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Welcome

This is our first Jubilee Prison Ministry newsletter - we hope you find it useful. We'll do our best to keep you up to date with ministry news while not bogging you down with too many details. Please pass this along to family, friends or co-workers.

New Website

The all-new Jubilee website is live at <u>jubileeprisonministry.org</u>. We are incredibly excited about this new technology platform.



- A new *Volunteer Portal* allows donors and volunteers to log in and sign up for Jubilee events and weekends, make and view donations, download talks, complete online training, and much, much more.
- A new *Leader Portal* to help weekend leadership teams simplify the process of managing a Jubilee weekend.
- New tools for prayer partners, churches, and partner ministries to make it easier to work with Jubilee to serve the incarcerated population.

It is our prayer that this new technology platform will allow Jubilee volunteers and partners to spend less time administering and more time on ministry.

As always, we welcome your feedback, your suggestions, and your assistance. (We are looking for a few volunteer system gurus to help manage this new system so call Jim Austin if you would like to volunteer.) Please check out the new website and don't forget to follow us on our Jubilee Facebook page!



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Ministry Expansion 2016

Demand for Jubilee programs at Texas prisons and elsewhere is growing rapidly. We are building new volunteer teams to meet the need for seven new units to launch in 2016 (praise God!). If you have friends, family or know of partner churches in any of these areas, please contact Jim Austin or Dennis Woodley.

Unit Name	Location
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Kegans Men's Downtown Houston

Carole Young Women's Dickinson (near League City)

Gist Men's Beaumont

Dominguez San Antonio

Glossbrenner San Diego (60 miles west of Corpus Christi)

Sanchez Men's El Paso

Formby Plainview (45 miles north of Lubbock)

Sign Up Now for Lychner and Plane State

Lychner #3 Men's weekend is scheduled for Friday, April 22 - Sunday, April 24, and April 30. Plane State #2 Women's weekend is scheduled for Friday, June 17 – Sunday, June 19, and June 25. We need about 40 volunteers for each weekend. Whether you want to become a volunteer, attend a Sunday afternoon

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contribute "agape" or pray for one of these weekends, please go to the web site and click <u>Get Involved</u> to sign up.

Visiting Your Church

If you are interested in holding a volunteer recruiting and information session at your church, call or drop us an email. We have flyers you can use and someone from the ministry would be happy to come visit and answer questions for potential volunteers.

A special thanks to The Story in Houston for holding an awesome Leap Night Barn Dance and BBQ to benefit Jubilee!



Carole Young Unit



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Devotional Meditation

A Step Along The Way

by Bishop Ken Untener of Saginaw

It helps, now and then, to step back and take a long view.

The kingdom is not only beyond our efforts, it is even beyond our vision.

We accomplish in our lifetime only a tiny fraction of the magnificent enterprise that is God's work. Nothing we do is complete, which is a way of saying that the Kingdom always lies beyond us.

No statement says all that could be said.

No prayer fully expresses our faith.

No confession brings perfection.

No pastoral visit brings wholeness.

No program accomplishes the Church's mission.

No set of goals and objectives includes everything.

This is what we are about.

We plant the seeds that one day will grow.

We water seeds already planted, knowing that they hold future promise.

We lay foundations that will need further development.

We provide yeast that produces far beyond our capabilities.

We cannot do everything, and there is a sense of liberation in realizing that.

This enables us to do something, and to do it very well.

It may be incomplete, but it is a beginning, a step along the way, an opportunity for the Lord's grace to enter and do the rest.

We may never see the end results, but that is the difference between the master builder and the worker.

We are workers, not master builders; ministers, not messiahs.

We are prophets of a future not our own. Amen.

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