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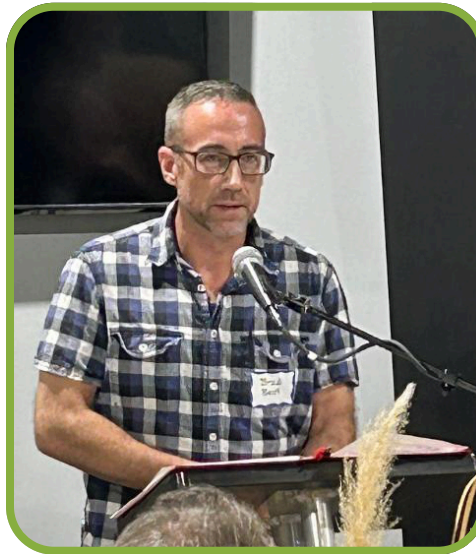
33rd Anniversary Event Highlights

— Former Inmate Testimony



NOTE: It is a joy to share with you some photo highlights of our Annual October Dinner/Fundraiser Event, including highlights of this POWERFUL, FORMER inmate testimony from Brad Beck! (Brad's parents and 6 family / friends also attended to support Brad and RLPM!)

I was raised in Missouri by Christian parents who owned a carnival. I grew up traveling across the country, and by age 10, I started smoking tobacco; at age 12, pot; and by age 15, meth. I started hearing voices, and that's when I began cutting myself to try to silence them. I was sent to a psych hospital, where they taught me to blame shift. I was in and out of rehabs, dropped out of high school, and was arrested in 3 states for stealing cars and running from the cops.



Brad Beck shared his powerful testimony of how God transformed his most difficult life while he was in prison!

Soon after my 20th birthday, I was in a fatal car accident and woke up in the hospital. They told me a 39-year-old father of 3 had been killed! I fell into deep depression and became very suicidal, which led to more drugs. After

being convicted of first-degree manslaughter, I had a 10-year prison sentence. Following my release, I had gotten sober but began drinking alcohol at a bowling alley, which led me back to meth. This time I started cooking it, and my house was later raided for a meth lab. (And I was incarcerated again.)

While at the Tulsa County Jail, I got beat up badly over drugs. Then I got wonderfully saved! I was later sent to North Fork Correctional Center in Sayer, OK, where I received the infilling of the Holy Spirit and total deliverance from drugs and depression!

In 2019, I was sent to JBCC in McAlester, OK, where I started attending Redeeming Love Prison Ministry chapel

services regularly. Plus, I took a lot of classes, did some correspondence Bible studies to better myself, and read the book *God's Grace Liberates* by Sharla Yoder. I also loved the way RLPM conducted their services, always not only giving invitations for salvation but one-on-one prayer for the infilling of the Holy Spirit, healing and deliverance from addictions, and personal needs. One of their Ambassadors, Ina Dilldine, prayed

several times with me about a new wife and other things. And I was able to take training in prison to become a certified auto transmission mechanic.

Since my release, God has EXCEEDINGLY blessed me in so many ways! I have a wonderful job at Aspen Transmission in Broken Arrow, OK. I met my new Christian wife, and we were married in January of this year! We just

moved into a nice home and our family attends church together. I volunteer as a counselor at John 3:16 Mission and the Tulsa Hope Center.

Thank you so much for your support of Redeeming Love Prison Ministry. I have experienced firsthand how much God has used them to change my life and so many other prisoners' lives as well!

All glory to Jesus! ~

33rd Anniversary Dinner, Silent Auction, Program Highlights



Patrick Moser, Governor pardoned, RLPM Ambassador, and ordained minister, welcomed everyone and introduced Sharla Yoder, Director of RLPM.



Approximately 80 guests enjoyed a delightful meal together. RLPM Ambassador Gwen Olin prepared the delicious dinner for all, and we appreciate her so very much!



Sharla Yoder (moderator) shared welcoming remarks and a joke to start the event off!



Yonah Black and Garrick Handy led us in beautiful praise and worship after our meal.



Oklahoma State Penitentiary (OSP), McAlester, OK, Chaplain Todd Minshall, shared his insights and appreciation of Redeeming Love Prison Ministry.



A portion of our group of RLPM Ambassadors took this photo together while the guests continued praise and worship.



Roy Mowry, RLPM Ambassador, read Sharla's poem, titled: The Zeal of God! He told how it impacted his ministry while preaching in a church in Minnesota last summer.



Chaplain Smiley Elmore, (former member of the Power Team Christian ministry) and Assistant Chaplain at the (DLM) Tulsa County Jail, spoke about the need for ministry for incarcerated inmates. He commended RLPM for the 3 monthly chapel services we do for both the men and the women at the jail.

Brad Beck shared his awesome testimony (see front page) and was given a standing ovation! We received an offering for RLPM and launched a fundraising start for a new van for RLPM. (We need to replace our 2012 Honda Odyssey soon.) With the silent auction and offering, (minus expenses) we received nearly \$10,000, praise God!

We want to thank everyone again who attended, donated to the auction, helped, and GAVE to our Lord's ministry to prisoners through RLPM. We give God all the glory for the wonderful feedback we received. Many people said, "It was the best anniversary event yet for RLPM!"

Ambassadors Christmas Party!



Our December Ambassadors Christmas Party/ Prayer Meeting will be on Monday, Dec. 2, from 6 pm–8pm. We will sing Christmas carols (for praise and worship). Instead of a dinner (6 pm), we will have a buffet of party-type finger foods, including BBQ meatballs, cheese snacks, veggies/dip, desserts, and beverages! Some have already signed up. If you can bring something, please call or text me for suggestions for what is still needed. RSVP is required ASAP. Thanks!



Heart to Heart

— by Sharla Yoder —



We are excited to have another open door for our ministry to expand more in the New Year! We have been invited to minister at the Tulsa Youth Detention Center in downtown Tulsa, to both the young men and young ladies, separately. Several of our Ambassadors have expressed an interest in participating in this new ministry! (We will need to do current background checks, applications, and some training with a tour of the new facility.) Thank you for including this in your prayers for RLPM!

We stated at the Anniversary Event that the biggest necessity for our ministry is for additional partners to help meet the increased monthly needs of RLPM. If you were unable to attend the event but would still like to give a special offering, we

would greatly appreciate it! It will go towards the fund for a needed new van for RLPM. We also remind you that if you would like to make a year-end donation, it must be postmarked by Dec. 31.

We pray for you and for us that God will abundantly supply your every need and bless you exceedingly in every area of your life as you seek first His Kingdom, Amen!

We look forward to hearing from you soon!

Much Love & Blessings,

Rev. Sharla Yoder, Director
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