$100 out of her bank account.

Yes, really, over \$100.

An appropriate question might arise in light of this information: Just how can a tube of toothpaste cost \$100, or even \$120 in prison?

Answer: When the price tag includes more than just the toothpaste.

Outrageously high prices for common goods in prison accumulate when prisoners and their families are stuck paying heavy fees for just about every part of the transaction process.

In order to get money to a loved one in prison, family members will probably be required to use a prison-approved third-party bank to transfer the funds.

Such third-party banking companies charge hefty fees, and then they give a portion of the fees back to the corrections agencies. One of the largest companies is JPay, which services prisons in 32 states, handling money transfers for some 70% of the nation's prisoners.



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Use this Ministry ID Key to locate Ministry Emphasis:

\*1=Prison \*2=Non-residential Aftercare \*3=Victim \*4=Professionals \*5=Juvenile Offenders \*6=Family  
\*7=Resources for other RJMs \*8=Residential Aftercare \*9=Jails \*10=By Mail

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| <p><b>1 Accepting Grace Ministries Inc</b><br/>Joe / Betty Waggoner<br/>PO Box 983<br/>Stamford 79553-0983<br/>325-773-2248<br/>bettyj@camalott.com</p>  | <p><b>1,9 Restorative Justice Ministry Green Acres Baptist Church</b><br/>Judy Turner<br/>1607 Troup Hwy<br/>Tyler, TX 75701<br/>903.593.8857<br/>judyt@mail.gabc.org</p>                            | <p><i>VIRGINIA</i><br/><b>1,5,9, 10 Good News Jail &amp; Prison Ministry</b><br/>Dr Tom Beckner<br/>PO Box 9760<br/>Richmond 23228-0760<br/>804-553-4090<br/>804-553-4144 Fax<br/>info@goodnewsjail.org<br/>www.goodnewsjail.org</p> |
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Would you like to have your ministry listed in the Ministries Directory of the R. J. NEWS and the RJMN of Texas website—[http://rjmntexas.net/ministry\\_links.htm](http://rjmntexas.net/ministry_links.htm)?

Contact Anita Parrish at [arparrish@sbcglobal.net](mailto:arparrish@sbcglobal.net)

## Congratulations to the Central Texas Hospitality House

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An email received from a father who has a loved one in prison in Gatesville expressed perfectly why the Central Texas Hospitality House (CTHH) was needed. His vulnerable words confirmed what has been in the hearts of the CTHH board and volunteers. He wrote very simply, “It’s been hard. Y’all going to be a blessing.”

Construction on the Central Texas Hospitality House has been completed, and volunteers are busy making the Hospitality House warm and welcoming to guests. Each family-style bedroom is receiving unique touches in decorating by the individuals/groups who funded the rooms. Additionally, plans are underway to complete a covered children’s playground on the west side of the Hospitality House. Board members anticipate final completion and a grand opening celebration in mid-September.

The completion of the facility would not have been possible without the generous contributions of many. The CTHH was able to exceed their initial fundraising goal of \$850,000; however, some unexpected costs in construction and furnishing the CTHH increased the funds needed closer to \$900,000. Development Director Charlie Wise notes opportunities for naming rooms and the indoor children’s play area are still available. Furnishings are also still needed for the kitchen, bathrooms, great room, office, and laundry/utility room.

The Hospitality House will have ten bedrooms available to accommodate family members who have traveled greater than 250 miles to visit a loved one incarcerated in one of the Gatesville units. Accommodations, as well as some meals and assistance with clothing requirements for prison visitors, will be provided free of charge. Advance reservations and proof of a family member currently incarcerated in Gatesville will be required.

If you or your church are interested in partnering with CTHH, information is available at [www.cthhouse.org](http://www.cthhouse.org).

## Visits by video reports says, “Families pay the price”

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In some jurisdictions, video visitation is now the only option available to families and friends of incarcerated individuals. They can no longer make visits in person.

