

BEHIND THE FENCE

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HAPPY EASTER*



Sharla Yoder, Director

24 Years of Full-Time Prison Ministry * 50 Ambassadors * 12 Correctional Facilities

MAILBOX TESTIMONY

Dear Ms. Yoder,

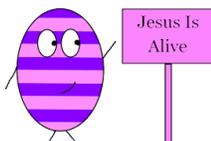
God is so good! Your book that I read, God's Grace Liberates, is so awesome! From the first chapter it so touched my heart. When you wrote about Marvin, the inmate on death-row for murder one, who didn't think God could love and forgive him, I could relate. Tears filled my eyes when you shared that what Jesus did at the cross was so much more powerful than what Marvin did... WOW, SUCH AMAZING GRACE! I will be released in 5 months. The Lord seems to be leading me to go to Rhema Bible College. I have a strong desire to help the "throwaways," the unwanted and the down-and-out people that society ignores. God's grace is so much for them, too! My faith is growing, but I admit that as a 39-year-old felon, I don't know how in the world God is going to make these plans happen. But I do know nothing is impossible with Him! I want more than anything for God's will to be done in my life! Please pray for my eyes, ears, mind, and heart to see and hear the Holy Spirit every step of my journey. I will also be praying for you and your ministry. Thank you so much for caring like you do!



Freddie Gasdkey, #602016
James Crabtree Correctional
Center, Helen, OK

Respectfully,

Freddie Gasdkey #602016
Cimarron Correctional Facility
Cushing, OK



INMATE TESTIMONY

"GOD'S LIGHT AND LOVE SHINES THROUGH RLPM!"

My name is Shelly Mann, I am 26, was raised in Ada, OK, and have a 5-year-old son, Carter. I have a 20-year prison sentence. I was raised with values and morals in a Pentecostal church, and was blessed with an amazing family. I started drinking at age 15, hanging with kids older than I was. I got a DUI at age 16. I got involved with drugs, which landed me in jail with two felonies at 19 for selling drugs. My family helped me every way they could, but I hurt them by taking advantage of them. I got pregnant and had an abortion at 4 months. It hurt my family and me, deep down. I tried to straighten my life out, but I was so far from God and did not yet understand His great love for people like me. I got pregnant again and had my wonderful son, Carter.

After rehab, I had my own apartment, good job, and car, but after 2 years, I lost it *all* because of more drugs and alcohol. I went out of control this time. I stole a truck, got busted again for selling drugs, grand larceny, and possession of fire arms, which landed me at Eddie Warrior Women's Prison with a 20-year sentence. I truly believe that if I had been out in the world *one* more day, I would have died of an overdose.

On a Saturday eve at EWCC, I decided to go to chapel service when Redeeming Love Prison Ministry was ministering. It's crazy how God shines the brightest in the darkest places! They talked about how God forgave the worst women sinners in the Bible, and how much He loves us today. I recommitted my

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life to Christ and was delivered from drugs, alcohol, and was set free from my past. I felt the power of God flow through me when these ladies laid hands on me and prayed in tongues! They are great women and true followers of Christ. They all have a heart of gold, and God's light and love shines through them. I know the next several years spent in prison are going to be spent praising God! RLPM is a gift from God and always gives hope and encouragement from the Lord to us. I plan to always attend their services. I can't wait to see them again!



Shelby D. Mann,
#738187
EWCC, Taft, OK

Thank you,
Shelby

**CHRISTIAN POETRY BOOKS
DONATED TO PRISONERS**

We are very thankful to Linda Harder for donating 2 cases of her books for inmates who appreciate Christian poetry. Here is one of her Easter poems you will really enjoy!

