

Fruitful Harvest **PRISON** Ministry

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Therefore, as we have opportunity, let us do good...

– Galatians 6:10

Tribute to Gary and Debbie Nixon!

With 36 years of sobriety Gary has proven 2nd to none that he knows how to live the recovered life. God has blessed him with a wife of 40 years who stood by him through the hard times and now it's time to move closer to their family and enjoy the rest of their life. Debbie was 27 when she was saved and Gary took a little longer and was saved at the age of 43. Debbie didn't think they would be ministers at all because of their current life situations but soon she realized that God could use them both if they would only allow Him to flow through them.

1992 was the year Gary and Debbie sought the of bringing in the harvest. They tried a session at Sickles invited them to an orientation to learn and At first, Gary didn't like going but the Lord soon Lord. Debbie remembers going for the first time to Melba. As they entered, the first prison doors and realized this was their new journey and oppor-home and God was going to do mighty and power-

Gary said there is something for everyone to do for toilets and vacuuming the church. They did it with ing God loves you to anyone around you. He can they move on in the next chapter, He will have As they got farther along into the ministry one last-continue to minister to those that were released as they started their new life. A lasting impression Gary had was with a fellow who was in isolation for a long time. The man accepted Gary to come in and talk. After some time God led Gary to ask if he would like to accept Jesus as Savior. The man looked up and said "I don't think he would want me." Why, Gary asked. He said, I killed 5 people and have done horrible things. The man finally realized that God would accept him no matter what he had done and said yes to the life giving blood of Jesus Christ into his heart. The man was so thankful for the change in his heart, life and for Gary ministering to him. They experienced a little fear at times and opposition from inmates but were protected by God through others in the room but overcome these struggles.

Gary has several life verses and so many of them minister to him as he has used them in the past years to minister. Debbie's life verse is Rom 8:38-39. God also gave her psalms 23. He gave that to her and emphasized the shadow. The shadow would always be her protector. The advice Gary and Debbie would give for someone new going into the prison ministry is to make sure it's your calling and said, God will let you know with the joy and peace about going.

Fruitful Harvest would like to thank Gary and Debbie Nixon for their many years of service to the Lord and to the ministry. They have been the life of the ministry for years and believe the legacy will continue as God continues to use ordinary people to share the Gospel of Jesus Christ to a world that desperately needs Him.



Lord for something to do in ministry and to be part the Hopkins County Jail and soon after that Charlie become more involved with FH Prison Ministry. changed his outlook and he accepted the call of the the Michael's Unit prison with Gary, Charlie and slammed shut! Gary and Debbie looked at each other tunity to minister. In their hearts,- both new this was ful things in the hearts of the incarcerated.

God. One of their first ministries was cleaning the joy in their hearts. You are ministering by just say-use anyone and they believe even in there 60's, as more ministry for them.

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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:

- Prayers
- Financial support for recently released prisoners with bus tickets and motel rooms on their way home.
- Fuel for travel back forth to the prisons all over Northeast Texas.
- Send financial gifts to address at top of newsletter.

FRUITFUL HARVEST INTERNATIONAL HISTORY!

Fruitful Harvest Founders

Charlie and Melba Sickles started with a vision and a word from God and a faithful husband and wife team. They started doing local jail ministry and a prison ministry in Texas and Arkansas. After many trips to other countries God spoke to Charlie to do a work and spread His Word in the Philippines.

After more than a decade of work all over the Philippines, Fruitful Harvest has planted some 17 churches. Some of the churches are named after our home church New Beginnings Fellowship while others are supported by other Texas churches. The Sandi Chester Memorial Feeding Program was launched in February 2007 in Sabang and now there are 19 different with over 800 malnourished children fed daily or weekly. Fruitful Harvest has also started a seminary and partnered with Compassion for the Fatherless and built an orphanage in Sabang that will be home for many local orphans.

FINANCIAL SUPPORT

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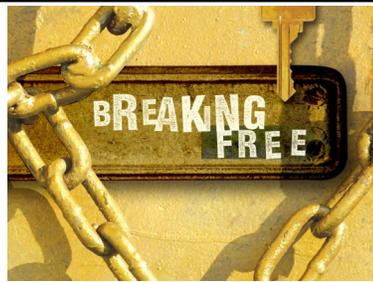
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Prison Ministry Schedule

Hopkins County Jail, Tuesday's Advanced Bible Study
Bradshaw Prison, Thursday's
Hopkins County Jail, Sunday & Thursday's
Titus County Jail, 2nd and 4th Wednesday's
Hodge Unit Rusk, TX 4th Sunday and 3rd Wednesday
Telford Unit, New Boston, TX 1st Sunday
Skyview Unit, Rusk, TX 3rd Sunday
Michael Trusty Camp, Tennessee Colony, TX 2nd Saturday
Gurney Unit, Tennessee Colony, TX 2nd Friday
Moore Unit, Bonham, TX monthly
Cole Unit, Bonham, TX monthly



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Prison Ministry Update!



Praise God for the Great work that he is doing in hearts and minds of men and women who are incarcerated. God is opening prison doors and setting the captives free. Great message of the great hope of

salvation and the importance of the word of God that was brought forth by brother Charlie Sickles at the Hodge unit. Thank God for those who received Jesus as Lord and Savior and thank God for those who came forward bedding prayer for themselves and families. We as a ministry do care for the families of those incarcerated.

We heard a great testimony of one man who was at one time #10 on death row. 9 were executed and for some reason he got a set off. While being in prison this young man who didn't know how to read somehow, maybe an angel which isn't the first time this had happened in prison, received a small brown Gideon Bible. He didn't know where it came from but miraculously learned to read by reading that Gideon new testament. Soon after that came to know Jesus as his personal Lord and Savior!!!

Thank God for the Gideon's ministry which is such a vital ministry.

Online ShoutOut:

"Hi my name is Scott Reynolds... I was on the Buster Cole unit from 1995-1998 and I remember Bro. Charlie and the other brothers and sisters from Fruitful Harvest very well. Just letting y'all know y'all are very much appreciated.. May LORD GOD bless y'all abundantly!!!! Thank y'all for sowing into my life....

“**Andrea Moran**