Local jail officials have embraced this new form of visitation as a way to alleviate the burdensome security aspects of visitation.

However, the primary attraction of video-only visitation actually rests on one facet: money. The loved ones of incarcerated individuals are charged fees for video calls. In addition, many video provider companies require a minimum deposit for opening a video account and do not readily refund the balance if a prisoner is released.

In addition to the high costs of video visitation, these policies pose other significant challenges, including disruptions to family bonding, removal of a corrections management tool, usage difficulties due to the digital divide, and privacy violations. Grassroots Leadership and Texas Criminal Justice Coalition (TCJC) collaborated to provide this new report <http://rjmntexas.net/videovisitation2014.pdf>, in which they examine the benefits of in-person visitation, the growing restrictions on in-person visitation at the county level, the commercialization of video visitation, and the impact of video-only visitation in Travis County, Texas (including a rise in violence, disciplinary infractions, and reported contraband after eliminating face-to-face visitation). They also provide recommendations to address the alarming trend towards video-only visitation.

## From the Chairman's Corner

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From Ed Davis, Chairman, RJMN

Thanksgiving is a time when the nation pauses for a short time and celebrates the blessings bestowed upon us. It is traditionally a time for family gathering and breaking bread together. We are blessed at RJMN to celebrate daily in the release of inmates and establish brief relationships with them before they depart for their destinations. We are blessed by phone calls from formerly released individuals and blessed by other ministries that partner with us. Christ has called us- staff, volunteers and contributors- to serve and it is a pleasure to do so.

We were blessed for twenty years by the leadership of Emmett Solomon. We miss him greatly, but we give thanks for the solid foundation he established for the ministry. We strive to meet his standard of service. I am happy to report that \$11,000 has thus far been raised to establish the Emmett Solomon Scholarship in Restorative Justice at his alma mater, Sam Houston State University. It takes \$25,000 to fund a scholarship and, with your help, we shall get there!

RJMN wishes you a blessed Thanksgiving and Christmas. We are blessed by our relationship with you!

A new year awaits. New Years always symbolizes new beginnings and hope. On odd numbered years it also means a new legislative session begins. We all know there is much that can be done to improve opportunity for previously incarcerated people and their families. I hope each of you expresses yourself to your state representative and senator. Please do not be passive.

Three prisons were closed in the last two legislative sessions. Among the policy choices available to Texas is to close additional prisons, releasing many more aged and non-violent inmates. Expenditures for prisons in Texas, in spite of 25 years of declining crime rates, have outstripped funding for public and higher education, mental health, and transportation. The Texas Department of Criminal Justice is unable to safely staff our prisons as much better job opportunities exist in the "oil patch." Parole and Probation remain underfunded. Constant criminalization and "enhancements" (lengthening sentences) need to be seriously curbed. A review of the practices of district attorneys and grand jury effectiveness is long overdue as the host of wrongful convictions show. In addition, the legislature needs to examine the number of accused who are not guilty but take a plea bargain in order to avoid a trial that may result in a long sentence and/or large fine. They also need to look at health care and especially dental care in prison. The previous examples are but a short sample of what needs to be addressed by the upcoming legislature.

The good news is that liberals and conservatives, Republicans and Democrats, are in agreement that reform is necessary. We need to give them permission to change policy by substituting "smart justice" for "tuff" justice. God's work does include being responsible citizens. Blessings to you, Your brother in Christ, Ed

## Regional News

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### **Chicago, Illinois**

Concerned about the growing incidents of gun violence the Cook County Sheriff's Office is partnering with Liberty United of New York who turn illegal guns into art and jewelry suitable to wear that raises awareness of the problem of gun violence. Guns and weapons that were formerly court ordered to be destroyed will now be transformed into jewelry with the benefits going to make Chicago and contiguous communities safer. The initial proceeds from this venture will benefit Cook County's Children's Home and with organizations working with youth in Englewood, which provide new opportunities for building into the lives of these children and youth.



