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A Huge Thank You!

On September 29, 2007 OWPM hosted the Fruits of New Life banquet. It was such a wonderful evening with music provided by Evie Haskell & Friends, delicious food provided by Embassy Suites, excellent emceeing by Bill Russell and wonderful witnessing by three former inmates as well as sharing by volunteer Penny Mole' and ministry founder Christina Gould. God blessed us tremendously by providing financial support for the ongoing needs of OWPM. We will be able to open an office space/ministry center in the near future and will also be able to purchase a van for ministry use. We are so grateful to everyone who came to hear more about this ministry and to those who gave to support the ministry. Thank you... and God bless you!

We especially want to thank our corporate sponsors: Song Bong Lee (Olivia Miller, Inc.), Mission Increase, Paul Gram, Christian Family Care and Mio Sushi. We also want to thank everyone who sponsored tables: Abraham Lee, Agape Presbyterian Church, Ann Takamura, Any Presentations, Chiropractic Center of Raleigh Hills PC, Christine Hayes Dayspring Christian Center, Don & Penny

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And as always we so appreciate our faithful MONTHLY SUPPORTERS. We couldn't continue without you!



Did You Know?

- The majority of women inmates at Coffee Creek are there because of some charge related to the abuse of methamphetamine, commonly called "meth". It might be a direct charge, such as delivery of a controlled substance, manufacturing or driving under the influence of an intoxicant. Or it might be an indirect charge such as unlawful use of a motor vehicle or robbery or ID theft, but at the core of the issue is METH.
- Many women describe being on meth as being completely controlled by something outside of yourself. Often times, everything is sacrificed in order to obtain the ever-increasing amount of meth needed to get through the day.
- These women need your prayers and help to break the cycle of addiction.
- More information is available about the meth crisis at www.crystaldarkness.com.



An Inmate's Story

Recently we met a woman who had come to Coffee Creek after a drug-related conviction. She shared with us that she was a Christian and it was soon apparent that she had a remarkable grasp of God's word. She shared that she has three children, all who are in Christian school and that she had taught Sunday School in her local church. So how did she get so far off track?

Lori shared how she had come from a drug background when she accepted Jesus as her Savior. Her conversion was real. Her husband was also a believer. But she had a friend who little-by-little drew Lori away from her God and back into drugs. She was truly broken when we met, but knew that God was gracious in allowing this time to reestablish her relationship with Him. She had truly experienced His grace and was

being used to encourage and teach other inmates. Below we share some of Lori's poetry.

Runnin' and Numbin'

Runnin' and numbun', Run from the pain
Run from the hurt and hide from the shame
Runnin' and numbun' for so long
Need to find the place where I belong.
I know it's not here in this place where I'm at
So I'm runnin' and numbun' till I find where it's at.

Stop and Feel

I stop and I feel all the hurt in me that needed to
be healed. It's been hidden for so long.
Way down deep where I thought it belonged.
I stop and I feel, the raw pain that's so real,
But my wounds cry out to be unleashed and let out.
I stop and I feel the peace that's surrounding me
Jesus took the hurt out of me.
And for the first time in a long while...I feel okay.

Will you pray for healing in Lori's family and marriage? They are very hurt by her incarceration.



The Truth Will Set You Free



John 8:28-36

"So Jesus said, "When you have lifted up the Son of Man, then you will know that I am the one I claim to be and that I do nothing on my own but speak just what the Father has taught me. The one who sent me is with me; he has not left me alone, for I always do what pleases him." Even as he spoke, many put their faith in him. To the Jews who had believed him, Jesus said, "If you hold to my teaching, you are really my disciples. Then

you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free."

They answered him, "We are Abraham's descendants and have never been slaves of anyone. How can you say that we shall be set free?" Jesus replied, "I tell you the truth, everyone who sins is a slave to sin. Now a slave has no permanent place in the family, but a son belongs to it forever. So if the Son sets you free, you will be free indeed.

What's Perking?

- Starting this week, OWPM will once again be having discipleship services in the Drug and Alcohol Treatment Center at Coffee Creek! This is a huge praise to God for opening the door to ministry in this area of the prison!
- KATU Channel 2 News aired a terrific story about OWPM on Friday, Nov. 9 during the 5 o'clock broadcast. May God use this publicity for His glory!
- Bill Russell, director of the Union Gospel Mission in Portland, will be teaching in the Medium/Maximum area of the prison the first two

Tuesdays of December. This is a great opportunity for our women!

- The Bethel Church "Face Down" Band will perform a concert on Sunday night, the 9th of December. This is an opportunity for many to come who are working during the regular day time services.
- The Nativity Story movie will be shown in the Minimum area on Thursday, Dec. 20th in order to celebrate Christmas with the inmates.
- OWPM welcomes Chaplain Al-Amin to the Minimum area and the Drug and Alcohol Treatment Center!



Inmate Prayer Requests

Christina- That I continue to seek His face. That the hedge of protection around my family remains solid. For revival in the institution and for peace.

