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My Lord is My Shepherd, Now!

— INMATE TESTIMONY —

I knew that I was going down the wrong path. I was with the wrong people, at the wrong times, and at the wrong places.

My plate was so full, and I was stressed out. I was also just so tired of everything! Looking back, I realize that I made the choice to give in to the devil. Looking back, I also can see that the Lord was with me in the county jail, preparing my heart for needed changes.

When I came to prison, I attended Redeeming Love Prison Ministry's chapel outreaches. It was there that I responded to an invitation to receive Jesus as my Lord and Savior. As I began to grow, I asked Him to take the wheel of my life, and He did.



Aarorn Williams
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He began answering my prayers to take care of my children, my family, and He watches over me here in prison. I now live by faith and not by sight.

His Word is my life and light. Psalms 23:4 (ESV) says, "**Even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil, for [the Lord] is with**

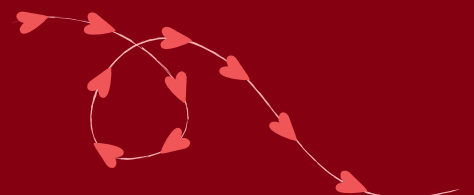


Faith tells me no matter what lies ahead of me,

**God is
already
there!**

—TobyMac

Christian Recording Artist
SPEAK LIFE



me”—always! Amen. My Lord is truly my Shepherd, now!

I want to sincerely thank you, RLPM ladies, for coming into this prison and teaching us and praying with us and for us.

You point us to Jesus to help us go through all that we go through.

You show us and teach us that God's Word has all of our answers. I am also very thankful for the people who support this prison ministry. You all help show

us a new and greater life than we ever before thought possible!

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Pen Pal Ministry Impacts Lives!



Our new pen pal ministry is growing, not only among inmates, but with our volunteer pen pal ministers! We have a waiting list of ministers now waiting for more inmate pen pals to minister to. *I have very recently received approval from two more prison chaplains to allow us to implement our pen pal ministry at their prison facilities—Praise God!*

I just received two inmate requests from one of the new additional men's prisons. We appreciate your prayers of agreement for God's favor upon this endeavor and His wisdom for me to coordinate this as it continues to grow!

It is our purpose to provide individual communication of God's love, encouragement,

teaching of applicable scriptures, and prayer support. I want to share with you some excerpts from a few letters to let you see the impact this is making on both the inmates as well as our ministers.

Nadine Reeves shares some excerpts from letters from Jessica:

"I am not only here for breaking the law, but I believe I am going to get a chance to get it right." When faced with a decision to take a very tough program with strict rules and lots of them, and learning new social skills, I said, *"Okay, God, I will stop running away and do the program."*

In her next letter, she shared that she was meditating on

Psalm 1:1–3 (NCV): *"Happy are those who don't listen to the wicked, who don't go where sinners go, who don't do what evil people do. They love the Lord's teachings, and they think about those teachings day and night. They are strong, like a tree planted by a river. The tree produces fruit in season, and its leaves don't die. Everything they do will succeed."*

I think that is so beautiful. God has planted a seed of love in my heart now, and I just can't wait for it to grow and be strong, so I will know God stronger. And I also pray about everything!"

She thanked me for writing to her in the first line of her letter and again at the end of the letter.

Here are some excerpts from
Jamie's letters:

"Thank you for being a volunteer for Redeeming Love Prison Ministry. Your card was like a breath of fresh air and it could not have come at a better time in my life!"

"I have attended Redeeming Love's chapel outreach services before and thoroughly enjoyed them. I miss the fellowship desperately. Covid has caused all of us to change our way of life."

"This is my first experience at having a pen pal. I have been praying for God to help me find someone to communicate with, so I could understand and flourish more in His Word."

"Thank you for writing to me...it is such a blessing. I will be praying for you and your loved ones."

Nadine writes:

"My heart was touched that these ladies shared with me their experiences with the Lord... it was very special.

They also seemed so happy to get Christmas cards from me. I feel because God has given me so much love and blessings and stood with me through many hard times, it is my pleasure to share the love of God with them!

We take so much for granted in life and those who are confined to prison deserve to be encouraged. As we give out of a heart of God's love, He gives us even MORE love and blessings back!"

Thanks,
Nadine Reeves
RLPM - Pen Pal Minister



**Nadine Reeves,
RLPM**

Note: We expect to need more Pen Pal Ministers (both men and women) soon as we receive more requests from more inmates.

Please contact me at syoder5@cox.net for more information and to sign up to be a part of this vital ministry outreach.

Thank you!
—Sharla



February Fellowship Dinner & Prayer Meeting!

We look forward to coming together for another wonderful evening of prayer and a fellowship dinner, and we hope many of you can join us! It is so vital that we pray together in unity in these challenging times!

After dinner, we start with praise and worship, and then pray for our country, our governments, for

Israel, our prison ministry, and individual requests. We also receive communion and an offering for RLPM. We will meet:

Monday, Feb. 1, 2021, at 6 PM

Redeeming Love Prison Ministries
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This month, I will be serving White Chicken Chili and we will have a tossed salad, fruit salad, dessert, and beverages.

Please RSVP as soon as possible so we know how many to plan on for food and to set up for. (syoder5@cox.net.) Please watch your e-mail for reminder and details. **Thank you!**



Heart to Heart

— by Sharla Yoder —



Thank you so much for reading and responding to this newsletter. We are exceedingly determined, by God's will and grace, not to allow the enemy of covid to defeat this vital ministry to prisoners!

Jesus has defeated our enemy at the cross, and we enforce his defeat as we press on to do our Father's will, Amen! We continue to send materials to prison chaplains and to inmates who request them (including books, Bible studies, Christian movies, DVDs, etc.).

I am excited about the growth of our Pen Pal Ministry and the impact it is having!

God is using it for His glory to help evangelize, disciple, encourage, and offer prayer support individually to many prisoners, praise God! I refuse to limit God in how much and how far-reaching this

ministry grows. I simply want to be a vessel He can use to spiritually impact as many prisoners' lives as He allows us to!

Our ministry income has changed with covid, and we've experienced a decrease in revenue, but our expenses have changed very little. So, if you are not currently supporting us financially on a monthly basis, we ask you to prayerfully consider it now. The fruit we harvest becomes your fruit as well! The eternal investment and rewards are beyond compare, and God also promises to increase your blessings as you sow a harvest in this life, Amen!

We are so very grateful to our faithful partners who make this ministry possible, and we cannot thank you enough for your generous, life-changing support. May God continually bless you

every day in every way! We look forward to hearing from you soon!

In God's Love, Joy, and Peace,

Rev. Sharla Yoder,

Director, Redeeming Love

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