## Criminal Fees Place Onerous Burden on the Poor



Increasing fines and fees for criminal defendants place an unequal burden on those without the means to pay, concludes a year-long investigation by NPR. Conducted with assistance from the Brennan Center for Justice and the National Center for State Courts, the report by Joseph Shapiro maps the extensive charges levied throughout and beyond the criminal justice process. "These fees — which can add up to hundreds or even thousands of dollars — get charged at every step of the system, from the courtroom, to jail, to probation," writes Shapiro. "Defendants and offenders pay for their own arrest warrants, their court-ordered drug and alcohol-abuse treatment and to have their DNA samples collected." An accompanying state by state survey (<http://www.npr.org/2014/05/19/312455680/state-by-state-court-fees>) shows constitutionally-required services are no exception, finding that, in "at least 43 states and the District of Columbia, defendants can be billed for a public defender." An editorial in *The New York Times* highlights the report: "Of course, failure to pay is the norm, since 80 percent of those who enter the criminal justice system are eligible for indigent defense. Today, as many as 85 percent of inmates released from prison leave carrying debts from court-imposed costs."

## Michael Cady – An Ex-Offender called to serve as a missionary in Peru

From the Volunteer Services Newsletter, TDCJ

Michael Cady spent 4 years in the Texas Department of Criminal Justice (TDCJ) for aggravated robbery with a deadly weapon. He is a graduate from the InnerChange Freedom Initiative Program (IFI) [http://www.tdcj.state.tx.us/divisions/rpd/rpd\\_inner\\_change.html](http://www.tdcj.state.tx.us/divisions/rpd/rpd_inner_change.html) at the Carol Vance Unit, located in Richmond, Texas and will soon obtain an Associate of Arts in Biblical Studies.

"Since my release, I have had the privilege of serving abroad on short-term missions in Mexico, New Mexico, Peru and South America. I have been called by God to spend 1-2 years in Huanuco, Peru. There, I will be doing physical labor by assisting in the building of a school for children of abusive and difficult backgrounds and doing evangelism and discipleship primarily for the youth and men in the area."



Michael was released to the Calvary Commission in July 2012 and has since completed his third year. "I have devoted my life to pursuing the will of God, wherever He leads me. My hope is that my testimony will compel you to pray for those incarcerated and to inspire people to become involved in advancing the Kingdom of God." Read more about the Calvary Commission After-Prison Initiative. at <http://www.calvarycommission.org/prison/strategicprison.asp>.

**Let us place your RJM events on the Events Calendar! Send information to:**

**[R.J.NEWS@restorativejusticeneeds.net](mailto:R.J.NEWS@restorativejusticeneeds.net)**

**Include the Type of Event, Date(s), Location, Sponsor(s), and Contact information**

# Texas Department of Criminal Justice Resources

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## **Volunteer On-line Retraining Is Now Available for TDCJ Volunteers!**

Texas Department of Criminal Justice (TDCJ) Volunteers are required to retrain every two (2) years. On-line training has been developed to encourage and assist volunteers in meeting this retraining requirement. Please click on the link below to begin your retraining session. Contact Volunteer Services at (936) 437-3026 if you have any questions.

Volunteer Retraining: [https://www.tdcj.state.tx.us/php/volunteer\\_training/](https://www.tdcj.state.tx.us/php/volunteer_training/)

**Am I eligible?** The Volunteer On-line Retraining is not valid for volunteers needing to train for the first time. **Newly approved volunteers are required to attend a training session in-person**. If you have a question about whether you are eligible to take the On-line Retraining contact your unit volunteer coordinator or Volunteer Services.

## **Ensure You Receive TDCJ Unit Lockdown Notifications**

Our hope is to notify all volunteers of this type of information and other unit specific information. In order to ensure you are notified we encourage you to do YOUR PART in assisting us.

