



# Jubilee

PRISON MINISTRY

## Volunteer News

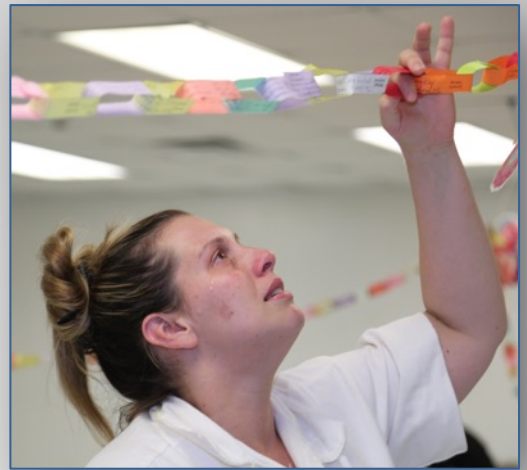
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### Spring Jubilee Weekends

The spring Jubilee Weekends at Lychner State Jail and Plane State Jail are now behind us and everyone involved was overwhelmed and blessed by the incredible work of the Holy Spirit. There are many photos available on the [Jubilee Facebook](#) page so please take a moment to check it out.



While you are there, don't forget to Like the Jubilee Facebook page! It helps the ministry spread the word about the exciting work God is doing in the prisons and jails.



### Sign Up Now for Fall Weekends

The fall Jubilee weekends are beginning to take shape. We hope you will sign up to help, to attend commencements, and to get your church involved:

- ◇ Sanchez State Jail #1, El Paso, TX (men) – August 18-21, 2016
- ◇ Glossbrenner State Jail #1, San Diego, TX (men) – October, 2016 (TBD)
- ◇ Formby State Jail #1, Plainview, TX (men) – September 8-11, 2016
- ◇ Lychner State Jail #4, Atascocita, TX (men) – November 11-13, 2016
- ◇ Plane State Jail #3, Dayton, Tx (women) – dates TBD

New units and weekends are being added all the time so be sure to watch your email for new opportunities to serve!

[Click Here for All Upcoming Jubilee Events](#)

## Do You Know The Muffin Man?

During the spring Jubilee weekend at Plane State Jail, volunteers tested a new type of Agape, distributing individual chocolate chip muffin-cakes, made fresh at Sam's Club, instead of cookies. The team distributed 2,400 muffins to the entire prison population and the response from the inmates was overwhelmingly positive. We encourage you to check out muffins as an Agape alternative for your next weekend.



- ✓ No zip-lock bagging required
- ✓ Baked fresh the day they are distributed
- ✓ Deliver straight from bakery to the unit (no extra handling required)
- ✓ Hand out in unit directly from the boxes
- ✓ Forty percent lower cost than cookies
- ✓ Inmates love them!

## Kids' VBS Letter Writing

Writing letters for Jubilee Weekend participants is a terrific way for kids attending Vacation Bible School to learn about Agape and to express Jesus' unconditional love. If you would like to help your church's VBS write letters to inmates in the Jubilee program, here is how:

- ◇ Write the letters using white copy paper with *pen, pencil, marker, or crayon* but **DO NOT** use glitter, stickers, etc.
- ◇ Address them to either a woman or a man (e.g. Brother in White or Sister in White)
- ◇ Remember it is a note of encouragement and it can be as short or as long as the child would like – it should just be whatever is in their heart
- ◇ They can feel free to add drawing or sketch but that is not necessary
- ◇ Sign with the child's **FIRST NAME ONLY** and their age (e.g. Justin, age 8)
- ◇ Pray as a group before you send them – this is a great lesson about prayer!
- ◇ Put them all in a large envelop or box and send them to the address below. We will distribute them to the Jubilee Weekend leaders.



## Devotional Meditation

### Our Life Is Our Message

From Jubilee Program Manual

When the great Indian teacher and revolutionary Mahatma Ghandi was asked, “What is your Message?” He answered, “My **Life** is my Message.” What was true for Gandhi is, in large measure, true for all of us. What we *say* is only a small part of how we live. Our life, in its totality, is our message.

So pause for a moment and ask yourself: What is your life’s message? Who are you? If someone who knows you, someone who knows how you spend your time and where you spend your money, were asked: “What is most important to that man or woman?” what would they say about you?

Tuning out the noise to rethink our priorities is not easy. We are bombarded with cultural messages that tell us success and happiness comes from nicer cars in our driveway, upscale brands in our closet, more money in our wallets, a smaller waistline, a better body, whiter teeth, shinier hair, and the latest and greatest bit of technology in our pockets. They tell us that rich, powerful, and beautiful equals success. They say that self-gratification - our own personal happiness - ought to be our life’s goal. It is little wonder that many of us find ourselves *loving things and using people* when it ought to be the other way around! We were made to love people and use things. How did we get this so backwards?

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The real question we need to ask is not “who am I?” but “who do I *want* to be?” Even more important, *whose* do I want to be? Will I live for myself or will I live for Christ Jesus? Will my life’s message be one of reflecting God’s *agape* love into the world ([Eph 5:2](#)) or will it be something more ordinary, more worldly, more self-centered ([Eph. 5:15](#))? Who we *become* is a matter of choice. “For we are God’s handiwork, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do.” ([Eph 2:10](#)) Like it or not, **your life is your message**. Are you choosing Jesus not just with your mind, not just with your words, but with your life?

*May God bless you in the weeks ahead.  
We are grateful for the opportunity to serve with you.*