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27 Years of Full-Time Prison Ministry * 41 Ambassadors * 8 Correctional Facilities

INMATE TESTIMONY

FORMER INMATE'S POWERFUL TRANSFORMATION!

I was born and raised in Tishomingo, OK (near Durant). At the age of six, I was brutally raped by two men! It had a radically damaging impact on my life and my parents' lives. It was the reason my mom turned to meth—to try to ease the guilt and pain. My dad already drank alcohol, but it dramatically increased into alcoholism. I withdrew a lot, but by age eight, my mom wanted me to help her cook meth. When I was eleven, my new baby sister was born, and I became like a mother to her. I never wanted meth, but instead turned to marijuana. When I was thirteen, my new stepdad beat me and raped me! When I was fifteen, my mother's house burnt down, and I had no place to live. By then my parents didn't want me, so I moved in with my boyfriend.

He and his friends did drugs, had guns, and robbed. I was involved and at age 18, I was arrested and jailed for stealing and writing hot checks. I went to Mable Bassett Correctional Center women's prison in McCloud, OK, for three years. I decided to try to become like a man, like many other women had at prison. I cut my hair very short and looked totally different than I do now! I thought if I could become a man, I would lose my fear of men. What deception!



Dusty Trammell
Claremore, OK

Every time I went back to prison, I would put on my mask and revert back into homosexuality, becoming somebody who the enemy had a hold on. I did not know anything about the love of Christ. In 2006, God started drawing me to Him. I enrolled in the Faith and Character Community Program at Mabel Bassett. We were required to go to chapel services. That is where I first met Redeeming Love Prison Ministry.

In 2013, I was transferred to EWCC women's prison (Eddie Warrior Correctional Center, OKC), during my fourth incarceration. This became the hardest stretch of prison time, but God continued drawing me to Him. I started attending Redeeming Love Prison Ministry services there as well. In 2015, I tried to comprehend God's love, but it was very difficult to understand why Jesus would die for a person like me. However, every time Redeeming Love Prison Ministry came, their ambassadors would show us so much love and acceptance, and without any criticism or condemnation. I began to see the love and the grace of God through them. Their praise and worship deeply touched my heart. The messages from God's Word also began to

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impact me. Finally, I went to Chaplain Kathryn McCollum (chaplain for EWCC at that time) and she led me to salvation in Jesus Christ! She soon baptized me, and it was an awesome, supernatural, miraculous experience!

I was still seeing myself as a man. But God used prison ministry to show me my identity in Christ. I learned that I was a beautiful woman, by design of God's creation! I began to use makeup and let my hair grow out. I now wanted to be who God created me to be! I was baptized and felt so very clean and free! I began to really grow as a Christian. I was appointed to be a chapel worker and ran the sound system for Redeeming Love Prison Ministry.

RLPM brought in some wonderful Bible studies by well-known Bible teacher Andrew Wommack (who's based in Colorado Springs) that were so very helpful in my growth. Later, Sharla gave us copies of her new book, *God's Grace Liberates!* Her book taught me so much about Jesus and how amazing His grace really is to hurting people. I was released in June of this year with an ankle monitor. I am thankful to live in a group home provided by **His House Ministries**, who partners with **Stand in the Gap Ministries**, headed by Rhonda Bear, in Claremore, OK. I also work at her coffee shop/restaurant called **She Brews**, which provides jobs and more for women coming out of prison, and I take classes, such as Celebrate Recovery (a Christ-centered 12-step recovery program).

Without Redeeming Love Prison Ministry, so many of the women at both women's prisons would not know Christ, and learn and grow into successful Christian women. So I want to say THANK YOU from me and from many others for supporting this ministry. We realize that without you, Redeeming Love Prison Ministry could not do what God has called them to do. Thank you.

God Bless You,

Dusty Trammell
Claremore, OK

AMBASSADOR'S EXCITING MINISTRY PERSPECTIVE!

Note: Ina Dilldine has been an ambassador (volunteer) with Redeeming Love Prison Ministry for 23 years! She is a joy to know and has impacted many inmates' lives!

With excitement, I want to briefly share with you about God leading me to minister with Redeeming Love Prison Ministry (RLPM). When I served as the prayer coordinator for Channel 17 in Tulsa, OK, in 1996, I met Sharla Yoder, and I interviewed her on a TV program about her call to the prison ministry. I felt God really connecting me to this ministry. When I later spoke this to Sharla, she prayed with me about it. I tell you, God's answer was a big YES! Many years have passed and I continue to love this ministry more and more! I go to six and sometimes seven of the outreaches every month.

