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"The Encourager"

"...to open the eyes that are blind, to free captives from prison and to release from the dungeon those who sit in darkness" (Isa. 42:7).

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CHAPLAIN'S CORNER

Worthy

I can be a very impatient person. I hate standing in lines at stores, or places like Six Flags. Part of that comes from being in the military where all you do is "hurry up and wait."

God has been working on me as I get older, but I seem to be getting worse. I guess as we get older, we see time slipping away, and we want to get more accomplished before we go.

Sometimes it is very hard to wait on God, but when we do, God can use us for His glory to complete the work He has for us. As I look back over the last twenty years of



Chaplain Buice

prison ministry, when I was patient, God came through and gave me my heart's desire. He used me because His hand was on what I was doing, and I was in His will.

I guess what I'm trying to

say is, seek God, find where He truly wants you to serve, and He will give you a heart for what He's calling you to do. If He wants you to get some special training, He will provide it. Then you can sit back and wait on Him. He will use you, and if you are waiting too long, He will prod you and get you moving.

Seek ye first the kingdom of God..

Chaplain Terry Buice

A Word on Finances

by Derrick Wheeler

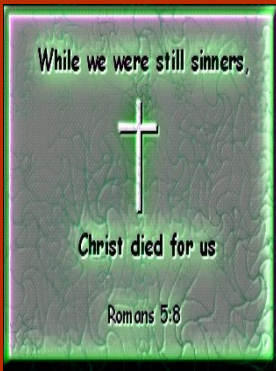
As I write this letter, the leaves are changing colors, and a cold snap is in the air. You are probably reading this a few weeks later, with the promise of Thanksgiving and Christmas right around

the corner. God has richly blessed the ministry in 2010, and He met all our financial needs. Of course, the ministry continues to need your prayers and financial support.

If God encourages, please continue your support and encouragement. Pray for the Barnabas Board to have wisdom in all ministry matters.

BARNABAS WOMEN'S MINISTRY

by Sharon Johnson

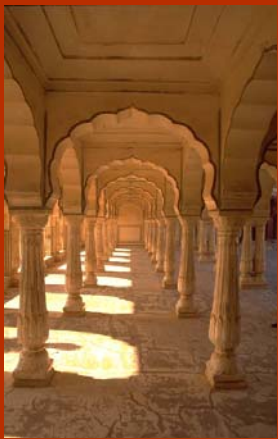


Barnabas Ministries Vision

To encourage and help men and women successfully transition from prison back to their families and communities while connecting them with Christ and His lifestyle.

Mission

To help men and women upon their release from prison become productive citizens by developing a strong work ethic, necessary life skills, and a vital relationship with Jesus Christ.



Fall runs a close race with spring as being the most beautiful season of the year. I love to go to the mountains to soak in the fresh air and colorful leaves. It is the season that reminds us that death is near because most plant life is beginning to go dormant. Winter will be upon it soon. But there is hope that spring will come, and with it new life.

Without Christ, we are dead. We are spiritually dead, with no way to quicken our own spirit. But we can thank Jesus Christ, the Son of God, for providing the way for us to be able to live life abundantly with a spirit that is truly alive. The key to this life is accepting Jesus Christ as one's Lord and Savior.

How do you do that? You must believe that Jesus died on the cross for your sin, and that He is alive today and is at the right hand of God. Ask Him to be your Savior, and do not be ashamed to let others know.

Why should you tell others? If you truly love Him, you will not want to keep it to yourself. Do you remem-

ber the first time you were "in love"? You wanted to tell everyone, didn't you? So it should be the same with Jesus.

I say all of this to tell you what happened on the fifth Sunday in August. We had a special service in Gwinnett County Corrections work release facility. The men and women were allowed to attend together. Pastor Steve Pritchett, Brighter Day Quartet and others from Temple Baptist Church in Buford provided food, music, testimonies and the message of salvation to the 43 people who attended. At this time, there are only about 100 people on the work release side of the prison and some of them would have been at work, so I believe we had well over half the inmates



available to come. Twenty-four of these men and women asked Jesus to be their Savior, and one re-dedicated her life to the Lord. God is powerful and knows exactly what each needed to draw him or her to Himself.

These twenty-four people have a new life. They had a physical life, but now they have a spiritual life. August 29, 2010, is the date of their new birth. They have been born again. God is so good.

It still amazes me how He wants to use us (you and me) to accomplish His will here on this earth. God is looking for men and women who are willing to give of themselves to labor for Him. Serving Him is the greatest blessing imaginable.

