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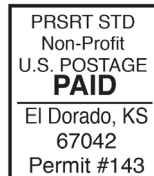
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**Don't forget
Match 2 Dates:
May 6th and
May 20th**

MEMOS Newsletter
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RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED

**We need yarn!!!
Call the chaplain for information.**

Match-2 (M2) Mentoring



Our GREATEST need for volunteers is the 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.

"While it looks like things are out of control, behind the scenes there is a God who hasn't surrendered his Authority"
— A.W. Tozer

CENTRAL KANSAS PRISON MINISTRY MEMOS

May 2024

"...I was in prison and you visited me."

May marks the resumption of a full schedule for CKPM since the beginning of the Covid-19 shutdowns. It has been a long struggle with many moving parts, but we have finally reached our goal of making Match 2 and Tuesday night small groups a reality. May 6 at 6:00 pm (in the lobby of EDCF) we will gather to go into the Spiritual Life Center where those of you who are assigned the first Monday of the month, will either meet your resident for the first time, or a few of you will have a reunion with your previous resident match. Remember, \$20 concession cards are available for purchase the first night. For those who are assigned the third Monday of the month, your first session will be May 20th.

Tuesday, May 14 is the first night of The Refuge's (local church inside EDCF) small group ministry. Malachi Dads, Brand 316 reentry ministry, and Every Man a Warrior will all be held in the Spiritual Life Center. All three of these ministries welcome you to come, sit in, and enjoy the fellowship with the men.

I want to give a big thanks to all those who have made phone calls in anticipation of re-starting these ministries. Your help is very much appreciated. Also, to Amber, Herbie, Stephen, and Jase, you are truly the best staff in any prison I have been associated with. EDCF is fortunate to have you.

Please pray for the staff and board of CKPM. We are working hard to take the love of Christ inside the prison walls.

Blessings,

Director Jay Lewis



CAN YOU HELP?

Items we need to further the ministry and to begin to help the men of EDCF grow in their walk with God...



A COMPUTER. Inside the Wall's computer system in need of replacement. Mark McBride *has gotten all he can get* out of a 10+ year old system. The cost is approximately \$3800. This upgrade should take us into the next 5-7 years with improvements and capability to expand the ministry

CURRICULUM. Every Man a Warrior book kit for the 30 week course is \$40 per man. The kit includes three books and a scripture memory pack. The men will grow and learn the power of scripture memory in this course. We expect 5-8 men will sign up to take the initial course.

ADMINISTRATIVE HELP FOR THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR. This is a volunteer position. If you have an extra 10-15 hours a week to work from home, we could use your help. This would free up the Executive Director to pursue funding sources and minister to the men directly.

VOLUNTEER TRAINING

El Dorado Correctional Facility

Saturday, July 20 at 7:30 A.M.

Oswego Correctional Facility

Tuesday, June 11 at 5:30 P.M.

Chaplain Harris asks that you PLEASE arrive on time!!

Christian Praise and Worship Services

- Sunday evenings.

Bible Studies - Monday thru Friday

-- Hispanic Bible Study - Tuesday evenings,

Floyd Zuercher, instructor

-- Catholic Mass, Thursday evenings.

Match2 program, 1st and 3rd Mondays.

ALL services and programs are in the Spiritual Life Center.

Volunteers arrive at 6:00 p.m. to be processed in.

Questions? Call Chaplain Harris

at (316) 321-7284, ext. 22308.

For volunteer training information, contact:

ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT:

Amber Hoffman: (316) 321-7284, ext. 22362

amberhoffman@ks.gov

Contact Amber two weeks in advance for the training date you wish to attend.

