

HeartBound Actually Wants to “Put” a Shirt on Your Back!! Please Let Us!!!

T-Shirts Anyone?

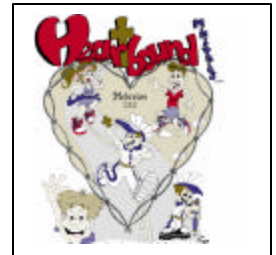
Okay, we know – you probably don’t really need another t-shirt.

But what if that t-shirt promoted **bringing Christ to Georgia inmates?**

What if that t-shirt **supported Georgia prison chaplains?**

What if that t-shirt helped Big James **share the Gospel with more Georgia inmates?**

Well, why didn’t you say so?!!



We are pleased to announce the first ever **inmate-designed HeartBound t-shirt**. This 100% cotton t-shirt features colorful artwork by inmates at Hays State Prison in Trion. Please order yours today and plan to wear it in the Peachtree Road Race on July 4th. Or if you’re not a runner, wear it whenever you might need a t-shirt this summer. **It’s a win-win for HeartBound, which receives proceeds from the sales** and benefits from the exposure. Just send us the enclosed order form, and the HeartBound shipping and handling department (me and a few volunteers) will send it right out from our cavernous warehouse (my basement). HeartBound will benefit greatly, and you really will love this wonderful one-of-a-kind shirt.

Revivals by Big James Draw Hundreds

For the first time in HeartBound history, our own Big James (the Reverend James “Hollywood” Henderson) has branched out from preaching single services at Georgia prisons to leading two and three-day revivals. He held revivals at Autry State Prison, Calhoun State Prison, Augusta State Medical Prison, and Baldwin State Prison in May. **Over 1,400 inmates attended the HeartBound events**. Here’s what one of our chaplains had to say about the revival services:

“God met us in a special way. Hollywood was outstanding. He walked in to an attendance of around 300 inmates and was flabbergasted. Give him our special thanks again, and we thank all of you at HeartBound for your support.” – Chaplain Bobby Eason, Autry SP

Pray for the harvest to continue!

HeartBound Heads to the Capitol!

On April 27, Governor Perdue held a private signing ceremony for House Bill 1292, which makes the fourth Thursday of every March “Prison Chaplains Appreciation Day.” HeartBound’s own Andrea Shelton, Representative Mike Keown (the bill’s sponsor) and several chaplains took part. We are thrilled for the light to shine on Georgia chaplains each year and highlight the work they are doing to bring the Good News to our prisons. It’s amazing to think that only three years ago, the state was proposing to eliminate chaplains from our prison system. It just goes to show **“If God be for us, who can be against us?”** Romans 8:31.

So Near, And Yet So Far...

Of course we're thrilled with the passage of the recent legislation, but let's not forget the "state" of things here in Georgia. Although nine chaplains have been restored to full-time status this year, the vast majority – 38 – remain part-time. And although part-time hours have been modestly increased, **most of our chaplains continue to face huge difficulties with very limited resources and meager personal incomes.**

With over 154,000 Georgians locked up (55,000 of them in state prisons), **Georgia has the highest percentage of its population in prison than any place in the world.** One in 15 Georgians is under some form of correctional supervision (1 in 32 is the national average). If you took the Georgia Department of Corrections as a whole, it would be the second largest city in the state behind Atlanta!

HeartBound wants to remain **STANDING IN THE GAP** for **Georgia prison chaplains and inmates.** We **thank you for all you do to make this possible.** Please keep us in prayer as we make plans to bring "Spirit Express," a **Christian basketball ministry**, into the prisons to play basketball with the inmates and share the Gospel. We also plan to hold a basketball camp **within the prison walls** for the inmates' children. What an incredible opportunity to share the Gospel with inmates *and* their families! Thank you for allowing God to use you to support our mission – reaching hearts bound by prison walls.

Until next time, we thank you, we bless you and we love you! -- *Andrea Shelton and Jan Spencer*



Inmates at Baldwin State Prison prayerfully respond to Reverend Henderson's invitation to receive "their fresh new start."



Chaplain Morris Lewark, Chaplain Susan Bishop, Rep. Mike Keown, Gov. Sonny Perdue, Andrea Shelton, and Chaplain John Eldridge at signing ceremony for House Bill 1292.

P.S. Don't forget: If you know of a church or Sunday School class that might like to hear about HeartBound first hand, we make house calls! And wear your t-shirt – we'll be wearing ours!