JESUS, OUR VINE

by Linda Harder

*Love was poured out on the
cross that day;
Why He would die for me—
I couldn't say
When they pierced His side, it
was His blood that He shed
The heart of His life,
flowing in red.*



*He left something to me that I might partake,
"This do in my name that I may remake
Your innermost self to be sparkling clean,
Drink of this cup, the fruit of the vine,
Now you have tasted the best gift, the very best wine.*

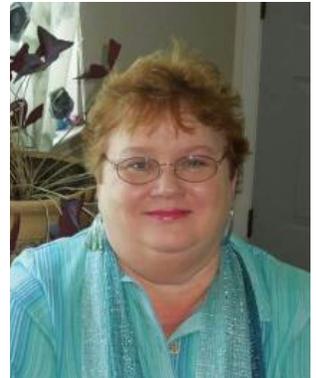
*Now as you have received, freely give—
Will your life not be poured out, sparkling and red?
To bind up men's wounds unto mankind I send;
"No greater love has any man than this,
That he would lay down his life for his friend!"*

**RLPM 11-YEAR FRUITFUL
PEN PAL MINISTRY!**

by Nadine Moore

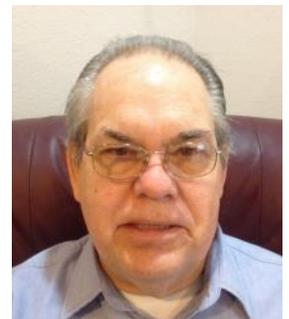
HELLO there! I wanted to let you know how thankful I am that I met Sharla and joined Redeeming Love Prison Ministry in 2001! I was amazed at the heart of love that Sharla had for everyone. Bringing hope to a very dark place was so needed! I began to write to prisoners who requested a Christian pen pal. Knowing how much an encouraging word can mean to a person, what I try to do is share the Word of God and encouragement. I also try to remember birthdays and holidays with a card and special note. I have received responses that this was the first time in a long time someone has remembered them. Since I began 11 years ago, I have had anywhere from 3 to 9 pen pals at a time, some short term, and others much longer, just as needed. At present I have 5 pen pals and one I have been writing to for 5 years.

There are some very talented people in prison and they have a lot to share! When my brother passed away, a lady made the most beautiful card for me and put the kindest words inside. Please remember to pray for your brothers and sisters in the Lord who are in prison.



**NEW MINISTRY DOOR
OPENS FOR RLPM!**

We are thankful to our Lord for the new door of ministry recently opened to us at 12 & 12 Rehabilitation Center. Many of the residents are former prisoners. Tom Cabell ministers there every Sunday morning! (He and his wife attend church on Saturday evenings.) We expect this ministry to grow quickly and welcome more ambassadors to join Tom.



Tom Cabell
RLPM Board Member

HEART TO HEART

by Dr. Michael Shanahan

Note: *Dr. Michael Shanahan wrote this article. He is both an RLPM board member, ambassador, and faithful partner. I believe that you will enjoy what he has to share!*

Why I Am a Partner

When Paul wrote to his friends in Philippi, he identified them as saints, participants in the gospel and partakers of grace. *Saints*, of course, means those who are set apart for a reason. *Participants* and *partakers* have the meaning of sharing with each other in a particular interest. The body of Christ is a partnership. I am a member of the body of Christ. I participate. I share with the members of this body. I am a partner.

The purpose of any body is to share the strengths of the members with each other to maintain and increase the strengths of the body. This is true in business, sports, neighborhoods, and families. It is true in government, clubs, gangs, teams, military and church. It is especially true when covenant is enacted.

God made covenant with man, and He promised to be THE PROVIDER. He made this covenant through Jesus, and Jesus is the mediator of this covenant to us. This means that He includes us in all the benefits of the covenant. This is how we became members of the body of Christ.

Members have a responsibility to each other. Every member has a part, but some members are better equipped, stronger, more able, etc. at any given time than some others. At these times and circumstances those members who are able provide support for those who are not. The older, mature members of a family support the younger members until they grow and learn to participate.

In this ministry to those who are incarcerated, the part of the body who is able provides support to those who are presently unable.

Jesus clearly is pleased when I visit those in prison. (Matthew 25:34–36.) We are clearly instructed to remember those who are in bonds or who are prisoners. It is a responsibility of partners. (Hebrews 13:3.)

