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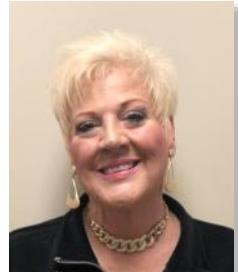
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HAPPY EASTER



Sharla Yoder, Director

27 Years of Full-Time Prison Ministry * 38 Ambassadors * 8 Correctional Facilities

INMATE TESTIMONY

GOD HAS ME NOW, NOT ALCOHOL!

I have battled alcohol since 1995, after my honorable discharge from the military and two gulf wars, to try to camouflage PTSD, anxiety, and depression. Then after the loss of my mother in June 2001, I continued to drink even worse. In 2010, I split up with my wife and lost touch with my son. It caused me to walk on some very dark roads in the middle of the night, not caring if I got hit by a vehicle.

Later, because I could not remove the cork, I drank glass shards from a broken Chardonnay bottle I *had* to have. Eventually because of tremendous guilt, I tried to hang myself by a tree

out on the ranch (where I lived at the time), but God would not let me do it! Finally, I found myself four-wheeling in my jeep, feeling invincible and totally in control, on one last beer run...and here I am.



Eric Lynn Brockman,
JBCC, McAlester, OK

I have numerous DUIs, causing me to pay this *great price of time*. God has spared my life many times. He wanted ME. I ran from Him for years. Now He's *got* me, and thankfully, by His Word, He IS now my control! He tried to get my attention for years, but it took coming here to prison (JBCC, McAlester, OK) for me to finally realize that I had lost EVERYTHING—but HIM!

"HE GAVE HIS LIFE ON A CROSS OF WOOD...YET CREATED THE HILL ON WHICH IT STOOD"

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God has powerfully used Redeeming Love Prison Ministry in their chapel services, when I responded to their invitations for restoration, the

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INMATE TESTIMONY

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Lordship of Jesus, then the infilling of the Holy Spirit with the gift of speaking in tongues, and *deliverance from alcohol*; also their prayers and teaching of the Word. I thank God that I now have communication (letters, cards, and pictures) again from my wife and son. Redeeming Love prayed with me about that in 2017, and, praise God, those prayers have been answered!

I totally feel God's presence every time RLPM comes to minister. I am overwhelmed at how VERY effective their ambassadors all are spiritually to me and to these other prisoners. I have seen how these other men have been genuinely helped or changed too.

Ms. Sharla's book ***God's Grace Liberates*** has been most beneficial of all for me. It has dominated my reading and study, especially the promises of my identity in Christ! This book has brought a lot of light to my true and total redemption and helped me continue to grow in my walk with Christ. Many of the scriptures she shared I studied in depth and in the Greek. I now know that I am totally forgiven, redeemed from guilt and shame, adopted as a son, accepted in Christ, and made totally new and righteous!

One of my favorite scriptures to live by is 1 Thessalonians 5:6–8: "***Let us watch and be sober. For...those who get drunk are drunk at night. But let us who are of the day be sober, putting on the breastplate of faith and love, and as a helmet the hope of salvation***" (NKJV).

I thank ALL of the RLPM team who come to JBCC—Sharla, Ina, Bo, Paula, Steve, David, and Roy—for all you do for me/us here. You are amazing and I love every one of you. I hope to bring the

influence and positivity you bring to us to help others any way I can here as well as hopefully work with you after my release. May God keep each of you on your journeys as you continue to bring His love and His Word to us prisoners, who sometimes feel forgotten.

In His Love, and with Great Thanks,

Eric Lynn Brockman, #736056
JBCC, McAlester, OK

NOTE: Eric is a wonderful blessing to us and others at our outreach chapel services at JBCC. He is a spiritual leader, sings and plays guitar in the worship band, and is a very anointed, gifted, and accomplished artist! He graciously sent us one of his beautiful drawings that I want to share with you here. It is from Jesus' parable of the LOST SHEEP. (Luke 15:4.)



"And go after the one which is lost till he finds it." —Luke 15:4

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SAVE THE DATE!

We plan to have our impacting annual ministry banquet on **Friday, October 4, 2019, at 6:30 PM.** We are so blessed that The Bridge Church's amazing pastors, Orlando and Kim Juarez, have invited us to hold it at their beautiful church facility—119th and Memorial Drive, Bixby, OK. We invite all of our partners/ambassadors, friends, and interested guests to join us for a delicious dinner and great program filled with dynamic guest speakers, fabulous music, and plenty of fun and fellowship. I'm sure you won't want to miss it! There will be more information to come, but for now, please **SAVE THE DATE!**

God has placed us in Christ, whom He has exalted to the highest place in the universe. We are already on victory ground. We don't pray or confess God's Word to GET victory, but we do so, with thanksgiving, because we already HAVE the victory!

—Joseph Prince

Romans 8:37—Yet in all these things we are more than conquerors through Him who loved us. (NKJV.) We don't fight FOR victory. We fight FROM victory!

HEART TO HEART

by Sharla Yoder

The testimony in this newsletter has brought much joy to me and to the ambassadors who minister at JBCC! It is not only an encouragement to us, but a testimony of the power of the Holy Spirit to use us in a lot of awesome ways to minister to the abundant spiritual needs of prisoners. It is both an honor and a privilege to be sent by our partners as missionaries to these many prisoners. Plenty have lost hope, feel forgotten, lonely, defeated, guilty, condemned, and rejected. It gives us great joy to bring God's love and the truth of God's Word that transforms them and sets them free from all of those things, and more! I guess that's why many of our ambassadors tell me they love this ministry. They say that it brings them great fulfillment and that is why they are "hooked." Praise God, a number of them have been with RLPM for 15–20–25-plus years! I very recently received this little note from one of our ambassadors with her partner check:

"Dear Sharla, I appreciate being a part of this ministry. There is an awesome feeling of fulfillment in doing my part. To God be the glory! You are loved and very much appreciated. Mary K."

I know that our wonderful partners have special fulfillment, realizing that the generous gifts they sow into this ministry are not only bringing a harvest of souls to Jesus and discipling them, but are bringing a harvest of blessings in their lives now and many rewards throughout eternity! THANK YOU so much for your prayers and generous financial support that make you an important PART of this God-ordained ministry!

We look forward to hearing from you soon! ☺

More LOVE and
BLESSINGS!

Sharla



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!

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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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