

## Mission Field Next Door

by Donovan and Velma Claassen

Are you aware of the mission field at the El Dorado Correctional Facility (EDCF)? Currently, there are over 1,200 men who call this their temporary home. Every month more inmates request to be mentored with someone from the outside, than there are volunteers to meet those requests.

What an opportunity! It takes so little time and often we have hear inmates say, "It was when they were locked up, that they were finally ready to listen to advice and look for help."

As with all mission fields, sometimes there are wonderful harvests. Other times there are disappointing defeats.

Two personal examples. John (not his real name) had been incarcerated several times. During his last stay, he had an encounter with Jesus Christ. Today, 10 years after his release, he enjoys a close walk with the Lord and a good marriage with his wife who waited for him. He gives much credit to the mentoring program.

Brad, on the other hand, requested a Match2 (M2) person/persons who was open to all religions. He got us! Interestingly, he initiated many spiritual conversations. Upon his release, he told us, "I wish I could believe like you do." Recently he passed away and there was a Buddhist funeral for him.

**Below are testimonials from current Match2 Mentoring volunteers at the El Dorado Correctional Facility:**

### 1. Why do you do Match2?

**Tim Harder:** 95% of the inmates will re-enter population. I want to help them be ready to live responsibly and be able to blend into society.

**Tom Busenitz:** For me, it is a behind the scenes way to serve the Lord. Some people in society would say, those in prison do not deserve another chance. The men in prison are important and hopefully I can be a part in helping.

**DuWayne Wiebe:** Most of the men I have had in M2 do not have any friends or family who visit them. For them, we in the M2 program are the only personal contact they have from the outside.

### 2. What do you do in Match2?

**Lester Busenitz:** I always try to have devotions with him, reading Scripture and pray with him.

**Walter Busenitz:** We never ask why they are incarcerated. Sometimes they want to tell us. We talk about what life has been like until now. I have read short stories to him. Right now we are memorizing a Psalm together.

**Tom Busenitz:** I visit with men about spiritual things, family, work and hobbies. I always enjoy buying them candy and pop, because I like that too.

### 3. Is it ever difficult to keep conversation going for 1 1/2 hours? Do you prepare ahead?

**Wilmer Thiessen:** They are always eager to visit and I am the only visitor he gets. There are table games to play during conversation if needed.

**DuWayne Wiebe:** For the most part, they are eager to talk. I ask questions to stimulate conversation and if possible, move into spiritual things. I prepare by praying for the evening.

**Lester Busenitz:** Through the month I try to find a devotional that will be fitting for him.

### 4. What are some positive things you are able to provide for your Match2 guy?

**Lester Busenitz:** I'm a sounding board for him. It is encouraging to him that someone is willing to come see him every month.

**Walter Busenitz:** I share what salvation means to me, and what a glorious future I have to look forward to as a Christian.

**William Busenitz:** Pray with him about his discouragements and problems.

**Wilmer Thiessen:** Listening; pointing them to

# KDOC Training at State Correctional Facilities in 2017

## EL DORADO CORRECTIONAL FACILITY

### Saturday -November 4 - FINAL for 2017

**New Volunteers** — 8:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m..

Meet at EDCF Central unit (Main door) for fingerprinting - etc.

**Current Volunteers**— 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m..

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**Chaplain - Herbie Harris 316-321-7284 extension 22308**

**Records - Kristina Courtney 316-321-7284 extension 22530**

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## HUTCHINSON CORRECTIONAL FACILITY

### Monday - November 20

**New Volunteer Training** — 12:00 pm to 4:00 pm

**Annual Volunteer Training** — 2:00 pm to 4:00 pm

\*\*\*All Training will be held in the Old School House on the Central Unit Campus.

**Contact: Jennifer Collins for more details.  
620-728-3323 - Jennifer.Collins@doc.ks.gov**

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## WINFIELD CORRECTIONAL FACILITY

*All training will be held in the Staff Development building at Winfield Kansas Correctional Facility  
1806 Pinecrest Circle*

**Contact: Chaplain Grady Osborn  
Phone 620-221-6660 - extension 56026**

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## MENTORING4SUCCESS TRAINING

For *Mentoring4Success* training information:

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Wichita Parole Office, 212 S. Market, Wichita

## Conclusion: Mission Field Next Door

scripture for their problems; being a friend.

### 5. What has been the best reward for you in this ministry?

**William Busenitz:** Seeing them get out and become productive in society, like Tom Holt.

**Tim Harder:** Challenging them to read God's Word and then next month, having them come and tell me what God has been showing them.

