

Redeeming Love Prison Ministry



# BEHIND THE FENCE



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31 Years of Full-Time Ministry • 36 Ambassadors  
6 Correctional Facilities • 10 Monthly Team Outreaches

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## RLPM Ambassadors Send Their Love & Blessings

I am forever grateful for our wonderful Ambassadors! They go to (one or more) prisons and jail team outreaches to help minister to inmates; attend our monthly prayer meetings (and occasional fellowship dinners); and give to help support our prison ministry!

Several teach/preach Gods Word, lead praise and worship, conduct services, give invitations, and serve as team captains.

Some of these amazing volunteers have served God previously as pastors or worship leaders, and many of them as missionaries (including short-term trips). Two are former prisoners (one received a governors pardon). Some serve as greeters, helpers, and most pray one-on-one for inmates for healing, deliverance, family issues, and more.

ALL of us find it VERY fulfilling to see how God impacts many prisoners lives with salvation, restoration, the infilling of the Holy Spirit, healing, and other blessings—ALL Glory to Jesus! We have a lot of love, unity and fun among us (and long-term friendships!)

Although only a little over half of our Ambassadors were able to be available for this photo, they ALL send their love and blessings to all of you friends and partners of RLPM, because we could not have this fruitful ministry without YOU!



Front Row, From L-R: Diane Van Antwerp, Ina Dilldine, Jerrie Kelly, Mattie Rider, Gwen Olin, RoAnn Black. Second Row, L-R, Dorothy Coleman, Katrina Hubbard, Kami Rush, Jack Goodman. Back row, L-R, Sharla Yoder, Elena April, Mari Cantrell, Bernard Hubbard, Gerald Burch, Kurt Heinlein, Roy Mowry, Steve Woodrow

*Lord, how wonderfully you bless the righteous. Your favor wraps around each one and covers them under your canopy of kindness and joy.*



—Psalm 5:12 (TPT)

*Remember that your history does not predict your destiny!*

## **Update on Discipling (Former Islam) Christian Muslim**

In October of last year, we did an article in this newsletter about a Muslim inmate, Andrew Gaines, located at OSP, whom we led to salvation in Jesus! He was a former leader of a large gang who now desires, and is called to lead many other Muslims to Christ!

At his request, we have been sending him numerous books, Bible studies, and other Christian materials. He has devoured them! He has also been threatened (so was moved to a more secure location), challenged emotionally and mentally, and tempted to return to his former Islam religion and gang leadership—but I want to give you excerpts from the latest letter he wrote me:

*I have made a declared decision in regard to my life calling and want to invest myself in evangelistic*



**Andrew Gaines,**  
#649613, H Unit

*ministry, and I want to be a light and a leader in this world. I'm going to need a lot of your help. I now know who God has created me to be!*

*Ms. Yoder, I am now doing what I am called to do wholeheartedly! I also want to use my story to transform other lives like Christ has transformed mine. For once in my life, I feel FREE (in Christ) and will stay focused in this cell of studying and moving forward in His grace.*

*Thank you for your help and for loving me, believing in me, and for your prayers. This is a two-way street...please let me know if I can help or pray for you.*

*Sincerely,*  
**Andrew Gaines, #649613**  
**H Unit, McAlester, OK**

I have asked others on our OSP team of Ambassadors to help as well. Steve Woodrow has connected Andrew to Rick Renner Ministries (based in Tulsa), and I have connected him to Andrew Wommack Ministries, and Charis Bible College, so he can receive Bible school materials from them.

We plan to encourage him with continued cell visits, letters, handout materials, and most of all, we invite YOU to join us in prayer for our brother Andrew!

*Though OUR feelings come and go, God's love for us does not.*



—C.S. Lewis

*At the end of life, what really matters is not what we bought, but the legacy we built; not what we got, but what we shared; not our competence, but our character, and not our success, but our significance. Live a life that matters, live a life of love!*



# Heart to Heart

— by Sharla Yoder —



We will never know how far-reaching our ministry together has been until we are in heaven! For example, as the Lord leads, near the end of our team chapel outreaches, we often ask how many of the inmates want prayer for their families. Most of the time about ninety-five percent of them stand!

We then pray and agree that The Lord of the Harvest (according to Matthew 9:38) will send laborers across their families paths to share the gospel, and they will receive salvation so that they and their household shall all be saved! (Acts 16:31.) Amen! We also pray for their families other needs, such as healing, deliverances, Gods provisions, strength, His restoration of relationships, and encouragement, Amen!

It gives me much joy to know that you are a part of what God has called us to

do and that you receive equal harvest in this life and rewards in eternity!

If you are not yet a regular partner with our ministry, we would love to have you as an important part(ner) of sharing in our harvest and rewards. It is not that we desire a gift, but rather fruit that remains and also goes to your account (Philippians 4:17), and also that this ministry is able to continue our work in prisons and bring God ALL the glory!

We THANK YOU and look forward to hearing from you soon!

In His amazing love,

Rev. Sharla Yoder,  
Founder/Director, RLPM, Inc.

## Ambassadors Prayer Meeting & Fellowship

Our monthly prayer meeting and fellowship will be on Monday, February 5, at 7-8:30 pm. We have praise and worship, communion, and prayer for our country, RLPM, and your needs.

Refreshments following. Please RSVP (yes OR no) ASAP!

Text: 918.855.9965 or email [syoder5@cox.net](mailto:syoder5@cox.net) .

# Prison Ministry Monthly Itinerary

These are the times and locations of our 10 monthly team outreaches at 6 correctional facilities:

**1st Monday** — Ambassadors Prayer Meeting & Fellowship, 7 pm. *(Note: if we have a dinner, it will be at 6 pm); 1213 S. Willow Ave., Broken Arrow. Parking is across the street in school lot. (RSVP required.)*

**1st Thursday** — JLCC Prison, Boley, OK. 6:45—8 pm. Men's Team Chapel Service. Meet at 4:30 pm.

**2nd Tuesday** — OSP, McAlester, OK, Kurt Heinlein, cell-to-cell distribution of Bibles, (& more).

**2nd Saturday** — Women's Team, Tulsa County Jail. 2—3:30 pm; meet at jail at 1:30 pm. Team Chapel Service.

**2nd Sunday** — Men's Jail Service, Tulsa County Jail, Meet at 1:30, Service at 2-3:30 pm.

**3rd Monday** — MBCC Ladies Mentoring, Women's Prison, McLoud, OK. 5:30—7:15 pm. Meet at 3 pm.

**3rd Saturday** — EWCC Prison, Taft, OK. 6:40—8:10 pm. Women's Team Chapel Service. Meet at 4:45 pm.

**3rd Sunday** — OSP Men's Maximum Security Prison, Cell-to-Cell Ministry; 2—3:30 pm; McAlester, OK. Meet at Noon. *(Team lunch between prisons, 3:45 pm.)*

**3rd Sunday** — JBCC Men's Prison, team chapel service, 5:45—7:15 pm, McAlester, OK. Meet at Noon.

**4th Friday** — MBCC Women's Prison, McLoud, OK, Women's team chapel service, 5:15-7:15 pm. Meet at 2:45 pm.

**4th Saturday** — Women's Team Chapel Service, Tulsa County Jail, Service 2-3:30 pm.

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