

Redeeming Love Prison Ministry



BEHIND THE FENCE



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Pictured: **Oklahoma State Prison**



Jesus Transforms Muslim Prisoners' Lives!

— by SHARLA YODER —

I want to share part of a wonderful experience that we had the last time we ministered at Oklahoma State Penitentiary (OSP) in McAlester, OK. I was with Roy Mowry (one of our awesome RLPM Ambassadors!) as we went cell to cell to minister to (maximum security, H-Unit) prisoners who are locked down 23 hours a day, with one to two men per cell. (Two other of our 2-person teams also ministered on

H-Unit.) Some are on Death Row and many have very long sentences or life sentences.

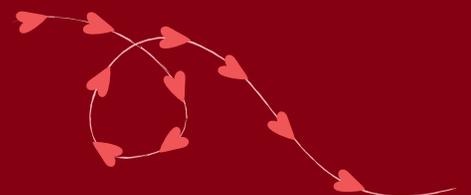
Approximately one-fourth to one-third of them are born again. About half of them appreciate our visit and come to the thick glass window in their cell door to talk with us. Others tell us, "No thanks," are taking a nap, or are watching a ball game on TV. (Continued on page 2...)



*Holiness is not
the way to Christ.*

*Christ is
the way to
holiness.*

—Adrian Rodgers
Pastor and Author



Hell can't be made attractive, so the devil makes attractive the road that leads there.

—Unknown Source

The serpent did not tempt Adam and Eve to steal, kill, or commit adultery; he simply tempted them to question God's word.

—Unknown Source

As we went down the corridor, we noticed two men at their cell door window who were obviously waiting for us. We introduced ourselves and let them know we were glad to see them both eager for our visit.

The first thing one of them said was, "We are Muslims and we want to know more about Jesus!" WOW! What an open door and divine appointment for evangelism! This tells us that someone else had been planting seeds with these men, and we were privileged to reap the harvest! "One plants, another waters, but God gives the increase!" (See 1 Cor. 3:6.)

We explained that Jesus loves all of us and came to save us from our sin nature, which we inherited through Adam (Rom. 5:12), and that Jesus wants to have a close personal relationship with each of us. After His sacrificial death in our place, God raised Him from the dead so that if we believe this truth and repent, He will forgive our sins and adopt us as His own, be with us always, and promises to give us an afterlife with Him in heaven FOREVER!

When asked, both these men said they would like to pray and receive Jesus as their Lord and Savior! As Roy was leading them, the Lord spoke to me (in my heart)

to also lead them in receiving the infilling of the Holy Spirit!

They responded positively and soon were both speaking in tongues! Their countenance became aglow and one of them shed tears as they expressed their deep gratitude. THANK YOU, Partners, for sending us to reap this beautiful harvest!

One other man that Roy and I ministered to that day also received salvation, and six others (who were already saved) also received the infilling of the Holy Spirit! Thank You, LORD! ALL GLORY TO GOD!!

Don't shine so that others can see you. Shine so that through you, others can see Him.



—C.S. Lewis
AUTHOR & THEOLOGIAN

Leadership is not about being the best.

Leadership is about making everyone else better.

—Unknown Source

Christmas Prison Outreach Brings Much Joy!

Around Christmas, many inmates feel lonely, rejected, and depressed. Some have been disowned by families who have turned their backs on them or can't be bothered to communicate with them. They deeply appreciate our ministry and express it often.

This Christmas, I was able to get approval for us to take in Little Debbie's treats and individually-wrapped candies. We also took in larger print NIV New Testament Bibles to Jackie Brannon Correctional Center (JBCC). The men were extremely appreciative to us—and to you! ALL of us were so full of joy as givers and receivers!

So many times I wish I could take photos or videos of things like that. But, of course, we are not

allowed to for security reasons and for the protection of inmates' privacy rights. However, we did get a photo of our team with the trunk of the van loaded with the Christmas treats and Bibles for the inmates. (See below.)

We plan to take in more Christian books ASAP to help disciple the many inmates who are hungry for

further teaching of God's Word! We believe additional Bible study books will soon be printed to give them a great foundational understanding of important Bible truths. Thank you for your giving to support this important project that is impacting many lives for God's glory, Amen!



From left to right: **Kurt Heinlein, Roy Mowry, Sharla Yoder, Jack Goodman, John Helstrom, and Ina Dilldine.** (Not shown: **Gerald Burch & Patrick Moser.**)

February Prayer Meeting & Fellowship Dinner

On **Monday, February 7, at 6 p.m.**, we will have our monthly prayer meeting and a fellowship dinner for all Ambassadors. We meet at Sharla's home located at:

**1213 S. Willow Ave.,
Broken Arrow, OK, 74012.**



Please watch your email soon for more information! **Advance RSVP required.**

It is important to surround yourself with people who see your value and remind you of it.

—Unknown Source



Heart to Heart

— by Sharla Yoder —



It gives me great joy to know that God uses us in unity as ONE to accomplish HIS plans and purposes for this ministry. I've often said that TOGETHER, we can accomplish so much more for HIS glory! As you give to this ministry, you are very much a part of the fruit we harvest and the rewards received for both of us!

This life is so very short compared to eternity and seems to be going by quickly. I want the decisions I make, in every area, to be ones according to God's will; then I will know that I'll never regret them. We can totally trust God and His Word to lead us to make these right choices when our will is in submission to His perfect will, and we take the time to be still and hear from

HIM. Thank you for giving to this ministry and trusting us to be good stewards and to do all that our LORD has called and is directing us to do.

We ALL want to hear those important words from HIM someday, "Well done, [my] good and faithful servant; you have been faithful over a few things, I will make you ruler over many things. Enter into the joy of your Lord" (Matt. 25:21–24 NKJV).

Our goal is to see more inmates than ever before receive salvation, restoration, the infilling of the Holy Spirit, healing, and deliverance. God loves prisoners! Thank you for your agreement!

We look forward to hearing from you soon!

More Love, Prayers, and Blessings!,

Rev. Sharla Yoder,

Director, RLPM (Since 1992)

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