



CENTRAL KANSAS PRISON MINISTRY



As many of you are aware, our dear friend Karen McBride passed away on August 14, 2024. To say Karen will be missed by us at Central Kansas Prison Ministry is a gross understatement. Karen was very involved in the everyday ministry happenings until she fell ill earlier in August.

Since the beginning of CKPM in 1991, Lynn McBride served as Executive Director with Karen serving close by his side. Memos (monthly CKPM newsletter) was written and edited by Karen each month. Karen was a dear godly woman. I will miss her perpetual smile, her attention to detail, and her passion to see men at EDCF come to Christ. Karen was the epitome of a faithful servant.

Below I've included excerpts from an amazing tribute written by her granddaughter...

Karen lived a full and rich life... Not merely in her commitments to various jobs, serving the church, caring for her children and grandchildren, ministering and evangelizing alongside her husband, Lynn; she also possessed a full and rich inner life. Karen felt the wide range of human emotions very deeply. She had the extraordinary gift of empathy...

Karen spent her formative years learning the value of hard work on her parent's farm, and she was a proud "Kansas girl" all her life. Being the second born and oldest girl among four other siblings, Karen learned early how to care for others well. She had many vocations throughout her life, but with each one, she brought the same level of dedication and strength of character. Although she was married to Lynn McBride for nearly six decades, the true love of Karen's life was Jesus Christ, to whom she devoted a lifetime of servitude and praise.

Our society often celebrates men and women who accomplish great feats with much applause, yet we commonly fail to recognize that behind the spotlight, these individuals wouldn't be the forces they are without their caring supporters. Without these warriors on the sidelines, who demand no attention themselves, there would be no great men or women. Anyone who endeavors to accomplish greatness must have someone waiting behind the lights, ready to be a safe harbor. A place they can run to and find a soul who will cheer them on, refresh their strength, and provide wisdom and guidance. Karen was one such individual. We will carry with us our beloved memories of Karen until we meet her again in the fullness and glory of heaven.

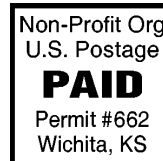
What a legacy Karen leaves for those who knew her and those who will benefit in years to come, because of her selfless service to The Father!

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RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED

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Match 2 volunteers needed!

As of 9/11/2024 we still have twenty-three men on our Match 2 waiting list. With the addition of several volunteers attending training at EDCF on September 10, we will reduce that number slightly. The men by being on our waiting list have said they desire a monthly mentoring visit. As I observe the men each Monday (first and third Mondays of the month) it is easy to see the elation as their mentor takes time to visit with them. Match 2 is a great way to make a real difference in a man's life by simply loving him enough to set aside one Monday a month to come and have a conversation with him building a friendship. To volunteer email Jay Lewis at jlewis@ckpm.org.



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MEMOS

Our monthly newsletter "Memos" will be continued once we decide how best to distribute information in a timely manner to all our faithful donors and volunteers.

CHRISTMAS BOXES!

While we have yet to enter the fall season, Christmas is on our minds at Central Kansas Prison Ministry. This year we will serve the inmates at Winfield Correctional Facility and Eldorado Correctional Facility. Last year we provided needed funds to assemble over four hundred Christmas boxes for the indigent (those with no income) men at EDCF. We also provided approximately 800 boxes at Winfield Correctional Facility (including the minimum camp and the medium unit). Hutchinson Correctional has a church in Wichita that provides Christmas packages to all three units so we will not be sending boxes to Hutchinson this year. We accept checks or credit card via our website-

www.ckpm.org/donate