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# BEHIND THE FENCE



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## God Heals Wheelchair-bound Prisoner—Glory! — Inmate Testimony



*NOTE: John Lilly Correctional Facility in Boley, OK, is a minimum-security prison that houses physically disabled and elderly prisoners. We dearly love to minister to those guys!*

I was raised in Ardmore, OK. My four other siblings and I attended Sunday school at our Baptist church. As I got into my teens, however, I began hanging out with the wrong people. I started drinking alcohol and soon started doing drugs, which led to my addictions and crimes. Over the next few years, I was involved in three different car wrecks.

In 2016, I was arrested in Pittsburg County and sent to jail. I was later sent to John Lilly Correctional Center in Boley, OK.



Casey Murray  
#755018

The third car accident left me in a LOT of sciatic nerve pain. Even very high dose pain medication did not help the severe pain at all! It became impossible to walk, and so I ended up in a wheelchair. I got back closer to God and began asking and

believing for Him to heal me.

I soon began attending Redeeming Love Prison Ministry's chapel services. One night, towards the end of the service, an invitation to come to the front to receive God's healing was given. I went down, as did some others. Sharla prayed for me, and I believed I was being healed. It didn't happen instantly. But later, as the pain became less and less, I began walking with a cane. After five days, I began walking normally without the cane! All praise and glory to Jesus!

The next time when I saw Sharla, before the service started, I said, "Hi, do you notice anything different?" It took her a few seconds to realize I was one of the ones she had prayed for to be healed,

and now I didn't have a wheelchair! We rejoiced and praised God together, and I shared a short testimony during the service to encourage the other men.

Redeeming Love Prison Ministry is one of my very favorite services to attend. They are so nice and care about our

souls, too! I am so thankful that they care so much and took the time to pray for me to be healed, and I was!

I also want to say, please don't stop doing what you are doing.

God is working strongly through y'all,

and I am a WALKING testimony of that. I sure love and appreciate y'all from Redeeming Love Prison Ministry!

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John Lilly Correctional Center

Boley, OK

## Year-End Total Statistics for 2024

It is with much praise and glory to God and appreciation to our wonderful partners that we share a glimpse of what God did in our 12 monthly outreaches at six correctional facilities last year. We had a total of:

- 403 Salvations
- 587 Rededications
- 558 Spirit-filled (& spoke in tongues)


As a partner with RLPM, you share in the rewards of these transformed lives—**THANK YOU!**

## Fundraising Update for New(er) Minivan

We are thankful to report that at our November Anniversary event, we raised almost \$5,000 towards an 8-passenger minivan for RLPM. This is to replace our 8-passenger 2012 Honda Odyssey. Our goal is to raise \$20,000 in order to pay cash. Thank you for your consideration of a special gift for this project.

## New Ministry: The Tulsa Juvenile Detention Center

Although we have had some delays in getting applications, background checks, fingerprints, and training to be able to minister to the youth (ages 18–21) at the downtown Juvenile Detention Center, we are not discouraged! We are hopeful to accomplish these prerequisites soon, so we can start by March. This will be on the second Saturday afternoon, right after our Ladies Jail Chapel service, and second Sunday, right after our Men's Jail Chapel service. It is located only two blocks from the jail. Please agree with us in prayer that this will be implemented smoothly and ASAP, Amen. Thanks!

 *“Eye has not seen, nor ear heard, Nor have entered into the heart of man, The things which God has prepared for those who love Him.”*

 —1 Corinthians 2:9

## Ambassador's Monthly Prayer Meeting

Our Ambassadors will meet on Monday, February 3, from 7 to 8:15 pm for praise and worship, prayer, communion, and fellowship. We will have a Valentine (chocolate/cherry) dessert afterwards for those who can stay. Please text Sharla by January 31 (Friday) to let her know if you will or will not be able to attend. 918-855-9965. Thanks!

## Christmas Outreach Includes Treats!

We were able to bless the prisoners at Jackie Brannon Correctional Center in McAlester, OK, as well as other prisons, with over 100 Little Debbie treats plus candy canes at our December outreaches. The Bridge Church in Bixby, OK, collected these for RLPM so we could take them with us to the prisoners, who greatly appreciated them!

To the left is a photo of seven of us outside the side of the prison before we went to check in. The plastic bin is filled with the treats on a small dolly for transporting.



From L-R: Steve Woodrow, Jack Goodman, Sharla Yoder, Ina Dilldine. Back row, Kurt Heinlein, Gerald Burch, (not shown) Ray Hisaw, photographer.



## Heart to Heart

— by Sharla Yoder —



God's love, which has been abundantly poured out in our hearts through the Holy Spirit (Romans 5:5), is so amazing to watch as we minister in the prisons! God never looks at the outward appearance (sometimes of tattoos, strange hair, piercings, orange jumpsuits, etc.) but at the heart (see 1 Samuel 16:7) and His potential plan for each individual. Other prisoners look nice, well groomed. But because God really doesn't care, we don't either!

We know He loves them ALL unconditionally, regardless of their outward appearance or their past. As born-again believers, they are the righteousness of God and qualified to receive ALL of God's blessings as much as anyone else, Amen!

Matthew 25:40 NIV tells us, "Truly I tell you, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of

mine, you did for me." When someone is neglected, abused, or deceived, Jesus takes it personally. He is personally touched with the feelings of our infirmities. Because many prisoners are deeply hurting, they are extra sensitive to recognizing and receiving God's love through genuine Christian people who take the time and effort to go minister God's love and truth to them—which sets them free from their past, Amen!

It so blesses us to know that you, too, have a heart after God in supporting us with your prayers and finances, so we can not only continue but expand this ministry where God leads us through open doors.

Some of our partners have needed to stop their support or cut back because of inflation. We are so grateful for our wonderful, faithful partners, because without you we would not have an

effective prison ministry for over 33 years. So, we believe for God to speak to new partners to help bring in the harvest in these last days! If you are not currently a partner, please pray and consider allowing God to use you to help support us, and I know you will be blessed!

We are trusting God for great increase this year, in prisoners being saved, Spirit-filled, delivered, healed, and more. We also believe God for increase of great blessings in our partners' lives, Amen!

We look forward to hearing from you soon!

Love and Shalom,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Sharla".

**Rev. Sharla Yoder**, Director  
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# Prison Ministry Monthly Itinerary

These are the times and locations of our 12 monthly team outreaches at 6 correctional facilities:

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

**1st Thursday** — JLCC Prison, Boley, OK. 6:45—8pm. Men's Team Chapel Service. Meet at 4:15pm.

**2nd Wednesday** — OSP, McAlester, OK, Kurt Heinlein, 9am-3pm, cell-to-cell distribution of Bibles, (& more).

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

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

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

**3rd Saturday** — EWCC Prison, Taft, OK. 6:40—8:10pm. Women's Team Chapel Service. Meet at 4:15pm for van transportation, or meet at Prison by 5:45pm.

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

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

**4th Wednesday** — OSP, McAlester, OK, Kurt Heinlein, 9am-3pm, chaplain assistance, cell to cell distribution of Bibles and Christian literature, and inmate prayer as requested.

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

**4th Saturday** — Women's Team Chapel Service, Tulsa County Jail, Service 2-3pm. Meet at Jail at 1:30pm.

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