

# Fruitful Harvest **PRISON** Ministry



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Therefore, as we have opportunity, let us do good...  
– Galatians 6:10

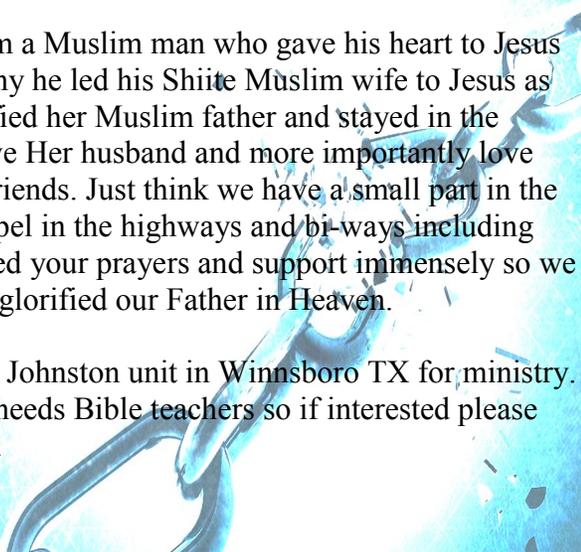
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## PRISON REVIVAL-GURNEY UNIT!

The greatest ministry experience and move of God's Spirit is at the Gurney Unit. We consider this as our Antioch!!! Morris, Homer and James Baker continue to preach the Gospel of Jesus Christ every 2nd Friday of every month there with the help and direction from Chaplain Gratsy who is one of the most purest, Godliest men we have ever met who has a genuine love for these men who are incarcerated. Chaplain Gratsy is equipping these men with the tools needed for success. We truly are seeing the fruits of our labor. At this Unit alone there has been an average of 200 salvations and baptisms each month! In 4 months that equals 800 inmates who have confessed Jesus Christ as their Lord and Savior! Yes you are reading that correctly. That is not a typo - THAT IS REVIVAL!!! You don't see that happening in very many churches. You may think this is jail house religion but jail house religion doesn't transform lives like the Holy Ghost can as He moves mightily and changes someone's ideology that has been in bondage for years.

One awesome testimony from a Muslim man who gave his heart to Jesus Christ and through his testimony he led his Shiite Muslim wife to Jesus as well. This Muslim woman defied her Muslim father and stayed in the United States continuing to love Her husband and more importantly love Jesus! That's not religion my friends. Just think we have a small part in the work of God to preach the gospel in the highways and bi-ways including the prisons. That's why we need your prayers and support immensely so we can increase this outreach that glorified our Father in Heaven.

There is an opportunity at the Johnston unit in Winnsboro TX for ministry. Will it be You? The chaplain needs Bible teachers so if interested please call Gary Nixon 903 440 1481.



## CURRENT NEEDS

**We Thank God For You** who have given to His work in helping prisoners and their families. As you know we endeavor in this labor of love together as you pray and give. God's grace is sufficient for all our needs and our trust is in Him. Some of our financial needs are:

- Financial help for recently released prisoners with bus tickets and motel rooms on their way home, wherever home may be.
- Fuel for travel back forth to the prisons all over Northeast Texas
- Blessing Bag Designers [fruitfulharvest@verizon.net](mailto:fruitfulharvest@verizon.net)
- Prayers
- Send financial gifts to address at top of newsletter.

### Fruitful Harvest Prison Info Update

We as servants of God are so thankful that we can be a part of something as special as ministering at the Texas Prisons. Our part may be small but it is very significant. God has used us mightily in this year of 2015 and in the last 2 months we have seen the fruits of our labor to the effect of witnessing 100's of inmates come to know the Lord Jesus Christ. We believe that in 2016 God will do even greater things. Let's first give a recap of those ministering recently; Morris was given an opportunity to minister at the Johnston unit where God moved in a mighty way. Mike Simpson ministered at the Telford unit in which is probably one of the most violent units in Texas. Shane Douglas and Gary Nixon ministered at the Moore Unit in Bonham and the Hodge Unit in Rusk. Homer Morgan continues every week to lead as Dorm Pastor at the Bradshaw Unit. Morris Wilks, Gary Nixon and Vince Palumbo served at the Cole Unit not only preaching the gospel but handing out Christmas cards and giving lot's of hugs to over 900 inmates.



