



Prison Ministry Mentoring



Ecclesiastes 4: 9-10:

**“Two are better than one,
because they have a good
return for their work: If one
falls down, his friend can
help him up. But, pity the
man who falls and has no
one to help him up!
(12) Though one may
be overpowered, two**

*can defend themselves. A cord of three strands is not
quickly broken.”*

Mentors should be prepared for the long haul

Mentoring means being a wise and trusted friend
to someone.

Mentors are first of all — friends who care.

Mentors coach, encourage, tutor, guide and help
in many other ways.

Mentors are people who are committed to helping
others succeed.

Mentors are active participants in Christ’s
command to “go and make disciples,”
knowing that this involves more than
preaching the Gospel.

Making disciples might also include helping people
find practical help to “get back on their feet.”

- Helping someone find a job or a place to live.
- Teaching someone to manage money.
- Tutoring in reading skills or finding educational programs.
- Knowing how to write a resume’.
- Thinking through family life - such as parenting.
- Thinking through what it means to live on a budget.
- Encouraging them to be in a Bible study.

THE PROCESS OF MENTORING

Four (4) aspects are involved:

- ✓ Change
- ✓ Bonding
- ✓ Responsiveness
- ✓ Accountability

Mentoring means to “bring

along side and walk with.” CHANGE is inevitable in the life of every Christian, and the life of an ex-offender, who has made a commitment to Christ. To successfully mentor an ex-offender, individuals must have a biblical perspective of **change**.

By far, the greatest changes any Christian experiences, are *positional changes*. The moment he/she prays the sinner’s prayer, acknowledges Christ as Lord, and God accepts him/her into His family.

Mentors must clearly understand that **salvation is the minimum of spiritual growth**, of which the ex-offender has obtained during this moment of conversion. With conversion, there is the great potential for spiritual growth to be transformed into the likeness of Christ.

Mentors must comprehend that God operates according to His Divine plan based on biblical truths.

The two greatest commandments are a summarization of those truths. The ministry of mentoring must be focused on the preservation of the first and greatest commandment through fulfillment of the second greatest commandment.

BONDING is not in the physical sense, but the spiritual nature, reaching out to a person in need and the person then reaching back.

Learning is greatly enhanced when there is a natural “kinship or bonding,” not undue familiarity, but a close professional friend.

It is important that a mentor and inmate naturally like each other in the initial stage. A *spiritual bond* occurs through hearing and application of God’s Word.

FINAL Volunteer Training

EL DORADO CORRECTIONAL FACILITY

IF you are wanting to be a volunteer or IF you are a current volunteer, this is the final training for 2018.

FINAL Saturday morning - November 3

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..

Meet at the Training Center, south on Stone Road, go past the County Jail to the end of the road and turn left into the parking lot.

Chaplain - Herbie Harris 316-321-7284 extension 22308

Records - Jillian Cheever 316-321-7284 extension 22362

HUTCHINSON CORRECTIONAL FACILITY

FINAL TRAINING 2018 — Monday - November 19

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@ks.gov

WINFIELD CORRECTIONAL FACILITY

No more training sessions this year.

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

MENTORING4SUCCESS TRAINING

Contact: Tanya Husselman at 316-208-3386
or — Tanya.Husselman@ks.gov

Our **GREATEST** need for volunteers is in our Match-2 (M2) Mentoring program. Inmates sign up for this program and then we find a volunteer to meet with them once a month and write at least one letter a month.

The Match2 (M2) mentoring event takes place in the visitation room, and usually about 30-40 volunteers go in together to visit the inmates who have signed up.

First and most important, Central Kansas Prison Ministry is very careful in training, equipping and placing volunteers.

We want to make sure volunteers are comfortable in working with inmates in a one-on-one setting.

To become a volunteer, a person MUST first complete a four-page application. This is followed by Kansas Department of Corrections training.

Following the required training, a volunteer will be placed in the area of ministry where he/she feels most comfortable. During the training at the El Dorado Correctional Facility, a volunteer will be instructed in all the do's and don'ts of working inside prison walls.