Go to the TDCJ Volunteer Services [http://tdcj.state.tx.us/divisions/rpd/rpd\\_volunteer.html](http://tdcj.state.tx.us/divisions/rpd/rpd_volunteer.html) webpage and enter your email in the Email Updates box . This will allow you to access YOUR GovDelivery account. Click on **Subscriber Preferences** and then click on the tab labeled **Questions** answer the various questions such as the region of Texas you reside in and the unit/units you actively volunteer at. From the TDCJ Volunteer Services newsletter September 2014.

## **The Military Veteran Peer Network (MVPN) has partnered with the Texas Department of Criminal Justice (TDCJ)**

in a pilot program to provide incarcerated veterans a meaningful reentry-specific veteran-only dormitory. This dorm includes peer support; both pre- and post- release to enhance reentry and integration. These services are designed to increase reentry readiness by identifying needs to include peer support, family reunification, veteran entitlement and educational or rehabilitative service needs of an incarcerated veteran. Services are developed based on research informed practices designed to meet the needs of today's veterans.

Based at Travis County State Jail, the Veteran Reentry Dorm is designed to prepare military veterans for a successful return to the community following incarceration. It is a twenty-four (24) bed housing unit for incarcerated military veterans in which military peer and veteran-specific reentry programming is provided within ninety (90) to one hundred twenty (120) days pre-release. The program includes topics that encourage personal growth and community readiness which may address familial relationships, traumatic experiences, service related trauma, anger management, stress management, recognition of behavior triggers and development of personal responsibility to increase healthy lifestyle choices upon release. The veteran specific program curriculum includes Seeking Safety, Bringing Everyone In the Zone (BEITZ), Brief Solution Focused Therapy, Narcotics and Alcoholics Anonymous, Tai Chi, and group sessions focused on Home Readiness activities.

The MVPN is an affiliation of service members, veterans and family members dedicated to establishing camaraderie and trust with each other, identifying and vetting community resources for veterans and collectively contributing to the communities where we live. They accomplish this through commitment, training and volunteerism. Through their collaborative efforts, the MVPN is providing the TDCJ the ability to offer unparalleled support and service linkage to our military veterans through the Veteran Reentry Dorm. For information about this program contact Kristi Rushing with the TDCJ Reentry and Integration Division at 936-437-4554.

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**Covenant With Christ International (Aftercare)**, 301 South Fenner St. Cleveland, TX, Covenant Recovery Center is a faith-based residential 18 month program for men and women who struggle with life controlling problems and addictions. For information: Phone 281-592-5001 or email: [info@covenantwithchrist.org](mailto:info@covenantwithchrist.org)

**Camp Good News.** A camp for children aged 10-15 years old of the incarcerated. For information contact Ed Davis, Director, 936-662-3842 and see [website: www.campgoodnews4kids.org](http://www.campgoodnews4kids.org)

## Re-Entry Websites:

Austin <http://www.ronbrigmon.com/>

Beaumont <http://www.cofbcb.org/>

Beaumont <http://dioceseofbmt.org/criminaljustice/index.html>

Corpus Christi New Life Behavior Re-Entry <http://www.nlbm.org/>

Dallas Coalition of Churches in Prison Ministry <http://cocipm.org/>

Dallas Resources <http://helpimhomeless.com/>

Houston <http://www.stjohnspathtofreedom.org/>

Houston Resources: <http://www.homelesshouston.org/>

Midland [www.newdirectionministry.org](http://www.newdirectionministry.org)

Restorative Justice Ministries Network [www.rjmn.net](http://www.rjmn.net) or [www.rjmntexas.net](http://www.rjmntexas.net)

San Antonio <http://www.prisonministrypartners.com/>

San Antonio <http://www.amenprisonministries.net/>

Tarrant County Welcome Back Re-Entry <http://www.welcomebacktarrantcounty.com/> (see article on Page 24 of this issue)

Texas Criminal Justice Coalition <http://www.texascjc.org/>

Texas Inmate Family Association [www.tifa.org](http://www.tifa.org)

