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"Bringing Hope and Life to the Prisoners"

Dear Hope Partners and Friends,

As I write this newsletter I have been thinking of how we have been rebuilding this ministry. We are in the process of adding more prisons to our schedule. Some I had to cancel out when I was taking care of my wife as her sole caretaker. Since Shelia has become the Director, she has successfully organized several areas of this ministry and is constantly improving by adding more team members. I thank and praise the Lord for her; she was a real help after Audrey went to be with Jesus and she was able to bring in others to help as well. On April 5th, we will have another Memorial for Audrey in Roanoke, Va. where we lived for many years. On April 6th I will celebrate my 78th birthday. I thank God that I am still able to do prison ministry. I also thank God for our faithful supporters and our ministry team.

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From the Desk of Sheila Johnson:

To our loving friends and fellow partners: I am overwhelmed at the things God is doing and going to do. As of February 22nd I am officially retired. I'm asking each of you to please talk to others that you might meet or come across about the prison ministry and how lives are being changed. We need help, we are about to expand our horizons and we need help. Again I love each and every one of you and pray the blessings of God overtake each of you and your families. Please keep Ethel & Lucky, Wayne & Daisy, John Earl & family, Granny, Bro. Robert, The Mucks, and all our team members in your prayers. On another note, we have placed the prison schedule in the news letter so that everyone would know when we are scheduled to go in. So please get in touch with me if you are planning on going in at least one week before we are scheduled. I have to send all names in to the chaplains as soon as possible. Bro. Robert and I are presently at the Pastor's Conference in Pasadena. I have been truly rejuvenated and ready to hit the fields for harvest. The Bible says the "harvest is plentiful but the laborers are few". I am a laborer ready for harvesting. Who will join me?

May God richly bless and return your seed sown in this ministry 100 fold in Jesus name. Amen!

Love you all in Jesus name! Sheila Johnson Cell - 832-216-8532 ¹⁵ And the prayer of faith shall save the sick, and the Lord shall raise him up; and if he have committed sins, they shall be forgiven him. ¹⁶ Confess your faults one to another, and pray one for another, that ye may be healed. The effectual fervent prayer of a righteous man availeth much. James 5:15-17 (King James Version)

Prayer Request

Bro. Robert, David and Paul, their wives and children John Earl and family The Turner Family Our brothers behind the bars Our partners be blessed for their faithfulness Ethel and Lucky Porter
Granny Irene Hill
The Muck's
God would send more laborers.
Financial support for the ministry

If you have a concern you'd like to add to this prayer list, please let Bro. Robert or Sheila know and so we can add it.



















SOME EXTRA TIDBITS OF INFORMATION:

- -Going forward we will try to keep the next 2 months look ahead in the monthly newsletter so if you want to know what's going on or where it's happening, you won't have far to look.
- -If the prison ministry has had a direct impact on your life or the life of a loved one, feel free to write about it. Either e-mail it directly to me (joylavelle@yahoo.com) or include it with your love offering and we'll put it in the newsletter.
- -If you have a suggestion on what can improve our newsletter, by all means, forward that information to me in the same manner as listed above.
- -I have heard some good comments about the newsletter and it's appearance and I want to say thank you for the encouragement!





















<u>Dates to Remember:</u>

March:

16th Eastham (1pm)

23rd Easth 30th Dunc

Eastham Trustee Camp, (12pm) Duncan (8am) April:

12th

Eastham Cleveland

13th Clevela 19th Easthar

Eastham Trustee Camp (5p – 8p musical)

THE next prison ministry meeting for the 2nd quarter will be held on Saturday, April 26th at 6:00 PM at the community room at Betty Hiney's apartment. Get in touch with Ms. Betty and find out what she needs you to bring. Her phone number is 713-805-8024.



A Thought for St. Patrick's Day

Have you ever stopped to ponder At the wonder of His ways?

Prayers unanswered, will so often Prove His love in later days.

Yet we humans pout and worry,

og/s Selfishly we ask our will ~ Thinking surely God's ignoring ***

Plans we want Him to fulfill.

