

Fruitful Harvest **PRISON** Ministry



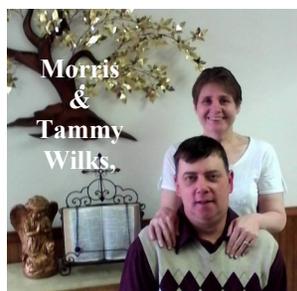
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Therefore, as we have opportunity, let us do good...
– Galatians 6:10

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Advanced Bible Course - New Study Offered for Hopkins County Jail

As the FH Prison Ministry continues to grow God has led the leaders to go beyond the milk of the Word and begin to **Disciple those who are ready** to grow into Men of God learning a new way of living! As Gary Nixon, Morris Wilks and Vince Palumbo have taken the next steps to request this greatly needed study for men who have received Salvation and are ready for more understanding in discipleship. Their goal is to make this study the beginning format and apply it at other counties such as Titus and where it is accepted. Both Morris and Vince began their journey in



prison ministry more than 7 years ago. Monthly, the number of men and women who they minister to reach up to 800, if not more, inmates as incarceration levels elevate unfortunately. As we realize the times we live in we should expect wickedness to increase and that's why these 2 men have a passion to share this new study that can give those who come to the Advanced Bible Course the teachings of how to **reflect God's Power** with those around them and become disciples of Christ.



Most of those incarcerated don't have the biblical knowledge needed and it's the hope of equipping them with a deeper walk with God, increasing their maturity and teaching them the outward expression of their faith in the environment they are faced with 24/7. It is also hoped that through this new study it will prepare them for the time they are released which can give them some stability, respect for society and more power to live a Christian life when released.

Matt 28:19-20 says, "Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations...teaching them to observe all things that I have commanded..." which was the topic of the first study a few weeks ago. 8 is the limit for this study that has the potential to teach things like, Who am I in Christ, How to apply the Word to my life and how to walk with God. They want to teach them **to have a solid foundation** and allow the power of God to manifest in their lives so that they will move forward in their walk instead of backwards. Please be encouraged to pray for this team and the new study He has led them to do!

Fruitful Harvest Prison Ministry Alumni

We go and plant seeds and God does the rest. You never know what God's going to do in your life. My prison term



started in the 1980's. I knew I needed something. Every time I would get out of prison I would go back to my old ways and it would get worse and worse every time. I almost went back to prison for life but God knew that I was at the end of my rope and that I couldn't see clearly. He grabbed a hold of me and showed me He was my hope. **I felt His presence in that jail cell** as I finally gave up my will. I felt His anointing on me that day and I've never been the same since. I know God changed my life as I chose to completely turn my will over to Him. I wanted Him to continue to use me because my life was in His hands now. Today in my walk with Him I have the opportunity to go in to prisons and share my testimony with those incarcerated. When I share in the prisons I don't see men in whites but I see men with potential. I see men leaving and sharing the Gospel to the broken hearted. The Lord has taught me a lot in a very short time. Yes, I regret the many wrongs I have done but I am very grateful that I am able to stand before men in prison, men in recovery and they see a different person standing there because God has changed me from the inside out! When the Lord comes into your life people can see Him in you. God loves me more that I can imagine. God said that the path to hell is wide and broad and many people are going down it but the path to heaven is narrow and few people find it. I've learned that life is not all about money or gaining material things. **Today, I have no desire to do drugs or pills.** We serve a God that can change anyone. Ezekiel saw God turn dry bones into life and if you become obedient to God He will turn your mess into life. Jesus is my savior and God loves you and you are never too far away from Him. Step out and stand up for Jesus.

Current Ministry Needs:



We Thank God For You who have given for His work in helping prisoners and their families. As you know we endeavor in this labor of love, the need for financial support needed to continue.

God's grace is sufficient for all our needs and our trust is in Him for these needs.

Some of our financial needs are:

- Gas to travel back forth to the prison units spread all over Northeast Texas
- The purchase a Van for crusades, rallies, and ministry training events
- Financial help for recently released prisoners with bus tickets and motel rooms on their way home, wherever home may be.
- Expanding the Food Pantry.
- Send financial gifts to address at top of newsletter.

Volunteer Of the Month

Roberto Rios has been called by God for the last 5 years to minister in the prisons in surrounding counties for FH Prison Ministry and is fulfilling his calling in the ministry. His passion is to let the men know that through Christ Jesus anything can be overcome and that there is nothing that He can't forgive. He believes that God wants to use all of us in some way no matter what our situation has been. God cares for everyone. Roberto tries to bring hope to those that may think there is none. When the world sees someone's mistakes and past failure, some would say they are a waste to society. Roberto sees the redemption through God's love and hopes they can receive it. His heart is full of **compassion and understanding** for people and wants to make a difference. Roberto also serves as pastor at the House of Prayer in Paris, TX. for the last two years. He is a volunteer at Teen challenge monthly and loves to uplift and encourage young men to take the right path. When Roberto is not preaching or teaching the word of God he enjoys spending time with his wife Veronica, of 15 years, and three children; Jonathan 9, Naomi 7 and Gisselle 4 years old. He is a fan of soccer, loves coaching his kids team and enjoys bass fishing besides playing his guitar.



Prison Ministry Schedule

Every Thursday	Bradshaw Prison	May 3 Telford,
Every Sunday, Tues & Thurs	Hopkins County Jail	May 8 Gurney
Every 2nd and 4th Wednesday	Titus County Jail	May 10 Johnston
Twice a month	Teen Challenge Ranch	May 17 Skyview
		May 20 Hodge
		May 24 Hodge
		May 31 Cole

Please be in prayer for the men and woman who are giving their time to minister and for the inmates to receive the Lord!



The 12 Steps—Encourage someone who is incarcerated to work through these steps while they are waiting. God can do mighty things in their lives! Let us know if you need a Life Recovery Bible to send them.

- Step 1 - We admitted we were powerless over our addiction - that our lives had become unmanageable
- Step 2 - Came to believe that a Power greater than ourselves could restore us to sanity
- Step 3 - Made a decision to turn our will and our lives over to the care of God as we understood God
- Step 4 - Made a searching and fearless moral inventory of ourselves
- Step 5 - Admitted to God, to ourselves and to another human being the exact nature of our wrongs
- Step 6 - Were entirely ready to have God remove all these defects of character
- Step 7 - Humbly asked God to remove our shortcomings
- Step 8 - Made a list of all persons we had harmed, and became willing to make amends to them all
- Step 9 - Made direct amends to such people wherever possible, except when to do so would injure them or others
- Step 10 - Continued to take personal inventory and when we were wrong promptly admitted it
- Step 11 - Sought through prayer and meditation to improve our conscious contact with God as we understood God, praying only for knowledge of God's will for us and the power to carry that out
- Step 12 - Having had a spiritual awakening as the result of these steps, we tried to carry this message to other addicts and to practice these principles in all our affairs