Waco <http://mclennancountyreintegration.weebly.com/>

West Central Texas Welcome Back Re-Entry <http://welcomebackwestcentraltexas.org/index.html>

Welcome Back <http://www.thewelcomeback.org/>

Welcome Back Texas <http://www.welcomebacktexas.com/>

**Texas County Resources Database** (<http://countyresources.texascjc.org/>). The Texas Criminal Justice Coalition (TCJC) just completed a comprehensive update to their free database called Texas County Resources Database. This database as a one-stop shop with information about county-level programs and services for adults spanning pretrial through reentry. The Texas County Resources provides information about Community Health Services, County Probation Offices, Education Assistance, Employment Services, Housing Services, Indigent Defense Services, Legal Aid Services, Legal Clinics, Parole Offices, Pretrial Services, Reentry Roundtables, /specialty Courts, Treatment Programs and other (food, clothing, mentoring, life skills, training, counseling, transportation, etc.)

## Resources from the Texas Juvenile Justice Department

Programs offered by county juvenile probation :

<https://www.tjjd.texas.gov/programregistryexternal/members/searchprograms.aspx>

Programs outside of the juvenile justice system: <http://www.rjmntexas.net/youthresources/>

Local juvenile probation departments: <http://www.tjjd.texas.gov/publications/other/searchjuvprobdirectory.aspx>

Fact sheet about juvenile justice by county: <http://countyresources.texascjc.org/publications>

# National RJ Resources

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**Companies That Hire Felons and Ex-Offenders.** <https://exoffenders.net/employment-jobs-for-felons/>  
<http://www.ranker.com/list/list-of-companies-that-hire-felons/business-and-company-info>

**Exemptions from Affordable Care Act:** Individuals incarcerated for 3 months or more are eligible for exemption from Affordable Care Act on their 2014 Tax Return. Below is information regarding exemptions and the web link to obtain the 2014 Exemption filing form. For details: <https://www.healthcare.gov/incarcerated-people/> and <http://www.irs.gov/uac/Questions-and-Answers-on-the-Individual-Shared-Responsibility-Provision> and <https://www.healthcare.gov/fees-exemptions/exemptions-from-the-fee/>

**Federal McKinney-Vento Act Benefits.** Most of the School-Age Children in Offender Families do become eligible for Federal McKinney-Vento Act benefits. These benefits have little meaning if the family does not apply at the time of jail booking, before the offender has the court trial. For information: <http://www.nationalhomeless.org/publications/facts/McKinney.pdf>

**Work Opportunity Tax Credit for Hiring Ex-Offenders.** The Work Opportunity Tax Credit (WOTC) provides federal income tax credits that encourage employers to hire job seekers from defined target groups, many of which have barriers to employment. Small business employers hiring formerly incarcerated individuals are entitled to direct tax credits up to \$2,400. For complete coverage see: <http://www.irs.gov/Businesses/Small-Businesses-&-Self-Employed/Work-Opportunity-Tax-Credit-1>  
The WOTC: For each new ex-felon hired, the credit is 25% of qualified first-year wages for those employed at least 120 hours, or \$1,500; and 40% for those employed 400 hours or more, or \$2,400. For more information: <http://www.doleta.gov/wotc>

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**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 Edenfiel** \$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.  
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**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 \_\_\_\_\_  
An introduction to recovery from addiction

**The Ex-offender's Re-Entry Success Guide - Drs. Ron & Caryl Krannich** \$10.00 \_\_\_\_\_  
Smart choices for making it on the outside for good! Insights, advice, self-tests, examples and exercises.

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## From the Desk of the Director

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This edition of Restorative Justice News is full of information and resources to help restore lives.

We want to thank you for your prayers, support, and the sacrifices made by you and your families to transform lives.

Your prayers and support are especially appreciated this year. We miss the presence and leadership of our founder Emmett Solomon with his passing.

Today, Restorative Justice Ministries Network continues to build on the firm foundation which Emmett and his wife Jan Solomon have built over the past 20 years. We continue to build sustainable ministries and initiate transformational programs to restore individuals and families.

