

Free Inside
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The God Who Changes Lives.

Neglect; poverty; physical and sexual abuse; drug and alcohol addiction; prostitution and drug dealing, the story of every inmate has at least one, usually more of these elements. Experts in the fields of sociology, social work, mental health, law and politics all offer opinions and solutions, but at the end of the day the problems of crime seem to get worse. Politicians know that votes can be garnered from a “get tough on crime” platform. So the familiar “lock ‘em up and throw away the key” approach is usually all they have to offer.

But God . . .

Come with me into prison and meet *J*, an intelligent young man in his twenties whose life was blighted by all the socio-economic factors we have just mentioned. His life was going nowhere, he had no hope, but in prison he met Christ, he is rejoicing in sins forgiven, the hurt and pain in his life has been healed. He is avidly reading and studying scripture, growing in grace knowledge and making plans to go to Bible School on his release.

N came to faith in Christ three months ago, he is delighted at the fact that God is real and has been answering his simple prayers about every day needs and issues.

The story of these two men can be multiplied over and over in every prison you care to name. Where the experts fail in bringing about long-term inner change, God, by His power succeeds in doing.

The second Connecticut Prison Conference held on August 14, in Glastonbury was another vivid reminder of the power of God to change lives. Both speakers, Chaplain Mike Kropman and Kim Rivera told their stories of how they came to know Christ when they were in prison in the depths of hopelessness and despair. They were living reminders to all of us that God changes lives.

In each of their cases God used ordinary individuals, such as those of us who go regularly into prison, to reach them with His love. This fact encouraged all of us to keep on doing what God has called us to do in prison ministry. Read the full report of the conference on our website www.free-inside.com.

Free Inside - Past and Present.

- Three Alpha Courses in two prisons completed since January. Total enrollment in all three was 121.
- Twenty-five volunteers trained in 4 teams.
- Two Conferences for Connecticut Prison Workers held.

Starting in September.

- Four, possibly 5 courses in 3 separate prisons. One of those course will be Alpha II “A Life Worth Living.”
- Training of more volunteers continues.

Interested in a Live Free Inside Presentation?

Why not come to First Baptist Church, Hillstown Road, Manchester, CT on September 19, at 6.00pm. Come and hear our volunteers speak. Get an insight into the ministry of Free Inside.

Sincerely,

Peter

For Christ and His Kingdom