As you come into His presence, Though it seems your prayer's unheard;

Rest upon the Father's goodness,

In His love, and in His Word. * Claim His promises,

Know He's able,

Seek His heart in all you do,

Dream big dreams, Asking His wisdom ~ of o

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You will find God's love is true!

"The Lord is good unto them that wait for Him, to the soul that seeketh Him." (Lamentations 3:25 KJV)

"For I know the thoughts I think toward you, says the Lord, thoughts of peace and not of evil, to give you a future and a hope." (Jeremiah 29:11 NKJV)

"The name of the Lord is a strong tower: the righteous runneth into it, and is safe." (Proverbs 18:10 KJV)





Prayer is the key to Heaven, But faith unlocks the door Words are so easily spoken Prayer without faith is like a boat without oars Have faith when you speak to the Master That's all he asks you for Prayer is the key to Heaven But faith unlocks the door.



New Caney job fair offers extra help for formerly incarcerated...

Finding meaningful employment can be a daunting task for any person, but for those who have criminal records, finding a good job can be challenging if not impossible.

New Caney nonprofit Mission Northeast is looking to help these individuals, who are eager to turn their lives around and find stable employment. The job fair, which is being held in coordination with the R.B. Tullis Branch Library, is set to be held on March 20, from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.

The job fair is free to the public and will offer a wide range of employment opportunities on many levels. Among those businesses and organizations that are already slated to attend are Amegy Bank, Apple Movers, Arbonne, Ballard's Pest Control, Barnes and Noble, Big Tex Air, Bubba Burke Construction, Home Depot, the Houston Airport System, Humble ISD, Kennedy Fabricating, Inc., Kingwood Medical Center, Kroger, Lone Star College Kingwood, Memorial Hermann Hospital, New Caney ISD, United Airlines, WalMart Distribution Center, and representatives from both the United States Army and Naval Branches.

During the career and research fair, the public will be invited to meet area employers and to get information about current job opportunities within the community. Along with these opportunities, the job fair will also feature a special section for those who were formerly incarcerated and are currently in need of a job.

"We sometimes have clients who have been incarcerated and are looking for work," said Pam Dickson, the director at Mission Northeast. "Many businesses run background checks on prospective employees and sometimes having a criminal record for any offense can mean that a person may not be hired."

Dickson also noted that if the incarceration was fairly recent, there is often no proof or way to validate the person's ability to work or hold a job responsibly.

The career and research fair, which will be held in the community room at the library, located at 21569 U.S. 59 in New Caney, will have a table set up exclusively for persons seeking employment and who are facing greater challenges due to former incarcerations or trouble with the law.

Individuals will be on hand to man the table, which will also offer some employment referrals. Event coordinators are currently seeking volunteers to provide information on current job opportunities, referrals and training, as well as to sit at the table throughout the event to assist in the process.

The upstairs computer lab at R.B. Tullis Branch Library will also be reserved for use during the job and resources fair and library staff will be on hand to assist interested applicants and attendees with such tasks as creating resumes to online applications.

Mission Northeast strives to better the community with events such as this and to allow disadvantaged individuals helpful opportunities.

"It becomes a Catch 22 of sorts," said Dickson. "Here are men and women who want to change their lives in a positive way and move forward, but how can they do that unless they make a sustainable wage? How can they get a job, have an apartment, and become an independent, contributing member of our community if no one will give them a chance?"

At a past Mission luncheon, guests were allowed the opportunity to hear from a client who had previously served time and, upon being released, only wanted to provide a life for himself and his son.

With the help of Mission Northeast, he was able to attend welding school, from which he graduated and got a steady job. Dickson stated that the man's story was "inspirational" and helped prove that with a little outside help, along with determination, people really can turn their lives around.

All local churches that have Job Seeker Programs, as well as Prison ministries, are invited to refer members to the job fair.

Anyone interested in volunteering, or helping to provide employment opportunities and resources for Mission Northeast to distribute can email the information to Lynn Taylor at ltaylor@missionne.org, before March 19. For more information on the career and research fair, call 281-577-8968, or visit www.countylibrary.org.