Special thanks goes out to those of you who called to share your grief and make suggestions for memorials to Emmett Solomon and his family.

Presently there are three ways we can honor Emmett and celebrate the witness built during his 58 years of prison ministry.

1. Please continue to keep Restorative Justice Ministries Network in your prayers. We need your prayers, active volunteerism and support.
2. Pray for and participate in the Emmett Scholarship Fund depicted in this edition of Restorative Justice News.
3. Consider being a committee member or supporter to examine the feasibility of building a life changing Chapel at Pam Lychner State Jail. This Chapel will honor Emmett Solomon and his son Matthew Solomon. Matthew Solomon served faithfully as a Corrections Officer at Pam Lychner State Jail prior to his passing.

Thank you again for your prayers and support.

This edition of RJ News is full of information and resources to aid individuals and ministries. It will be posted on our website [www.rjmn.net](http://www.rjmn.net) so you can direct needy individuals to help and encouragement in their time of need.

Strength & Valor through Jesus Christ,  
Bill Kleiber, Executive Director  
Restorative Justice Ministries Network



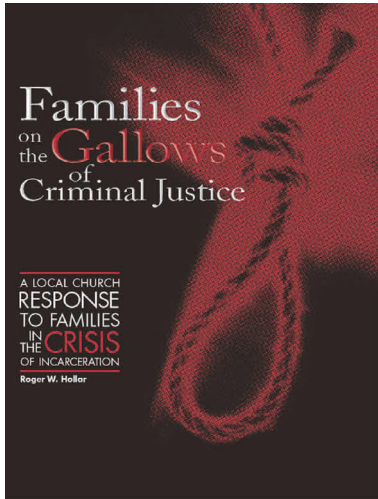
### Chapel of Hope

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Today new missionaries are preparing for a new mission field. Inmates receiving seminary training will be sent out as Field Ministers to other Texas prisons to establish congregations. Chapel of Hope has built 8 Prison Chapels. These Chapel of Hope Prison Chapels provide worship and education space for literally millions of prisoners and tens of thousands of religious volunteers who will use the Chapels in the next one hundred years. Prisons never go out of business and the chapels will be there as long as the prisons are operational. But there are still more than 75 Texas prisons without Chapels today. Please join with Chapel of Hope to build hope in Texas prisons with a goal of building Chapels in every Texas Prison. Contact Pastor Frank Graham (214) 557-9663 [www.chapelofhope.org](http://www.chapelofhope.org).

# Families on the Gallows of Criminal Justice

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## Families on the Gallows of Criminal Justice – A Local Church Response to Families in the Crisis of Incarceration by Roger Hollar

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Mercy Heart Chapel Program – A Model for Ministry to Offenders/Ex-Offenders and Their Family Members

“Families on the Gallows of Criminal Justice” is the story of the birth of Mercy Heart, a ministry to at risk families and children of inmates. Testimonies from former inmates, their spouses, and family members tell of how they have been ministered to in areas of redemption, recovery, and restoration.

The book is divided into two sections:

Part One establishes the crisis families of the incarcerated are facing: including: The loss of income, family and friends, and the emotional and psychological issues they experience. Chapter two describes the birth of the Mercy Heart program and challenges the reader to become involved in a similar outreach ministry in their own church.

Part Two provides a model for starting a Mercy Heart Chapel Program; with action steps for establishing the ministry, enlisting and equipping volunteers, evangelism, and church planting.

On a lighter note Hollar includes some “Texas Wisdom” notes to re-enforce the important principles presented in the text. The photos provided throughout the book add a visual impact imparting an added dimension of vision and challenge. The helpful forms included on an accompanying CD provide tools which add to the value of this manual as a continuing resource for a successful ministry.

“Families on the Gallows of Criminal Justice” is an important manual for every church and faith based ministry reaching out to families in crisis as the result having an incarcerating loved one. Highly recommended.