Morris Wilks

In Christ,  
Morris Wilks

# Volunteer Of the Month



**James Baker**

Currently, James Baker is the Pastor at Circle C Cowboy Church in Mt. Pleasant Tx. He is ministering in the Titus county jail and Gurney, Telford, Moore and Cole prison units. In year 2000 James began his journey of ministry with Fruitful Harvest on a mission trip to Honduras and began preaching in the prisons there. His passion is to share the gospel with those incarcerated and one of the fruits of his labor was revealed in 2008 during a service at New Beginnings Fellowship. After Malcolm Ellis had preached a man tapped James on the shoulder, who was in the service and asked James to pray with him. The man continued to share how the ministry of FH in Titus County Prison had made such an impact on his life that he made the decision to follow Christ and was attending NBF presently after his prison term! At that point James realized that the Lord just confirmed God's call which was to continue ministering at the prisons and being a part of the FH Prison Ministry. This is just 1 of countless lives that have been changed. James stated that he also receives spiritual renewal as he is in fellowship with Charlie, Gary, Morris and other ministers. [www.circleccowboychurch.com](http://www.circleccowboychurch.com)



## Giving gifts to 56 children of inmates!

This year Fruitful Harvest did their annual Prison Fellowship's Angel Tree. This is where a child of a prisoner receives gifts from their incarcerated parent.

We were blessed beyond measure to have 30 families with 56 children to serve. Each child has a mom or dad and some have both parents incarcerated. This year Cedar Crest Church helped us with 10 of the children with specific gifts for the children. New Beginnings did the rest with each child receiving one gift costing \$20-\$25. Once the gifts are purchased with the item listed on the Angel Tree form it was wrapped and returned. Then they were delivered to the homes of the children December 12th. There were 5 teams consisting of 10 volunteers visiting each home of the caretakers. They delivered the gifts while each child received gospel material in which shared the "Greatest Gift of All" the opportunity to know who Jesus Christ is.

This is the 17th year for New Beginnings to be the host church for this outreach and Melba's 16th year to oversee it. She is seriously looking for someone in our church to take the project over. Inquiries contact Melba: [fruitfulharvest@verizon.net](mailto:fruitfulharvest@verizon.net)

**Samaritan Project** the vision of **Hope & Restoration Ministries**, is getting closer to realization every day. Hope & Restoration work closely together with Gary Nixon and Morris Wilks. Outsiders to these ministries are stepping up to offer some portion of what Samaritan needs to get off the ground.

**What is the Samaritan Project ?** Samaritan is a two-fold initiative that serves both the families of the incarcerated, and the inmates as well. It is planned to lodge, feed and disciple both parties. A dormitory with the ability to house over 130 beds has been in the talking stages for months now. Recently, an inmate that was granted parole, had nothing to his name, no family to go home to, and no place to go. He met the two primary requirements of Samaritan - out of the faith-based program while locked up, and referred by the Chaplain. What better opportunity to try to help him.

We started him off with clothing and two days rest in a room of his own. Today he works full time for his room and board, he attends bible study 2 nights a week, re-entry & recovery program one night a week, church on Sunday and Wednesday, and still has two days a week off. His work is learning an employable skill and giving him on-the-job experience. At some point, in three months or less, we will help him to locate employment, help him with transportation and plug him into a church of his choice. It is our intent to offer these services within a year to all faith-based program inmates leaving the system, with nowhere to go, throughout East Texas first, and gradually absorb the rest of the state. We are working closely with chaplains that are advising us.

**The second part of The Samaritan Project** is lodging and food for inmate families that have previously arranged "special" visitation. TDCJ defines a "special" visit as a family member who travels over 300 miles to the visitation unit from home. These visits are typically four hours on Saturday, and four hours on Sunday. As many of you already are aware, inmate population in Texas is at an all time high - over 200,000 men and women. Most (over 90%) were declared indigent prior to trial and had a court-appointed attorney. In other words, agree to a plea or go for at least double the time. Many spouses and children are innocent victims of the crimes committed by the offender. Many of these families do not have the money for lodging and food for such a trip, so they sleep in their cars and brown-bag their meals. Samaritan wants to ease that burden. We would like to have a facility that would lodge and feed them Friday night, Saturday morning, Saturday night and Sunday morning. In addition, local pastors would volunteer to teach Friday evening and Saturday evening. The outreach opportunity is a blessing from God to restore them to a relationship with Jesus Christ. With both the inmate and family being reached, we believe we can help reduce recidivism tremendously. This doesn't come easily. It demands a servant's heart for souls. Please pray for this outreach ministry.

## Prison Ministry Schedule

Every Tuesday	Advanced Bible Study	Hopkins County	Jan 1	Telford,
Every Thursday		Bradshaw Prison	Jan 13	Gurney
Every Sunday & Thurs	Hopkins County Jail		Jan 15	Skyview
Every 2nd and 4th Wednesday	Titus County Jail		Jan 18	Hodge
Twice a month	Teen Challenge Ranch		Jan 22	Hodge
			Jan 26	Cole