

BEHIND THE FENCE

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Sharla Yoder, Director

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

INMATE TESTIMONY

Note: We often are able to minister to inmates who were connected to our ministry at another prison or jail after they are transferred. We are so thankful to still be able to minister to them and continue discipling them! Before a recent chapel service at JBCC, I introduced myself to a new inmate, Michael Mingo. He said, "I know who you are ... I read your book, **God's Grace Liberates**, at Cimarron Correctional Facility!" He continued to explain how much he was blessed by Redeeming Love's ministry there with Bible teacher Dr. Michael Shanahan. He was so glad that he could continue to stay connected with us. I believe you will enjoy his testimony! ☺

IN CHRIST, NOW AN OVERCOMER!

Before coming to prison, I had a lot of very difficult problems and situations that led me to drinking too much alcohol. I am very thankful that I started attending Redeeming Love Prison Ministry's Bible studies. I have received salvation, deliverance from alcohol, and healing from the Lord. I have also received an answer to prayer of restoration with my family relationships.



Michael Shanahan's teaching helped me understand how I was getting in God's way of what He wanted to do in my life. Sharla Yoder's book helped me to understand the power of God's grace through Jesus and His work at the cross, as well as other important things. It helped me unite with the Holy Spirit. I also understand that because of Jesus, I am redeemed from the curse of the law. (Galatians 3:13.) I have now become more established in my righteousness as well and aware of how forgiven I really am. Because I am in Christ, I am an overcomer!

I am thankful that RLPM helps prisoners finally live as God intended us to live,

knowing that the truth of God's Word is what sets us free!

Michael Mingo
#736853
JBCC, McAlester, OK

**"GOD GRADES ON THE
CROSS, NOT THE CURVE!"**
Unknown

SAVE THE DATE!

OUR ANNUAL PRISON MINISTRY DINNER WILL BE HELD ON FRIDAY EVENING, OCTOBER 4TH AT THE BRIDGE CHURCH IN BIXBY. IT WILL BE A DELICIOUS DINNER & EXCELLENT PROGRAM FOR CURRENT PARTNERS / AMBADSSADORS AS WELL AS INTERESTED NEW PEOPLE. MORE INFORMATION WILL FOLLOW SOON. PLEASE SAVE THE DATE!



Surprise! We Redesigned Our Website!

by Sandra Williams

Greetings Redeeming Love Family!

We're excited to finally share our new website with you! Our last website redesign was over three years ago, and we decided it was time for an update. Improved user experience, mobile access, easy maintenance, and lower cost were key goals for the redesign. While the goals of easy maintenance and lower cost have most definitely been achieved, your feedback will be important in helping us to grade whether or not the redesigned website is easy to navigate from both your PC and mobile devices. So, please, go to www.redeemingloveprisonministry.org and take a look around. The www.rlpm.org domain is no longer active.

From the website home page, you can click on the following main menu links:

- **“Who We Are”**—this link provides a brief history on the ministry, with a **“Learn More”** link at the bottom that will direct you to biographical information on our beloved Founder, Sharla, as well as other members of the RLPM Board of Directors.
- **“What We Do”** provides captioned images and information on our work inside prisons.
- **“Mission”** presents the ministry’s Mission Statement and Goals, along with a captioned image of RLPM Ambassadors, who faithfully work toward fulfilling our mission and goals.
- **“Behind the Fence”** provides a brief synopsis of our bimonthly newsletter. On this page you will find links to view archived issues of BTF, as well as a link to request to be added to the newsletter mailing list. Just click on [*click here to complete the online BTF subscription form*](#) and you will be redirected to a sign-up form that you can submit online. The page also advises that you can be added to the newsletter mailing list by simply calling the ministry office.
- **“Contact”** —this page provides the ministry’s mailing address, email address,

and phone number. The page also provides a form you can complete to submit a message to the ministry online, as well as snapshots of RLPM ministry teams through the years.

At the bottom of each RLPM web page, you will see an orange **“Let’s Chat”** link with a smiley face. This link also allows you to send a message to the ministry. Simply type your message and press *enter*. If no one is available to respond, you will be asked to enter your contact information so that someone can get back to you later with a response.

The main menu is accessible from every RLPM web page, along with a “Donate” button that is highlighted in green. Clicking on the “Donate” button will open a secure web page through which you can send an online donation to the ministry by following these simple steps: (1) enter the amount you would like to donate; (2) check the box “Make this a monthly donation” if you would like to authorize the amount as a recurring monthly donation; (3) click “Donate with Debit or Credit Card”; (4) fill in your card, billing, and contact information (you may check “Save this information for next time” if you would like to do so); and (5) press the “Donate” button. You will receive an immediate online receipt, as well as a paper receipt by mail. The process is both **secure** and **simple**. Try it and let us know what you think, then recommend it to your friends.

You also can donate by using the “Donate with PayPal” button from the main “Donate” page if you have a PayPal account or wish to create one.

We hope you enjoy exploring the new website, and we look forward to hearing your feedback.

Blessings!

Sandra Williams
RLPM Board Member/
Treasurer



PRISONS HONOR MINISTRY VOLUNTEERS

Some of our ambassadors who go with us to EWCC women's prison and JDCC men's prison (both located in Taft, OK) enjoyed a wonderful dinner and program last month. It was to honor and show appreciation for the volunteers who serve the inmates at their facilities. A Christian music band, comprised of former inmates, also ministered after the catered dinner, which was held at Bethany Church in Broken Arrow. Here is a group photo taken after the program.



From L-R, Sharla Yoder, Mickie Brooks, Candy Wilson, Ina Dilldine, Judy Hulett, Bill Hulett. Not shown were Dot Coleman, & Barry Wilson, photographer.



**GRACE IS GIVEN NOT BECAUSE
WE HAVE DONE GOOD WORKS,
BUT IN ORDER THAT WE MAY
BE ABLE TO DO THEM.**
St. Augustine of Hippo

REMINDER: We plan to have Sharla's birthday dinner on June 3, at 6 p.m., before our monthly PRAYER MEETING (1213 S. Willow Ave., Broken Arrow). Menu: BBQ beef, potato salad, coleslaw, baked beans, dessert, beverages, etc. We hope everyone can join us! (No gifts expected.)

UNEXPECTED NEED/ OPPORTUNITY

by Angie Davis King

As our dear partners and friends, I believe you would want to know about a new unexpected monthly expense that arrived recently in the mail. The mortgage and escrow payment (which comes from the housing allowance for Sharla's home and ministry office) has suddenly increased over \$300 per month, because of increased taxes and insurance. Please believe with us that other increasing needs as well of this very important ministry are fully met, and prayerfully consider becoming a new partner or increasing your current giving. Thank you so much for your love for RLPM! We look forward to hearing from you soon! 😊



Angie Davis King,
Admin. Assistant,
Board Member
RLPM Ambassador

Love and blessings!

Angie Davis King
RLPM Office Assistant &
Board Member



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.

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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www.redeemingloveprisonministry.org**

LOOK INSIDE!

**BBQ DINNER & PRAYER MEETING
MON. JUNE 3rd, 6 PM**

**AWESOME INMATE TESTIMONY!
MINISTRY NEWS UPDATES**

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