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BEHIND THE FENCE



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— INMATE TESTIMONY

I Lost Everything, But Now I'm a Millionaire in God's Love!

For forty-one years, I was a builder of high-rise buildings, up to 65 floors. For over thirty of those years, I was a superintendent/partner, traveling across the U.S. I started drinking heavier after my partner died in my arms, after a construction form fell on him. A few years later, I hired a young college student for the summer. Another fatal accident happened when he fell 23 feet to his death! You can't imagine how I felt when trying to explain to his parents what had happened. We then moved from Florida back to Oklahoma.

Within a few years I became a "functioning total drunk." My wife of forty-one years divorced me and took everything we had, including a brand-new house. After my last DUI arrest, I was sent here to Jackie Brannon Correctional Center in McAlester, Oklahoma.

The prison chapel is where I met the awesome people with Redeeming Love Prison Ministry. At age 65, I came back to my relationship with God through my



Herman Greenfeather,
#840629

Savior, Jesus Christ. He also completely delivered me from alcohol and drugs, praise God! I know now that if He can transform the man I had become, He

can do anything for anyone who will believe His Word! Although I have nothing to show for my working years and accomplishments, I am a millionaire in the love and peace only God could give me. HE is now my provider, and I am truly blessed!

I pray for Redeeming Love Prison Ministry—that they will be blessed, protected, and provided for as they travel to several other prisons to minister to many prisoners in need of Jesus and to be disciplined.

Thank you.

Herman Greenfeather #840629
JBCC, U-B, McAlester, OK

RLPM Anniversary Special Dinner Event

All volunteers, partners, and their guests are invited to our 33rd Anniversary Dinner Event! It will be held at **The Bridge Church in Bixby, Oklahoma on Friday, October 11, from 5:30–8:30 p.m.** We will have a Silent Auction fundraiser, a catered buffet dinner, music, fellowship, a powerful former inmate testimony, and offering. (More detailed information will follow.)

Reservations are required between September 2 and October 5. Tickets are \$15 per person.

Volunteers are needed to help in one or more areas: Silent Auction, table set up, serving, clean up. Please contact Sharla after September 2 for more information and to volunteer.

Ambassadors August Priority Prayer Meeting / Fellowship

MONDAY, August 5, will be our monthly Prayer Meeting/Fellowship, from 7–8:30 p.m. We will serve CANTALOUPE, COOKIES & BEVERAGES afterwards.

Reservations are required and appreciated BY Friday, August 2. (TEXT: Sharla at: 918.855.9965.) Prayer is the backbone of RLPM. Please join us!

“Every time I thought I was being rejected from something good, I now realize that I was being re-directed to something better”

—Steve Maraboli
(Awaken to Your Calling, Motivational Video)

Sometimes God puts you in places alone, because He needs you to realize you do not need anybody but HIM!

—Unknown

Sharla's Health Update

By the time you receive this, I will have had a consultation with my new cardiologist to have an artery repair, collapsed stent replaced and other heart issues resolved. I so appreciate your prayers for total healing & restoration!

The Zeal of God!

Note: Soon after I was ordained (by Pastor Bob Yandian, well-known Bible teacher/former pastor) and preparing to start Redeeming Love Prison Ministry, the Lord inspired me to write this poem. I believe the words are even more significant today, 33 years later, as our Lord's soon return approaches.

Before you read it, let me first define the word zeal, as it applies to this poem. The "zeal of God" is an eager and intense interest in pursuing GOD! It is important that we, as Christians, not only have a zeal FOR God, but for the things OF God. To be zealous is to have passion in our heart to do God's will and to advance His Kingdom and glory! It is His love and compassion in us for others, which comes from knowing God, His Word, and abiding in His presence! It is joyfully given to help us reach and fulfill our individual God given destiny!

The Zeal of God!

— by Sharla Yoder (4/17/91) —

The zeal of God, dear friend,
Belongs in your heart
To energize your whole being
And consume every part.

If your effect as a Christian
Has lately been lost,
Return to God and be wise
Repent at all cost!

In cool or lukewarmness
He will never have pleasure,
So, receive from His Spirit
Fervent zeal without measure!