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>

## Way Past Nickel and diming: How Prisons are unnecessarily burdening families

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The Center for Public Integrity investigated JPay and other profit-sharing prison banking systems and found that families are the most burdened by these arrangements.

The math works out like this: “With a \$120 deposit in Virginia, prisoners will only receive \$44.44 after JPay gets \$51.90 and the prison takes out its share of \$23.66,” explains this Christian Post article.

And it’s worse in Florida. In the “Sunshine State,” after booking fees, subsistence fees, medical co-pays, and transfer fees, \$130 might get whittled down to about six bucks. Depending on the facility, \$6 is just enough for that tube of toothpaste, and maybe a deck of cards.

Another appropriate question may follow: Why are the fees so exorbitant?

Answer: Because they can be.

## From the Inbox

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### **Folding chairs needed for worship services at the Terrell Unit**

Chaplain Tom Brower with the Terrell Unit expressed a need for donations of folding chairs to facilitate larger comfortable worship services at the Terrell Unit. He respectfully request anyone desiring to make a donation of chairs for the Terrell Unit to contact Bill Kleiber at (936) 355-6697 or [kleiber@sbcglobal.net](mailto:kleiber@sbcglobal.net) . RJMN will coordinate donations of chairs or tax free donations of monies towards this endeavor. This includes pick-up and transportation.

### **Alternative Transitional Housing**

RJMN receives phone calls and emails every day from ministers and families seeking housing for individuals who are incarcerated and need a place to live after their release. Please forward contact information and criteria for admission to your aftercare facility to [kleiber@sbcglobal.net](mailto:kleiber@sbcglobal.net). We will list your information on [www.rjmn.net](http://www.rjmn.net) and connect you with incoming phone callers.

### **Welcome Back Ministries needs volunteers to serve one hour per month**

Welcome Back Ministries is seeking volunteers to meet with offenders as a group, prior to their release, to share prayers and provide resources for Re-Entry. Please consider investing one hour per month to minister to individuals being released to neighborhoods near you. Contact Bill Kleiber at (936) 355-6697 or [kleiber@sbcglobal.net](mailto:kleiber@sbcglobal.net).

### **New book: Groundwork: Preparing The Soil For God's Transformation by Scott Larson and Daniel Tocchini**

In the Parable of the Seed, Jesus speaks about how are lives are transformed when seed is planted in fertile soil. But what kind of groundwork best prepares the soil - *the soul* - of someone's life for this kind of service to others? And what does it take to minister true, transformative, lasting change? Authors Scott Larson and Daniel Tocchini reveal powerful rules of thumb that act like a compass in navigating through the transformational process of helping others experience unprecedented change.

Available January 2015. Pre-order today for pre-release price at <https://straightheadministries.secure-storefront.com/s/>

## Ann Edenfield Sweet receives Director's Impact Award

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From the Ohio.gov Department of Rehabilitation and Correction, Friday Facts, November 14,2014

On November 7, 2014, Managing Director Stud Hudson presented a Director's Impact Award to Ann Edenfield Sweet. Ann is the Executive Director of Wings for Life International (WFL), a faith-based organization whose mission includes using volunteers to build transformative relationships in the lives of incarcerated persons and their families. This is accomplished either through holding 'prison parties' inside correctional facilities with offenders and their families spending a day of activities designed to rebuild or redefine family dynamics or by having families participate in a community based WFL group which uses volunteers to offer life skills education. Although WFL is based in Albuquerque, NM, Ann has built such strong connections and is so committed to Ohio that she, along with local volunteers, currently holds prison party events annually in eight Ohio Department of Rehabilitation and Correction facilities and has established a community based WFL in Athens, Ohio.



# Screening of HBO Documentary Film, *Private Violence*

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The Austin/Travis Family Violence Task Force will host a screening of the HBO Documentary Film, *Private Violence* on Sunday, December 7, 2014 at the Stateside Theatre at the Paramount. This event is to commemorate the 25 year anniversary of the Austin/Travis Family Violence Task Force.

