

Summer 2021

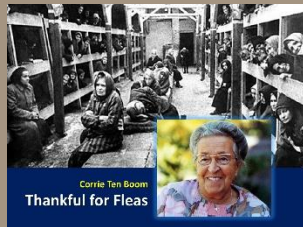
Stupid Thankful!

Corrie Ten Boom

I Thessalonians 5:18 tells us, “Be thankful in all circumstances ...”

Ravensbrook was known as one of the worst concentration camps during WWII. When Corrie and her sister Betsie were stationed there, they were disgusted to discover that their barrack was infested with fleas!

How could one be “stupid thankful” for fleas? Because of the fleas the guards left the barracks alone. While there, they were able to smuggle Bibles in unnoticed an unfettered.



They were able to have Bible studies, pray, and worship without any fear of a guard bothering them.

Many of the inmates are thankful they got arrested. Many will tell you that they were not arrested but rescued. Many moms have said over the phone, “I’m glad he/she is not dead in a ditch somewhere!”

Your giving creates “stupid thankful” moments not only for the inmates but also for their families.



From an inmate:



“I’m sending my last Bible lesson, course 8, today. Can I please get started on the next Bible study series that comes after the Gospel Echoes please? I greatly appreciate them and you for providing them to us inmates. Thank-you and you are changing lives for the better!”

This inmate is “stupid thankful!”



Our New Lead Male Chaplain: Josh Elliot



The chaplaincy department and it’s board has been praying about who would be able to fill the shoes of Chaplain Mark McKnight. Chaplain Mark was the lead male chaplain for 17 years. Mark is now with Jesus. A number of inmates were introduced to Jesus by Mark. The chaplaincy department will be forever grateful for his ministry here at the jail.



Our new lead male chaplain is Josh Elliot. Josh is a wrestling coach in the Marion school district, an engineer, family man, and a man who loves Jesus.

In January 1997, Josh was incarcerated here at the Grant County jail. Christ found Josh. He has been committed to being a chapel speaker the last 5 years. He has gone the extra mile for the chaplaincy program.

The board unanimously approved Josh to be our next lead male chaplain. We are excited to have Josh be a part of our great staff.

Josh will oversee our men’s afternoon Bible studies, meet with inmates one on one, be a resource for our jail officers, and continue to speak at chapel.



2020 Stats

Our numbers were drastically affected by COVID 19

203 BIBLES PROVIDED TO INMATES

39 DEATH/ILLNESS NOTIFICATIONS

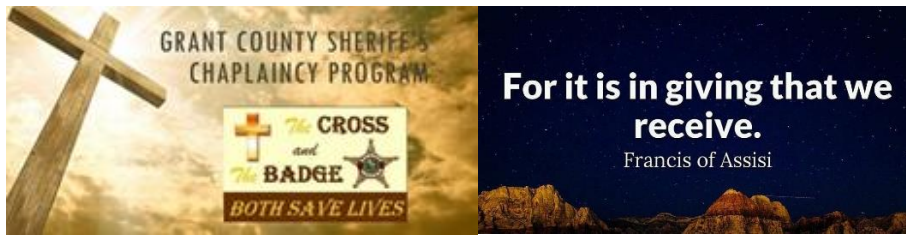
180 INDIVIDUAL COUNSELING SESSIONS

461 BIBLE STUDIES PROVIDED TO INMATES

47 CHILDREN OF 25 INMATES WERE PROVIDED CHRISTMAS GIFTS

8 WOMEN & 12 MEN EXPRESSED SALVATION BY BAPTISM (Only 1 baptism service in 2020)

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It cost the county, roughly, \$20,000 a year to house an inmate in the county jail. Part of our mission is to help inmates discover a new way of thinking and a new way of living life. When an inmate doesn't return, it saves the county \$20,000.



We speak anywhere at anytime. Many civic organizations and churches in our area have invited us to share the kind of impact our chaplaincy program has on our community. We can speak to civic groups, missions groups, small groups, or in a worship service.

We would love to come and share what we do. We have 3 different formats:

1. Chaplaincy impact in our community
2. Chaplaincy impact and preach
3. Preach

We do not charge a fee but we do ask for permission to accept donations from individuals.



\$5

- Bible
- Healing Wounded Heart workbook

\$75

- Gifts for our Gift for Kids Christmas celebration

\$100

- Sponsor a hole at our annual Mark McKnight Memorial Golf Scramble

\$160

- Sponsor a table at our annual fundraising banquet

\$200

- Sponsor a team at annual Mark McKnight Memorial Golf Scramble
- Sponsor a quarterly newsletter

\$1-\$1000

- Give monthly to help us meet the everyday cost of running the chaplaincy program



Stats cont...

Manhood 101

20 Men participated

Healing the Wounded Heart Program

Males:

Total participated: 10 men

Females:

Total Participated: 9 women

June 10 Annual Fundraising Banquet

Location: Eventfully Yours
5243 S. Adams St. Marion 46953

- \$25 individual
- \$160 a table

September 10 Mark McKnight Memorial Golf Scramble

Location: Arbor Trace
2500 E 550 N Marion 46952

- \$50 per individual
- \$200 per team
- Company sponsor: \$100
- Event Sponsor: \$2000

November 4 Trivia Night

Location: Brookhaven Wesleyan
2960 E. 38th St. Marion, 46953

- \$25 individual
- \$160 per team
- \$160 to sponsor team

A Inmates Story (used wth permission)

I was born on October 5th, 1984. My dad drank frequently and worked a lot. I played football, basketball, and ran track. My mom attended all my events but my dad worked long hours and missed a lot of my games. Emotionally, my dad was almost never there. I began smoking weed as a teenager. In high school I straightened up because I wanted to play sports. I was a varsity letterman in both baseball and football. I got injured and was forced to sit out my senior year. I began hanging around new people who were into drugs: mushrooms>acid>ectasy>pain pills. When I turned 18 I started drinking more. All of this led to my incarceration. My change came when I started going to the Manhood 101 program at the jail. I stopped blaming my dad for my failures. Accepted responsibility for my actions. Began reading the Bible. Got involced in chaplaincy Bible studies. My transformioin started at the Grant County Jail.