Pray for laborers, for the fields are white for harvest.

Love in Christ,
Sharon Johnson

Barnabas Ministries Report YTD as of Aug. 1, 2010

Participants	Volunteers	Salvations	Rededications	Baptisms
5966	707	277	89	0
2010 Angola Prison Mission Trip				
1000+	22	127	21	0

Barnabas 2010 Christmas Projects

Being in prison during the season of Christ's birth is difficult. While about 50 percent of inmates' families provide the necessities (and even gifts) at Christmastime, 50 percent of the inmates don't receive anything. Every Christmas season, Barnabas Ministries ministers to the men at Gwinnett County Correction Complex by providing gift packs.

Barnabas Ministries would like you to ask God about partnering with them by providing \$5 gift-pack donations, which will provide toothbrushes, toothpaste, socks, cards/stamps (for inmates to mail to their family members), candy canes, pass-it-on cards and gospel tracts. Any donations for this project should be provided to Barnabas Ministries by **Dec. 6** in order to purchase, prepare and distribute gift packs among the inmates. For more information, contact Barnabas Ministries at **(678) 804-7504**. May God bless you during this season of our Savior's birth.

Barnabas Women's Ministry Thanksgiving Meal

Barnabas Women's Ministry plans to provide a Thanksgiving meal Nov. 24 at 6:00 p.m. If you would be interested in volunteering, helping provide items or are able to provide money to purchase items, please contact Barnabas Ministries at **(678) 804-7504** and designate how you would like to help, or contact Sharon Johnson at **(770) 312-6308**.

Stocking Stuffers for Women in Gwinnett Corrections

Barnabas Ministries is planning to prepare Christmas stockings for 20-25 women. The ministry will share any overages with the guards. According to Sharon Johnson, when the Gwinnett Corrections for Women is full (24 women), and if the top bunks are used as well, they may have as many as 48 in the facility. Each woman needs everyday hygienic items that include: **deodorant (ALL IN PLASTIC CONTAINERS, small or sample sizes), bar of soap and plastic container, plastic container of lotion, perfume, shampoo and conditioner, combs, toothbrushes and toothpaste, terry cloth wrap (for wet hair), plastic pump bottle of hair spray, Mary Kay and Avon products or samples (PLASTIC ONLY), socks (all same color and type), chapstick, stationery and Christmas stockings, plastic bath sponge, individually wrapped candies.**

Also, Barnabas Ministries will be providing a Christmas party on Dec. 21 at 6:00 p.m. for the women, and would greatly appreciate any **monetary donations**. Pray for the Lord's guidance, and if he is leading you to provide any of these needs. All items or donations should be provided to Barnabas Ministries by **Dec. 6**. For more information, contact Sharon Johnson at **(770) 312-6308**.

Letters from the Heart

(Letter received by Barnabas Ministries)

Aug. 16, 2010

Dear Chaplain Buice:

It has been a week since I left Gwinnett County Correctional Facility, and I thought I would send you an update, but more importantly, I wanted to thank you.

First of all, things are coming together nicely for me. I still have a number of personal issues like transportation and employment, which I am trying to get resolved, although I trust these will be resolved in the next couple of weeks. After 14 months of absence, I did find a warm welcome back at the Baptist church here in Fort Myers, where I had been attending regularly for about a year prior to incarceration. So, in my first week, I focused on getting back to the midweek and Sunday services, as well as to Sunday school and the Friday night Celebrate Recovery.

Really, though, the reason for this letter was I wanted to thank you! It was a pleasure meeting you. Words cannot really express how much I appreciated your dedication and that of the many volunteers at the Gwinnett County Correctional Facility. From the Bible college, Bible studies, Sunday services to the volunteers in the library, I thank you for creating an environment where I was able to develop a deeper relationship with our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. Because of your efforts, I do feel that what could have been one of the biggest waste of my time, from an eternal perspective, actually turned out to be one of the most productive. I don't think my walk with God will ever be the same, and for that, I am grateful. My prayer for you and each of the volunteers at the Gwinnett County Correctional Facility is that God would bless each of you just as much as I feel I have been so richly blessed by you.

Thanks again for everything.

Peace and Grace.

Sincerely,

Bruce



When Jesus spoke again to the people, he said, **"I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will never walk in darkness, but will have the light of life."**

—John 8:12



"Yet for us there is but one God, the Father, from whom all things came and for whom we live; and there is but one Lord, Jesus Christ, through whom all things came and through whom we live."

—1 Cor.8:6