**Lester Busenitz:** Seeing how thankful he is that I come to see him every month.

**Walter Busenitz:** The big smile on his face when we come in is rewarding.

**Tom Busenitz:** To hear that they are reading the Bible.

**Wilmer Thiessen:** A note from my inmate: "Thank you for coming and spending time with me and thanks for bringing me closer to the Lord. I appreciate you, and so many times you are the reason I have not gotten into trouble. I really enjoy the time we share every month."

### 6. Would you encourage others to get involved?

**Tim Harder:** There are always more guys wanting to be in Match2. Everyone wants a friend and needs a listening ear.

**DuWayne Wiebe:** Like any commitment or challenge, it broadens your world. God can use you to minister to the "least of these."

**Wilmer Thiessen:** It gives you a chance to witness to a captive audience!

If you are interested or have questions about getting involved in prison ministry, call Lynn E. McBride 316-733-1537 or email: [director@ckpm.org](mailto:director@ckpm.org)

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## Monthly Volunteer Feature

### Doug Entz

by Lynn Everett McBride



We want to recognize one of our younger volunteers.

Doug Entz and his wife Julia live in rural Harvey County.

Doug became involved in prison ministry in 1995, the same year his dad LaVerne Entz joined the Match2 mentoring program. Since then, LaVerne needed to drop-out due to health issues.

Doug and Julia have been married for 27 years and both graduated from high school in 1984. Currently, they are members of the Centre Point Church in Whitewater. Doug and Julia have five children, of which, two have already married and moved from home.

Doug began as a volunteer in the mentoring program when he was only 29 years old.

Doug has a quiet spirit and over the 22 years he has been a volunteer, he has been able to work with many men, leading them to a faith in Christ.

I have learned that God uses men with a soft spoken voice to impact the world dynamically.

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## October 2 & 16

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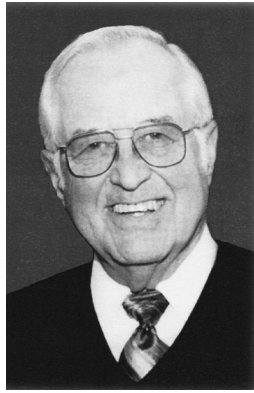
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## Remembering volunteer Garth Kennedy

Garth became a volunteer on April 24, 2004 and continued for many years.

Garth was born on February 24, 1931 and passed away on September 1, 2017.

He was faithful to both the weekly Bible studies and the Match2 Mentoring program.



He became a volunteer in prison ministry when he was 73 years old — great tribute to him.

Services were held on Thursday, September 7, at Eastminster Presbyterian Church, Wichita, KS.

The family requested that memorial gifts are to be sent to *Central Kansas Prison Ministry*.

I visited with his wife, Karen, and I suggested we try to purchase at least 500 New Testaments to be given to men in the El Dorado Correctional Facility Diagnostic Unit. **Memorials can be sent to: CKPM, P.O. Box 1279, El Dorado, KS 67042-1279**

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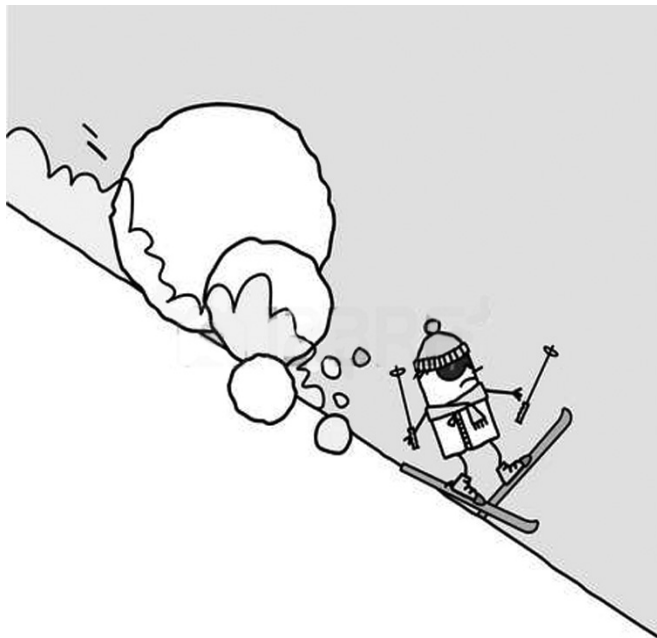
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- #1 More inmates are wanting a Mentor**
  - #2 We lost several volunteers this year**
  - #3 We desperately need new people to volunteer**
- Please CALL 316-733-1537**