Our Ambassadors, who go with us to the prisons and jails, feel a close connection to each other, even though we go to different churches. We know we are making a difference in every facility! Why? All because we take Jesus and the Word of God with us. We lift their hopes with encouraging messages, Bible teaching, anointed praise and worship, invitations to receive salvation, be filled with the Holy Spirit, be delivered from addictions, healed, and more. At the close of every chapel service, we pray for them, their families, and their court cases.

I so appreciate the priority prayer meetings on the first Monday evening of the month. The presence of God is felt as we worship together. We pray for our country, government leaders, for inmates, prison chaplains, our outreaches, and special requests. We also receive Communion together. Afterwards, we have a time of fellowship and snacks. Once every quarter, we have a dinner at 6 PM, before prayer.

**GOD DOESN'T EXPECT US TO
KNOW IT ALL, HAVE IT ALL, BE
IT ALL, OR DO IT ALL. HE JUST
WANTS US TO TRUST HIM—
THROUGH IT ALL!**



I can tell you that I feel no fear ministering in a prison or jail, even on death row at OSP—Oklahoma State Penitentiary. (Jesus gives life, and we see it as “life row”!) It is always safe, with plenty of cameras and officers around. I recommend that people with *some ministry experience* consider joining us! Bible school is not a requirement (although several of us are ordained graduates). This is an exciting mission field! We are growing and would love for you to come grow with us, if the Lord is drawing you, as I believe He is drawing some who are reading this! I can tell you for sure that the rewards are out of this world! And the joy and fulfillment are amazing!

Another way your help is needed is in giving toward the expansion to other prisons, the reprinting of a few thousand of Sharla’s books (*God’s Grace Liberates!*), and the purchase of several thousand Bible studies by Andrew Wommack. Our Ambassadors and partners are so important to the operation of this ministry, and help send us to do what God has commissioned us to do with the many types and places of ministry to the incarcerated. I guarantee that your blessings will be great as you give. This ministry is worthy of ALL of us giving our best to see many more prisoners lives transformed!

—Ina Dilldine.

RLPM AMBASSADOR FOR 23 YEARS



Ina Dilldine
RLPM Ambassador

**SOMEONE, SOMEWHERE,
IS DEPENDING ON YOU
TO DO WHAT GOD HAS
CALLED YOU TO DO**

HEART TO HEART

by Sharla Yoder

We are excited about our new expected growth at Redeeming Love Prison Ministry! At our 27th Anniversary Dinner on October 4, we will be in the process of recruiting new ambassadors to join us in ministering at one or more of the eight facilities that we reach out to, as well as some new facilities. If you have an interest in ministering with us, please contact me at our RLPM office (918-252-2772). YES!!! God LOVES prisoners! I have yet to hear of a more fulfilling ministry that God is using to radically transform lives, all for HIS glory!

A very important part of our ministry is to donate Bible studies to inmates (we use Andrew Wommack’s condensed source). We also are very low on copies of the book I wrote, titled “God’s Grace Liberates! These books offer more detailed and extensive material needed for a solid foundation in Christianity. We get tremendous feedback (such as in the previous inmate testimony) on the effectiveness of these materials. They also are often shared with other inmates.

In order to reach these goals, we need a minimum of \$10,000. I wholeheartedly encourage you to prayerfully consider giving your best gift in order to help us meet these important goals to further God’s kingdom behind bars and fences! Thank you so much! We love you, appreciate you, and pray for you.

We look forward to hearing from you soon! ☺

More Love and Greatest Blessings,

Sharla Yoder, Director
Redeeming Love Prison Ministry, Inc.

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 2:30 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, 6:30-8:20 PM (B.A. group meets 5:45 PM); Coordinator, Ina Dilldine.

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

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

4th FRIDAY — MBCC Women's Prison, McLoud, OK — Team Outreach/GYM. Meet in B.A. at 2:30 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 5:45 PM or at the Prison at 7 PM.

3rd SUNDAY — OSP Maximum Prison, McAlester, OK — Cell-To-Cell Ministry, 2-3:30 PM; meet in B.A. at Noon.

3rd SUNDAY — JBCC Men's Prison — Team Chapel Service, 5-7:45 PM.



LOOK INSIDE!

8 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
- Jackie Brannon Men's Prison, McAlester, OK
- Jess Dunn Correctional Center Men's Prison, Taft, OK
- Mabel Bassett Women's Prison, McLoud, OK
- Oklahoma State Penitentiary, McAlester, OK

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PRAYER MEETING, 7 PM
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