Redeeming Love Prison Ministry has been providing teaching, materials, fellowship, training, personal ministry, love and encouragement to incarcerated men and women in many prisons, jails and other correctional facilities for 25 years. This faithful ministry is made available because of partners.

I am a partner because I asked God where I could be effectively involved and He introduced me to Sharla Yoder and this ministry. My part is to provide financial support to enable teams to travel, provide materials, pay administrative expenses and to support Sharla as she works full time to facilitate ministry to people who have little or no resources to contribute.

It is the right thing to do. It pleases God. We are family!

Michael Shanahan

I hope you enjoyed this, and we look forward to hearing from you soon!



MONTHLY MINISTRY SCHEDULE

1st MONDAY — Monthly Priority Prayer Meeting and Fellowship, 7-9 PM, 1213 S. Willow Ave., Broken Arrow. 918-252-2772.

3rd MONDAY — Mentoring — MBCC Women's Prison, McLoud, OK. Meet 2:45 PM.

Every TUESDAY — "Homes of Honor" (Christian Family Relationships), JDCC Men's Prison, Taft, OK 3-5 PM. Leaders, Bill and Judy Hulett.

1st, 3rd, (& if 5th) WEDNESDAY — Tulsa County Jail — 12 pods, team outreaches plus Chapel Service (2 pods), 6:30-8:20 PM (B.A. group meets 5:45 PM) Coordinator, Ina Dilldine.

2nd WEDNESDAY — Cimarron Correctional Center, Cushing, OK — Teaching/Ministry, Tom Cabell, and Roy Mowry, Michael Shanahan, Leader, 6:30-8 PM.

3rd WEDNESDAY — OSP Men's Maximum Prison — Cell to Cell ministry, 9 AM – 3 PM, McAlester, OK, Dr. David Cavallaro, Leader.

4th WEDNESDAY — Creek County Jail, Sapulpa, OK, meet 6:45 PM, Coordinator Mickie Brooks.

4th FRIDAY — MBCC Women's Prison, McLoud, OK, Team Outreach/GYM. Meet in B.A. at 2:45 PM. Others meet at Prison at 4:45 PM.

3rd SATURDAY — EWCC Women's Prison — Taft, OK, 7:45-9:10 pm. Meet in B.A. at 5:30 PM or at the Prison at 7 PM.

EVERY SUNDAY — 10:30 A.M., 12 & 12 Rehabilitation Center Worship Service, Tulsa, OK..

3rd SUNDAY — JBCC Men's Prison, McAlester, OK; meet in B.A. at 3:20 PM, Evangelistic Team Outreach/Worship Service/Chapel, 5:30-7 PM.

RLPM-OKC Ambassadors also minister at Lexington, Cleveland County Jail, and 12 & 12 Rehabilitation Center, Tulsa.

TULSA JAIL NOTE: Sharla does inmate clergy visits at the Tulsa County Jail when referred by an inmate's family member or friend.



LOOK INSIDE!

12 Correctional Facilities Served by RLPM

- Cimarron Correctional Facility Men's Prison, Cushing, OK
- Creek County Jail, Sapulpa, OK
- David L. Moss Correctional Center /Tulsa Jail, Tulsa, OK
- Eddie Warrior Correction Center Women's Prison, Taft, OK
- Federal Transfer Center, OKC, OK
- Jackie Brannon Men's Prison, McAlester, OK
- Jess Dunn Correctional Center Men's Prison, Taft, OK
- Juvenile Crisis Center, OKC, OK
- Lexington Assessment and Reception Center, Lexington, OK
- Mabel Bassett Women's Prison, McLoud, OK
- 12 & 12 Rehabilitation Center, Tulsa, OK
- Oklahoma State Penitentiary, McAlester, OK

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PRAYER MEETING 3, 7 PM
MONDAY, APRIL 3, 7 PM

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TESTIMONIES!

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