*Private Violence* is a feature-length documentary film that explores a simple, but deeply disturbing fact of American life: the most dangerous place for a woman in America is in her own home.

Every day in the U.S., at least four women are murdered by an abusive intimate partner or ex-partner. Society more often than not questions the actions of the abused victim with "Why doesn't she just leave?" *Private Violence* shatters the brutality of this logic in order to change the perceptions of society from "Why doesn't she just leave?" to "Why does he abuse?" "Why do we turn away?" "How do we begin to build a future without domestic violence?"

Kit Gruelle, a survivor of domestic violence and film advisor, will be in attendance at the screening and will lead a discussion following the film. This event will offer the opportunity to ask "What happens when an abused person in my community asks for help?" To obtain a General Admission Ticket or VIP Ticket go to: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/private-violence-a-hbo-documentary-film-tickets-14030249855?ref=estwhhttp://>

Donations will benefit SAFEPLACE of Austin & the Travis County Family Violence Task.

# The WELCOME BACK Program in Tarrant County

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From the TDCJ Volunteer Services Newsletter October 2014

Jerry Cabluck found a new purpose in life serving as a volunteer for the TDCJ Parole Division. Jerry partners with the Restorative Justice Ministry (RJM) of Texas to provide community resources to offenders releasing in the Tarrant County area. The WELCOME BACK/Tarrant County gives the "first cup of water" to the returning citizen. The cup signifies "HOPE"; hope to believe that they can change and that life can be different than before incarceration. The release is directed to employment, education, counseling, food, and clothing. They are given information such as what to expect during their first week after release from prison, managing substance abuse and locating a faith-based community in the Tarrant County area. When Jerry isn't working with offenders, he spends time developing partnerships with the local churches, as well as serving as a board member for the RJM.

WELCOME HOME/Tarrant County helps where the need is greatest:

- Most men and women returning need basic items: food, clothing, and hygiene
- Spiritual direction
- The greatest need for men is getting back to work
- The greatest need for women is family and health
- Many churches and ministries are already helping and serving our returning citizens
- Funding for documents, drivers license, electricians or plumbers license

Jerry Cabluck grew up in the Fort Worth area and was a photographer for 35-years for The Fort Worth Star-Telegram and other national publications, such as the New York Times and Sports Illustrated before becoming a volunteer for the TDCJ Parole Division.

# Texas Inmate Families Association

Their mission is to break the cycle of crime by strengthening families through support, education, and advocacy.

About 200,000 adult men and women are incarcerated at any one time in county jails and state correctional facilities in Texas. The state has the unenviable distinction of having more individuals behind bars than any other state in the country.

Left behind are family members and friends: 55 percent leave behind a spouse, and 85 percent or more leave behind a parent and/or a child. In fact, about 75 percent of male inmates and more than 95 percent of female inmates have a child younger than 18. More than half have a child younger than 10.

What does the Texas Inmate Families Association (TIFA) do?

- TIFA provides support, education, and advocacy for our members through monthly chapter meetings, this website, a quarterly newsletter, and access to the executive director of TIFA. Some of our accomplishments:
- Provide parole workshops that answer questions about parole and how to assemble a parole packet
- Launched new chapters and increased new memberships and renewals
- Purchased holiday cards with inmate-specific greetings for local chapter members to sign and send to their loved ones so they know they are not forgotten during the holidays
- Send Constant Contact email messages to keep members informed about important issues, conditions and changes
- Give children the gift of an incarcerated parent's voice through Storybook Project
- Obtained a promise for visitation-by-appointment from a Texas Department Criminal Justice (TDCJ) Director (Visitation-by-appointment is now available at certain units)
- Distributed free TDCJ approved clear coin purses for member use when visiting loved ones
- Located inmates who have been transferred from county jails to TDCJ for anxious families
- Provided ongoing updates about the Texas Legislature
- All of the above items were provided to members as a part of their memberships in TIFA.

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