CHAPLAIN: Herbie Harris

(316) 321-7284, ext. 22308 | Herbie.Harris@ks.gov

OR CENTRAL KANSAS PRISON MINISTRY

(316) 733-1537 | director@ckpm.org

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TRAINING INFORMATION:

Call or Email Tanya Husselman

at (316) 613-7237 or Tanya.Husselman@ks.gov

Hutchinson Correctional Facility

All training will be held in the Old School House on the Correctional Facility Central Unit Campus

BASIC BEGINNING TRAINING

12:30-4 PM: May 20 | July 15

ANNUAL TRAINING FOR REGULAR VOLUNTEERS

2-4 PM: May 20 | July 15

All training on the 3rd Monday of the month. For more details, contact:

Sue Stoecklein at (620) 625-7380 or Sue.Stoecklein1@ks.gov

or Malinda Osborn at (620) 625-7380



Connect the Dots

Glenn Lygrisse is a Bible teacher at his church and online devotional thoughts. Glenn is also part of the Match2

mentoring and former president of Central Kansas Prison Ministry.

Verse: *"I wait for the LORD, my whole being waits, and in His Word I put my hope. He himself will redeem Israel from all their sins."* - Psalms 130:5, 8 NIV

Read these verses and then let's play a bit of "connect the dots"! As you read these verses then turn to John 1:1, here it is: "In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God." Do you get that, here David speaking as a prophet is saying that "The Word will redeem Israel". Put it all together, connect the dots, Jesus will redeem Israel. While this is true, we go on to know as we read the entire Scripture that Jesus came to redeem all who ask— ALL. This may be amazing information to some, but it is another example of don't read one verse in isolation, read the entirety of Scripture.

Prayer thought: *Pray for Israel, pray for all who have not yet accepted Jesus as Messiah and Savior.*

Blessings,
Glenn

If you would like to receive my daily devotional, email Karen at director@ckpm.org.

\$10/MONTH COULD REALLY HELP!

By giving just \$10 a month, you will be giving \$120 a year or \$600 in five years.

Please pray about it.

VOLUNTEER

SPOTLIGHT: GARRY COWAN



I have been involved with with CKPM as a member of the Advisory Board and the M-2 program at EDCF since 1997. After bending the knee and coming to Christ in 1993 at 35 years old, I was acutely aware of the depth of my sin and most grateful for the Grace of God to restore me. But I quickly desired a tangible way and to share my faith with others. To that end I became a Gideon to distribute Gods word. I continued to plead with God to open a broader door to reach others and to challenge me to make my faith tangible and real and to stretch my comfort zone. So, In walks Lynn McBride to share about prison ministry at one of our church services. And I felt the Holy Spirit confirm this calling. During my initial training, they shared the common 10 characteristics in the lives of those incarcerated – to my surprise at least 50% of these were true of my past! But for the Grace of Almighty God, I am on the outside of the prison bars! Some years later I read a book which made the statement that there is one thing we can do on this side of eternity that we can not do in heaven, and that is to share the Gospel of Jesus Christ – the Good News – and help to bring others – sinners like me – into the kingdom. In so doing we can rejoice with the angels as the psalms say, rejoicing as a new soul is born! I have enjoyed the opportunity and have rejoiced with several men have done just that. I relish the opportunity to come alongside men at EDCF to help open their eyes, hearts and souls to accept Jesus and come into a joyous relationship with the God who made them and desire a right and intimate relationship with Him!

LET US PRAY:

Dear God our Strength,

Maker of heaven and earth, Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, designer of the family and lover of all man and woman kind, we ask for your guidance, protection and hope for those in prisons. Guide their Chaplains, spiritual teams and mentors.

Help those behind walls and those who work with them not to fear tomorrow, knowing our same everlasting Father cares for them today.

Father, either shield every inmate, prison employee, team or volunteer from suffering or give them the Holy Spirit with unfailing strength.

May ALL be at peace with anxious thoughts and imaginations set aside.

Teamwork and camaraderie is designed by you with the Trinity as our example. May the prison leadership, chaplains and volunteers work together to bring about safety and the fruits of the Spirit.

We pray ALL training goes successfully, matches and mentors are effective and filled with the essence of Christ.

We pray NO MORE DEATHS at our prisons from drug overdose or suicide.

We pray for employees, guards, managers, everyone at the prison.

Open up avenues for funding for gifts and kindnesses for your creations. Take financial worries from our mind and heart.

Our God will lead us safely through years of incarceration, employment and Christ-like living. When we cannot stand it, we are carried in Your arms.

Faith and trust is our prayer through the great name of Jesus, Amen.

Submitted by Karen Deaver, CKPM Board Secretary