Let your heart be ignited
With Holy Ghost fire,
God's will for your life
In you, His desire!

Be zealous right now
Before it's too late.
Others won't go to hell,
But they'll enter heaven's gate!

God's love and compassion is key
To His power and great victory.
With a heart so full of His fiery zeal,
Demons from hell can't ever repeal.

Precious lives will be changed~
To God be ALL glory!
In heaven, we'll rejoice, His
Redeeming love, our great story.

The last revival is surely upon us.
Is Jesus still truly your Lord?
Receive now His flaming zeal
And then many crowns of reward!

Heart to Heart

— by Sharla Yoder —

Thank you so much for reading and responding to this newsletter! The greatest need Redeeming Love Prison Ministry has is for new partners (individuals, businesses & churches) and the continued FAITHFUL support of our current partners. In Luke 10:2, Jesus said, **"The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few. Pray the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into His harvest."**

We thank you so much for your support of this growing full-time ministry in the ten team outreaches we conduct monthly as well as other prison ministry endeavors. God continues to impact many inmates and their families lives as we give GOD ALL the glory! We praise Him as He blesses our wonderful partners who labor to send us—THANK YOU!

We look forward to hearing from you soon!

More Love and Shalom,



Rev. Sharla Yoder, Director
Redeeming Love Prison Ministry, Inc.

Prison Ministry Monthly Itinerary

These are the times and locations of our 10 monthly team outreaches at 6 correctional facilities:

1st Monday — Ambassadors Prayer Meeting & Fellowship, 7 pm. *(Note: if we have a dinner, it will be at 6 pm); 1213 S. Willow Ave., Broken Arrow. Parking is across the street in school lot. (RSVP required.)*

1st Thursday — JLCC Prison, Boley, OK. 6:45—8 pm. Men's Team Chapel Service. Meet at 4:30 pm.

2nd Wednesday — OSP, McAlester, OK, Kurt Heinlein, cell-to-cell distribution of Bibles, (& more).

2nd Saturday — Women's Team, Tulsa County Jail. 2—3:30 pm; meet at jail at 1:30 pm. Team Chapel Service.

2nd Sunday — Men's Jail Service, Tulsa County Jail, Meet at 1:30, Service at 2-3:30 pm.

3rd Monday — MBCC Ladies Mentoring, Women's Prison, McCloud, OK. 5:30—7:15 pm. Meet at 3 pm.

3rd Saturday — EWCC Prison, Taft, OK. 6:40—8:10 pm. Women's Team Chapel Service. Meet at 4:30 pm.

3rd Sunday — OSP Men's Maximum Security Prison, Cell-to-Cell Ministry; 2—3:30 pm; McAlester, OK. Meet at Noon. *(Team lunch between prisons, 3:45 pm.)*

3rd Sunday — JBCC Men's Prison, team chapel service, 5:45—7:15 pm, McAlester, OK. Meet at Noon.

4th Wednesday — OSP, McAlester, OK, Kurt Heinlein, chaplain assistance, cell to cell distribution of Bibles and Christian literature, and inmate prayer as requested

4th Friday — MBCC Women's Prison, McCloud, OK, Women's team chapel service, 5:15-7:15 pm. Meet at 2:45 pm.

4th Saturday — Women's Team Chapel Service, Tulsa County Jail, Service 2-3:30 pm. Meet at Jail at 1:30 pm.

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***** CHANGE IN MONTHLY PARTNER RECEIPTS MAILED *****

We want to let you know that as of July 1, 2024, we will no longer be mailing monthly partner receipts. We will, of course, continue to mail year-end receipts. This will cut our expenses for envelopes, postage, time, etc. (I will miss not writing little notes of appreciation and encouragement to you on the back of the envelopes!) If you have a need for a monthly receipt to be emailed to you, please let us know. Thanks!

POWERFUL INMATE TESTIMONY!
Important Announcements & Updates
AMBASSADORS PRIORITY PRAYER MEETING:
Monday, August 5th, 7-8:30pm, Please RSVP Now!
(SEE DETAILS INSIDE)

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