

# BEHIND THE FENCE

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**HAPPY NEW YEAR**



Sharla Yoder, Director

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

## FORMER INMATE TESTIMONY AT 25TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION BANQUET

Hello, I am honored to be here tonight to glorify Jesus and His finished work on the cross that set me free from a life of sin and death! In 2002, my son, Justus, went home to be with the Lord. From the age of 17 to 32, I had been a crack addict. Because of wrong teaching, I felt I had no right to ask God for help. I felt He had rejected me, and I could never be good enough to please Him. Today, I know that I can run boldly to His throne of grace, and not a throne of judgment...all because of Jesus' blood. Although men look at the outward appearance, God assured me that He saw my heart, according to 1 Samuel 16:7. I was found **not guilty** of first degree murder and was sent to prison at Mable Bassett on a second degree murder charge with a 25 year sentence. It was an amazing time spent with the Lord, who turned my captivity as I held on to His Word. My charge was overturned to child neglect and my sentence reduced to 15 years!

I thank God for Redeeming Love Prison Ministry. Their mentoring program deeply impacted my life. I came to prison broken, depressed, hopeless, and confused. How I thank God for Mrs. Dorothy Coleman, who spent many hours teaching, discipling, and mentoring me. She represented Jesus to me, as she taught me the truth my heart was desperate for. She gave me a book, written by Sharla Yoder, titled *God's Grace*

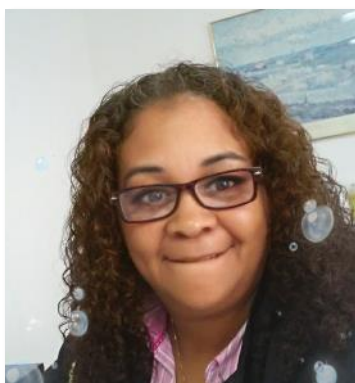
*Liberates!* I learned how to be free from guilt and condemnation, what it means to be the righteousness of God, and my true identity in Jesus! I highly recommend this book to anyone, especially those who are incarcerated.

I have now been out of prison over 2 years, and God has not failed me once!

He restored my soul back to Him according to Psalm 23:3. He restored my children and family back to me. He provided the car that I had wanted—without any credit! My family now worships together at Cornerstone Church in Midwest City, OK. I have a career as a property manager over some very nice office buildings. This is all only by God's grace and favor, and not by any good works of mine. I have applied and been accepted as an Ambassador with Redeeming Love Prison Ministry. God has put His desire in my heart to go back into the prisons and share His love and grace with them, and let them know how much He loves them, is not mad at them, and wants them to come home to Him!

My name is Carla, and I am a daughter of the Most High God, Amen!

*(Note: Carla received a standing ovation at our banquet after her powerful testimony!)*



Carla Quillen, Midwest City, OK  
Former Inmate, EWCC

# 25TH ANNIVERSARY HIGHLIGHTS

by Angie Davis

RLPM's 25th Anniversary Banquet was a wonderful event. We celebrated Sharla's amazing prison ministry. We had an overflow crowd and a delicious Mexican meal. Two former inmates shared their awe-some testimonies of being impacted by the ministry of RLPM while they were incarcerated. They wowed us with their commitment to the Lord and desire to be used in ministry to other inmates. Sharla's pastor, Orlando Juarez, lead pastor of The Bridge church in Bixby, OK, led us in worship and brought a powerful message from the book of Philemon about Onesimus.

The part of the evening that I enjoyed most was when Sharla shared how she was called into prison ministry. She told of things that the Lord did in her life, even going back to her childhood. It is so wonderful to see how the Lord directed her steps through the years so that she could fulfill His plan for her life. And now, look what the Lord has done! About 50 ambassadors presently join her in taking the life-changing message of God's amazing grace to 12 correctional centers in this state. To God be all the glory for the thousands of prisoners' lives that have been changed forever because Sharla obeyed the leading of the Spirit of God, partners of RLPM obey the Lord by faithfully supporting the ministry, and we ambassadors have the great privilege of taking Jesus to prisoners who are so very precious in God's sight.

Thanks to Roy Mowry and Steve Woodrow for the photography.



*Sharla honors Angie Davis as Ambassador of the Year with a framed certificate and flowers!*



*Tom & Vickie Cabell, RLPM Board Members*



*AMBASSADORS GROUP PHOTO*





*Side view of over 70 people who attended the banquet.*



**Pastor Orlando Juarez with Sharla Yoder  
after Introduction.**



**Judy Hullett presented Sharla with an inscribed flame trophy for 25 years of outstanding leadership & devoted service to our Lord, as Founder & Director of RLPM. She also received a beautiful bouquet of flowers, an inscribed silver jewelry box from Joanna Overfelt, and a Volume 2 of *Sparkling Gems* by Rick Renner from Steve & Susan Woodrow.**

## HEART TO HEART

*by Sharla Yoder*

I want to thank everyone again who attended the banquet, and all of those who helped as board members, ambassadors, table captions, and guests. Thank you to those who gave to support this prison ministry! You all helped to make it a great success! To God be ALL the glory for every accomplishment in RLPM!

As I mentioned at the banquet, we are starting a fund-raising project to provide \$5,000 for the second printing of my book, *God's Grace Liberates!* We also want to purchase some other booklets to help disciple more inmates. We so appreciate special love gifts to make this happen at this Christmas time when hearts are more open to the things of God! Let's remember whose birthday we are celebrating as we give to support the desires of God's heart, Amen! (You may use your credit card to give by going to [www.rlpm.org](http://www.rlpm.org).) Have a very Merry Christmas and best New Year ever!

**WE LOOK FORWARD TO  
HEARING FROM YOU SOON!**

**With Much Love & SHALOM!**

*Sharla*

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

# 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, McCloud, 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, McCloud, 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!

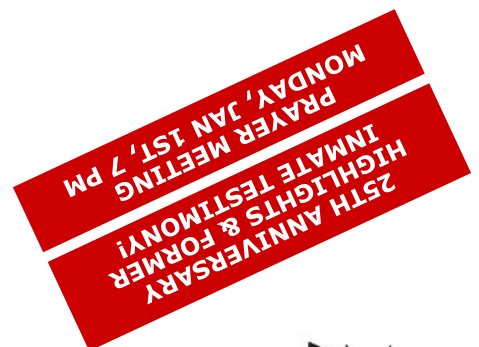
## 12 Correctional Facilities Served by RLPM

- 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, McCloud, OK
- 12 & 12 Rehabilitation Center, Tulsa, OK
- Oklahoma State Penitentiary, McAlester, OK

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