Each summer is an exciting time for the staff and volunteers as we have our annual summer camp for children of the incarcerated and at-risk youth. This year we are moving camp to Whispering Pines in Castalian Springs, Tennessee. This beautiful camp that borders Old Hickory Lake, will allow us to reach sixty children. We are indentifying these children from Davidson and Sumner County through our public schools and by promoting camp in the visitation rooms of jails and prisons. Currently, 55% of the incarcerated have children under the age of 18 and the majority of incarcerated parents were the primary caregiver before going to prison. This statistic alone should help us realize that one of the unintended casualties of incarceration is the children impacted by the temporary loss of a parent.

Recently, we received an application from a grandmother so that her grandson could attend our upcoming camp. This letter reminds me of the challenges these children face and the opportunity that our volunteers will have in making a difference in the lives of others.

My grandson, age 8 and his younger sister are being cared for by my mother, children’s great-grandmother. I am the grandmother and I help whenever I can but I have limited funds as the children’s mother is in prison. We want the children to have a chance for a normal life, happy and growing and learning about God. Building up their confidence and self-esteem and leadership instead of being a follower. The children used to see their mother but cannot now because she is in Memphis. They miss her so much. Seeing her was a positive thing for them both. His dad has no interaction in his life. My grandson will also need help in getting the items he needs for camp.

For a contribution of $150 you can sponsor a child for camp and will allow them an opportunity to form new friendships with others in similar circumstances. Together, they will enjoy fun activities and learn more about God’s will for their lives. Please make camp available for a child like the one described above. If you would like to volunteer, please go to our website at www.tnprisonministry.org and follow the link for camp.

Prison Work
Expanding in Tennessee
Jeff Smith, Henderson County Jail Administrator (right), recently reached out to us to request New Life Behavior classes for the inmates of the Henderson County Jail. Grant (left) met with local church members living in the Lexington, TN area to discuss and train volunteers for the jail. Our next step is to establish a schedule at the jail so the new volunteers can begin teaching classes.
Wells of Franklin Road COC is helping us reach out to many of the rural counties in our state. As a statewide ministry, our goal is to be involved in all of the correctional facilities throughout Tennessee. Grant is scheduled to attend the Tennessee Sheriff’s Association Annual Conference in August to meet Sheriffs and Jail Administrators. We are very excited about entering new counties throughout the state.

Memphis Work
Pictured are Memphis volunteers from four churches: Sycamore View, Highland, White Station and Goodman Oaks as they are planning with TPOM's help the 2015 National Workshop on the theme: "Let the Wise Hear and Increase in Learning" (Prov. 1:5). We are excited as prison ministry continues to expand across the state.

Davidson County
Volunteer John Jetton (right) and Thomas were privileged to baptize eight women at the Davidson County Sheriff's Department on January 15, 2014. The expression in the picture brings to remembrance Luke's statement that when the Ethiopian eunuch was baptized, he went on his way rejoicing (Acts 8:39). Also present for the baptisms were volunteers Jim and Shirley Dark, Georgia, Beth Allen and Mitch Davis (minister of the Franklin Church of Christ).

Sumner County
On April 5, fourteen inmates were baptized into Christ. Pictured is Joe McConnell baptizing Brandon. "I tell you that in the same way there will be more rejoicing in heaven over one sinner who repents than over ninety-nine righteous persons who do not need to repent" (Lk. 15:7).

Thank You
Thanks to Volunteers Beth Allen and John as they celebrated with nine women who gave their life to Christ in baptism on April 2 at the Davidson County Sheriff's Department. In one of the most famous Christian hymns from John Newton is this stanza: "I once was lost, but now am found, was blind, but now I see."

Freed Hardeman Lectures
In February, Grant and Thomas traveled to Freed Hardeman for their annual lectureship and brought TPOM’s display. Numerous people stopped by throughout the state seeking information on how to get involved in jail or prison ministry in their area. This ministry maintains its commitment to traveling anywhere in the state of Tennessee to assist churches at no cost to them, in gaining access to correctional institutions.

Robertson County
Grant recently attended orientation for the Robertson County Jail. Robertson County houses many state inmates from other counties while waiting for a bed in one of the state prisons. Several inmates in Robertson County are enrolled in New Life Behavior and correspondence courses. Entrance into this jail is a great blessing and we are reaching out to Robertson County churches to get involved in their jail.
**2014 Seminars**

On March 29th, the team conducted a workshop at the Tennessee Prison for Women in Nashville, TN. The theme this year is “Leaning Walls and Broken-Down Fences”; Lessons on Setting Boundaries. There were 29 women in attendance for this interactive workshop. The dramas were a big hit, as well as the role-play and panel discussions. The women were so excited to have donuts, coffee, pizza, cookies, and soft drinks during the day. Each participant received a certificate of completion for seven hours of workshop participation. In the weeks since the workshop, it has been rewarding to see these women applying the principles of setting boundaries in their lives. Each week, I (Carole) hear a story where someone either reminded someone that there was a need for a boundary or I am told of a result of someone setting a boundary. It does my heart good to see these women continue to grow.

**2014 National Workshop**

It is not too late to sign up for the 2014 National Jail and Prison Ministry Workshop in Cincinnati, Ohio, June 11-13. Information can be found at www.nationalprisonworkshop.org

**United Way Donations**

Does your company in the Nashville area participate in giving through the United Way? Funds from payroll can now be designated to the Tennessee Prison Outreach Ministry. Our code is 4358.

The funds you give to this ministry allow us to continue our mission to reach the incarcerated and their families and to bring hope to so many who are searching for a new life.

**Prayer Requests**


Roxanne: Pray for all the ladies at TPFW for wisdom, strength, courage throughout their journey. Wisdom for my children to find God.

Jamees: I would like to pray for my family, friends and enemies.

Andrea: Prayers to get thru this next year growing stronger day by day with Gd.

April: Please pray for my family and my husband.

Lori: God, please watch over me, my husband, our children and our family. For me to go home safely to Michigan.

**Thank You Note**

Dear Ms. Hurt and Mr. Snow,

My friend (Jeff at R.M.S.I.) has told me many times about the two of you and your outreach to Tennessee prisoners. He speaks very highly of you and is so grateful for your ministry and what he is learning from you in Anger Management classes and also about the love of Jesus. I am grateful also. Thank you so much for reaching out to prisoners. I must say that you have reached and touched a good man in Jeff as he is an inspiration to me and very positive and upbeat and is doing the best that he can under sad circumstances to take care of himself: mind, body and spirit.

Thank you so much for your support. With Gratitude, Amy

**Volunteering**

We have new opportunities to volunteer for summer camp, CCA in Nashville, Deberry Special Needs Prison and Woodland Youth Development Center. If you want information on volunteering, contact Grant at 615-972-6414 or by email at gcarey@tnprisonministry.org.

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