An additional 2-hour training session is required each year to keep current with changes.

It is important for "current volunteers" to remember their month of training, so that every year they can complete the annual training and keep current.

You may contact us at:

316-733-1537

Match-2 (M2) Mentoring Visitation

M-2 November 5 and 19

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Mentoring Process

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A *spiritual bonding* comes through direction and guidance of the Holy Spirit.

Correctional Management gets nervous when a volunteer speaks of “bonding with an inmate,” because they see it as possible “security breach” of an inmate asking special favors of the volunteers responding. **This is NOT the bonding we are talking about here.** This bonding is that of professional friendship that allows the inmate to place **trust in** the volunteer and the volunteer to **trust the** inmate.

Two things happen when this occurs:

- ✓ Enhances the learning and teaching process.
- ✓ Empowers and inspires the inmate to pursue change, growth and development.

RESPONSIVENESS: The inmate and the volunteer should be willing to work with each other. If one does all the working and the other does not try, then **change** will not occur.

When Christ gives the invitation to accept Him and there is no response, then God through the Holy Spirit cannot mentor.

It is interesting for me as the Director of this ministry to observe the visitation meetings of inmates with volunteers and listen to the conversations. Sometimes the volunteers (mentors) are giving it their best with little or no response from the inmates.

Barriers occur that cause no response and those barriers must be broken down through prayer and conversation.

Some of the barriers are:

- ✓ childhood abuse ✓ addictive behavior
- ✓ resistance to figures of authority
- ✓ emotional immaturity ✓ prison mentality

Volunteers need to find out what is stopping **responsiveness** and seek ways to overcome it.

ACCOUNTABILITY

It is the dynamic of mentoring that keeps the learning relationship pure by making sure the relational learning process is taking place. Both the mentor and the inmate need to **understand** that **accountability** is a two-sided coin.

Growing up in the American culture, we are told to put others first, but that is not what most people think. It is a “me, myself and I” world. This thinking sabotages our Christian walk and keeps barriers up so we can’t or won’t be accountable. The thought of the culture is, “I can take care of myself — so just leave me alone, and I’ll be fine.”

Accountability is NOT legalism. It is not designed to cause false guilt or force a bunch of man-made rules on someone. Every individual needs to choose his or her own goals and objectives regarding accountability. This is done out of a desire to please God and not the volunteer. Women are quick to share their hurts with other women, but men feel that they must keep to themselves.

If mentoring is to ever work successfully there MUST be accountability.

Mentors need to mentor mentors!

If you are a volunteer and the person you are mentoring says something that puzzles you, then ask the chaplain, myself or another volunteer. We must also seek among the volunteers a level of **change, bonding, responsiveness** and **accountability**. No one is an island. We need each other.

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“Father, you are the Lord of the Harvest, who sends workers.

Please send us 30 MORE volunteers to help the many men who are needing to know about you.”

Right now, we need 30 MORE Christian Volunteers who have compassion and want to share the message of Jesus.

We also need volunteers who can help men with education, addiction and other special needs they may have.

If you have been — or are currently — a pastor, teacher counselor, or someone who wants to help change lives, GOD NEEDS YOU in prison!



You will KNOW, because right now, in your heart, you will feel that small thought saying, “give them a call or email and become a prison volunteer.”

Here is a note from an inmate. *“It would be great to have someone to talk to about life and its problems. Someone to ask about the Bible and someone who has lived it”*

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A study of the “4-F’s of Conversational Mentoring”

When you visit an inmate - talk about:

**FAMILY — FRIENDS
FELLOWSHIP AND FREEDOM**

FAMILY: An inmate is often so focused on his problems that he doesn’t see what his family is going through. **FRIENDS:** All of us at some time or another have had friends who are bad influences. Many inmates are in prison because of bad friends and associates who got them into trouble.

FELLOWSHIP: A strong understanding of having good friends is necessary, because our friends are the ones with whom we have fellowship.

FREEDOM is something every inmate wants to hear about. Freedom is an attitude and not a place. It is our job to see people have the opportunity to be set FREE through the love of Jesus Christ.