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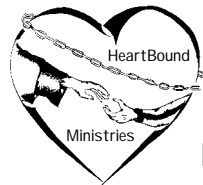
By Julius Campbell
inmate, Hancock State Prison

Bound by chains, my hands and feet,
Humiliated in captivity.
Forced to walk in all his ways,
A prisoner for all my days.

Bruised and branded, daily scourged,
Mental madness - whipped with words,
Weak in bode, vexed in soul,
I fear I'm losing my control.

Wearied by those sleepless nights,
Guilty, sentenced to life;
Full of sorrow, void of rest,
My future filled with helplessness.

[That was me in '93,
before Christ came and rescued me]



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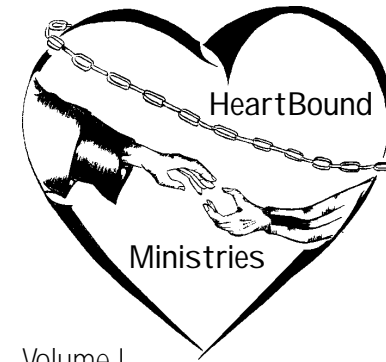
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Volume I

Chaplaincy Matters

A Newsletter of HeartBound Ministries, Inc.

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Matters of the Heart

Welcome to our first addition of Chaplaincy Matters, a newsletter for Georgia prison chaplains by prison chaplains.

The winner of our "Name That Newsletter" contest is Chaplain Doug Simmons of Autry State Prison. Despite numerous other wonderful submissions, we settled on Chaplaincy Matters because we feel it sums up our sentiments about chaplaincy. Indeed, our ministry exists because we believe, as do you, that chaplaincy matters. And because chaplaincy matters, we are working to support and equip chaplains, as well as advocate for the restoration of full-time chaplains in our state prisons.

As our winner, Chaplain Simmons will be receiving our grand prize — indigent hygiene supplies!!! (Sorry, we were fresh out of Hawaiian vacations!) Although not everyone could win, we must acknowledge chaplains Michael Flynn of Smith State Prison and Andy Perryman of Johnson State Prison. Chaplain Flynn and the brothers at Smith suggested the title "Matters of the Heart" and Chaplain Perryman recommended the name "The WORD from Our Prisons".

In this first issue, we have included stories from chaplains, poetry from inmates, and other bits of information. With that said, we hope that you enjoy this inaugural edition of Chaplaincy Matters. We look forward to numerous other submissions from you for our upcoming volumes due out in August and November. Please keep the material coming!

May God be glorified,
Andrea Shelton and Jan Spencer

Restoration

By Chaplain Andy Perryman, Johnson State Prison

In this story, Chaplain Perryman gives us a glimpse into an inmate's wedding, reminding us that God truly does work all things "together for good to them that love God, to them who are called according to his purpose." Romans 8:28

"They were married years ago, but in 1992 their marriage failed and divorce dissolved their union. Twelve years later, the Lord provided restoration of their marriage as they once again repeated the marriage vows in a quiet ceremony. The only witnesses were the chaplain, a counselor, an officer and, of course, God himself. February 25, 2004 was the date of only our second wedding since we changed from DJJ to DOC, but it was a beautiful expression of how God works all things for good to those who love Him."

News from HeartBound Ministries...

We rejoice to report that since July of 2003, HeartBound Ministries has become directly involved with 27 of the 37 state prisons in Georgia. In February, HeartBound celebrated its third prison adoption with the adoption of Calhoun SP by First Baptist Church of Albany, Georgia. We have held concerts at Burruss Correctional Training Center in Forsyth, Georgia Diagnostic and Classification Prison in Jackson, Hancock SP in Sparta, Wilcox SP in Abbeville, Valdosta SP in Valdosta, Homerville SP in Homerville, Macon SP in Oglethorpe, Autry SP in Pelham, Calhoun SP in Morgan, and Georgia SP in Reidsville.

We recently also had the joy of distributing hygiene bags and Christian literature on Good Friday to the 1,100-plus inmates at Georgia SP in Reidsville.