Debra- For all the women here and their families outside. For courage, wisdom and peace. A hedge of protection around my family members. For God's will in where I parole in 7 weeks. That my family will be crime free, drug free. Prayers for all our soldiers and their families. Peace, comfort, faith and hope. Also much love and peace, strength for all our volunteers.

Candice- That I would come closer to the Lord and stop giving in to the devil and talking about drugs and the past. That God will help me love myself more. Also that my kids are protected and learn so much and don't forget me. That my daughter's dad will be healed from his addiction and find God. That God will be with my friend and help her to not talk about the past and drugs either.

Dawn- Please pray for my continued growth with my personal relationship with Jesus. Also for my husband to make good choices in his life and grow in his relationship with Christ.

Marie- To give me the courage and peace to get through the next 22 months here. To keep my children, husband and father-in-law safe and healthy. Also to pray for peace for the world and bring our soldiers home from the war.

Karen- Pray for me to enter treatment ASAP. Also pray to keep my family safe and give them strength till I go home. Also pray for Iris to learn all she can in treatment and go home to her family.

Lori- Please pray for me that I may go to treatment soon. Pray that I hear from my husband soon. Pray that Jill hears from her daughter soon and pray that more women come to Christ.

Kara- Pray that I can deal with being in prison. Pray that my boyfriend stays safe until I can get home to take care of him.

Varetta- Pray for my brother and his wife in Seattle and for my family in Portland. My dad has to have surgery. Pray that I make it the rest of the time. I go home in March. And pray for all the women at Coffee Creek.

Angela- I'm going to court in 22 days. And I'm

scared. I need all the prayers I can get.

Jacqueline- Please pray for God to give me the right words when I'm trying to bring people closer to Him. Please pray for my sister that she finds Jesus.

Virginia- Pray that I get into treatment soon. Also that my daughter forgives me and lets me explain everything. Pray that the lord will send a band of angels to surround each and everyone here at Coffee Creek and my family at the beach.

Julia- Please pray for my heart to have strength. Also to keep my family safe and happy. And for my husband, John, to stay strong and for his sick father, Jim, to get well.

Gail- Pray to give me strength to get through this time. Also for my husband to get a job (Mark) and for my children to find peace in this time (Ashley, Devan, Cameron).

Angela- Pray for the well-being of and understanding to all, and to bring people closer to the Lord this holiday season. Praise the Lord. Pray for the health and well-being from my whole family. Praise the Lord.

Donna- Pray for me to just keep shinin' with Gods glory and be a positive witness to others. Pray for prosperity for my children, Amanda and Travis. Pray that my friend, Misty, will be touched by God to develop a close personal relationship with Him and her heart to be filled with joy and happiness and overcome her depression.

Samantha- Pray for strength and wisdom for being loving and respectful towards my friends.

Shaneen- Thanks for my wonderful family and give them strength (and me too) to endure. Keep my family and friends healthy and happy. Pray my grandparents recover from their surgeries and ill health. Mother too.

Maxine- Pray that I get my knee operated on soon and I get out soon. And that my family come and see me. That my fiancé get out soon so he can get a place for us.

Stephany- Please pray that I get my new shoes this week from canteen because the state shoes I have now smell really bad. All of my bunkies would agree. Please pray for my 5 year old son, Travis. I haven't seen him for 2 years since he was adopted. Please pray that he is happy, healthy and is raised having a relationship with God. Please pray for my friend, Terry, who's life is currently controlled by her addiction. She is such a good person and deserves to have her life guided into a much better direction.



Tanya- Can you please pray for me that I go to the new boot camp in February '08. Please and thank ya! Please pray that my Dad gets a job so he can stay in Salem with my other brothers and sisters. Pray for my mom. She has not been feeling well. Please and thank you for praying for me.

Lisa- Pray to break the chain of addiction. My mom quit smoking. Yeah! Pray she keeps it up. Pray my grandbabies won't be addicts.

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Vision for the Future...

Our vision for the future of OWPM is to continue this ministry and reach the lost throughout Oregon prisons. We want to better our community by helping ex-inmates become healthy members of society through practical ways that will ultimately lead to the decrease of the recidivism rate. We will accomplish this vision as God enables us to stay on mission. As always, our mission is dedicated to restoring hope and direction to the lives of women prisoners by sharing the love of Jesus Christ through evangelism, discipleship, one-on-one counseling and aiding in their transition from prison to the community.

This mission is large and ongoing and ever-changing. We are privileged to be a part of the ministry of ransoming people from the very pit and helping to restore their lives to that which God intended in the first place.

In order to do this, we need help. A few volunteers cannot do it on their own. We need financial support, prayer support and people to come along side and use their talents to minister to these women either inside or outside the prison system. As OWPM grows, we will have a transitional home and a bakery that will employ ex-inmates. In the near future we will open a ministry center/office space.

So the future looks bright at OWPM. The needs of the women we encounter at Coffee Creek are daunting at times, but we have the privilege of sharing the BEST NEWS they have ever heard... the gospel of Jesus Christ.

Join us in this mission, won't you? For more information, contact us at owprisonministry@hotmail.com or visit us on the web at www.owprisonministry.org.

