



# BEHIND THE FENCE



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29 Years of Full-Time Prison Ministry • 8 Correctional Facilities (2 Pending) • 37 Volunteers

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## 29<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Event

### Photo Highlights

Our 29<sup>th</sup> Annual Fundraiser Dinner/Program was recently held at *The Bridge Church* in Bixby, with 62 Guests attending. It was a joyful evening with music, delicious catered food, former inmate testimony, anointed guest speakers, and more.

*Here are some photo highlights of our delightful evening:*



Assoc. Pastor Scott Baker opened the event. Sharla started with welcoming all, leading prayer, and introducing humorous jokes!



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Welcome to RLPM  
29<sup>th</sup> Anniversary  
Fundraising & Fellowship Evening!  
"I was in prison and this was my first Christmas to Me."



Guests enjoy a delicious catered dinner & Fellowship with like-minded Believers! Sharla warmly introduces **Kami Rush**, former inmate, now Ambassador with RLPM!

## Ambassador's Prayer Meeting & Christmas Party



RLPM will have our monthly prayer meeting starting at 7 p.m. followed by a Christmas party on Monday, December 6<sup>th</sup> at Sharla's home. (This includes new applicants as well as partners / Ambassadors/volunteers). We will have Christmas carols, prayer, communion, and a ministry offering. Please bring a Christmas party dish to share. RSVP at syoder5@cox.net or 918-252-2772. Watch your email for more details.



**Kami Rush** shares her powerful testimony of several incarcerations and how God dramatically transformed her life! She passionately desires to go back and minister to inmates and is now certified, badged, and trained by DOC to go with us to minister at two women's prisons, praise God!



Sharla introduces **Connie Witter**, head of ***Because of Jesus Ministries, International***. They have gone and will continue to go with RLPM in joint ministry at two women's prisons events, once or twice per year!



*\*A very special thanks to Don Hoglid for his excellent photography!*





**MaryAnn Hoglid**, associate leader of **WOMEN OF COMMUNITY MINISTRIES**, a ministry dedicated to champion Christian leaders globally, took the director, **Cecilie Croissant's**, place in explaining that their ministry will hook up with RLPM and our Christian Women's Mentoring Ministry at MBCC prison in McCloud, OK. Soon we'll be able to enable more inmates on the waiting list to be mentored, praise God—another win-win project! The book Cecilie has written, *Enjoying the Journey of Transformation*, will be used as our curriculum.

**Pastor Dixie Pebworth** pastors the 600-member church *God's Shining Light*, near 11th and Garnett Rd., Tulsa, and is director of *Wings of Freedom*, one of America's most successful sober-living faith-based substance abuse recovery support programs. We minister to and refer many prisoners to Dixie's church and programs for housing, jobs, and Christian Recovery Support Program with accountability! We soon will be exploring more ways to connect our ministries. He had some wonderful comments about RLPM and challenging facts to report as he spoke. We believe our connection in ministry will manifest more fruit that remains for God's glory! (John 15:16.)



**Sharla** welcomes **Chaplain Smiley Elmore**, chaplain of Tulsa County Jail, to share. (As a former **POWER TEAM** member, he amazed us with tearing apart a thick phone book!)

**Chaplain Smiley** shares RLPM's effectiveness at the jail and the importance of partnering with this ministry.





# Christmas Heart to Heart

— by Sharla Yoder —



We are so thankful for the success of our annual special dinner event on November 12 at The Bridge Church, Bixby, OK. I've been very blessed by the feedback. **I give God ALL of the glory for the success of this event and want to thank everyone who helped in many ways and those who helped provide the needed resources.** Here is one comment emailed to me from Nancy Kanafani:

*Hi Sharla! I just wanted to say how wonderful your banquet was last night! Each year I've gone has seemed like the best so far, and this year was no exception! I know it was a lot of work for you, but you did a fabulous job with it all!*

*Two of my friends I invited told me how much they enjoyed it as well and thanked me for inviting them. And*

*each of your speakers was great! Kami did an awesome job and Pastor Dixie did too, and Smiley was fantastic! And Mary Ann and Connie were great too!*

*Thank you for all your effort/hard work in the preparation and the emceeing! The whole evening was wonderful!*

*Love, Nancy*

Although several people were unable to attend, we're still receiving offerings for RLPM's continuation and expansion as well as the third printing of Andrew Wommack's Bible study books and my book **God's Grace Liberates!**

Our ministry together as partners is helping to fulfill God's heart for the gospel to be preached and disciples made in the prisons and jails (as well

as everywhere else). Christmas is about giving--the way God gave His Son is our example of giving to others. Your prayers and giving to RLPM is a great way of following His example. Thank you for also considering an extra year-end donation to this ministry.

We hope you and your family enjoy the most blessed Christmas season yet!

We look forward to hearing from you soon!

More Love, Joy, & Peace in JESUS!

**Rev. Sharla Yoder,**  
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