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Dear Crossings,

LETTERS of GRATITUDE

FROM INSIDE OKLAHOMA PRISON WALLS

2024

Special compilation of original artwork and handwritten letters from inmates sharing the love of Christ and what it means to be part of the ***Crossings Community Church*** *family*

Dear Crossings, LETTERS of GRATITUDE

INTRODUCTION

The vision of Crossings Prison Ministry is to live by faith, be a voice of hope, and be known by love to the incarcerated. Our goal is for our members to have a church family in which to belong. Crossings has a relationship with every prison in the state of Oklahoma and it looks different from prison to prison (some stream our services each week and at a few we are establishing friendships with the wardens and chaplains).

In the pages of this book, you'll get to read letters expressing how grateful the incarcerated members of our church family are to call Crossings their church home. And you'll see artwork they created that was inspired by Easter.

Consider praying for each of them as you read what they've written and continue to pray for the Prison Ministry at Crossings.

Thank you!

Dear Crossings, LETTERS of GRATITUDE

A LETTER FROM JEREMIAH

Dear Crossings,

When we started going behind bars, we were shocked to learn of what God was already doing there. New life and redemption were being found right down the road from us, in a seemingly dark place called prison. Incarcerated people were changing. They were being baptized. People were finding Christ. God was up to something, and we simply wanted to be a part of it.

That's all we've ever wanted to do, by the way, is be a part of what God was already doing in our local prisons, but somehow God's been able to use us in more ways than we could imagine. Since Crossings Community Church has welcomed Oklahoma's incarcerated population into our community, we've received nothing but warm gratitude, and I'd like to share a bit of that with you.

Nearly every week, we receive cards and letters from our incarcerated family sharing what God has been doing in their lives since Crossings has helped them find and follow Jesus. We get phone calls and emails from family members thanking us for the life change they have seen in their incarcerated loved one. People have left gangs. People have found community. People who have never stepped foot in a church write home about how excited they are to bring their own children to church one day. We've received countless letters of

appreciation about what God has done in their lives since calling Crossings home.

Of course, none of this happens in a bubble. None of this would happen without a church staff who treats our incarcerated attendees with the same love and welcome as our Edmond or Online attendees, etc. None of this would be possible without our faithful givers, and of course, none of this would be possible without our larger church family welcoming in a bunch of people who many never would. Whenever I'm asked what our secret is to such an expansive prison ministry, I beam with pride when I say, "It's simply the heart of our church." Crossings excels in compassion, and I simply get a front row seat.

Crossings is making an impact in the lives of thousands of incarcerated ladies and gentlemen and returning citizens across the state of Oklahoma, many whom they will never meet, and I want to share with you a small bit of what we hear and see because of it.

I HOPE YOU TAKE THE TIME TO READ THROUGH THIS SMALL SAMPLE AND KNOW YOU ARE A PART OF SOMETHING SPECIAL.

Every time we realize what God has been able to do through us, we don't pat ourselves on the back. We don't congratulate one another or try to capture and sell our recipe … No. We take off our crowns and lay them at the feet of Jesus. We thank him for using a bunch of broken people like us. We turn our gratitude into praise. We worship him who is able to do immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine, according to his power that is at work within us. To him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, for ever and ever!

Please enjoy this small sampling of what you are a part of within our Oklahoma prison system.

Jeremiah C. Braudrick

JEREMIAH BRAUDRICK
DIRECTOR, PRISON CAMPUSES

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DEAR CROSSINGS,

i would like to say its been a long time coming, at first it was a hard journey doing it alone. but once i was introduce to you guys it was a life changing experience.. i was struggling in my faith, wasnt sure if God was actually walking this path with me, i met a group of people that opened my eyes to see that the lord has always been with me every step of the way. Crossing has been really a blessing to me and the guys here God has also made a big impact in my life during this journey and now i see im not alone and never has been. So please thank all the churches and members of crossings that allowed us to become apart of ya guys "Family."

Dalton



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DEAR CROSSINGS,

May Yahweh bless you in all you do. You are a great blessing on this yard. Everything you do has inspired me to always push on and follow Yeshua's teaching more closely. Your presence here gives me hope in my ministry of counseling fellow inmates who, like me, have gone through traumatic life experiences and dealt with addictions that Celebrate Recovery doesn't cover deep enough. You affirm my belief on what the church should be by living up to your creed of 'live by FAITH, Be a voice of HOPE, and be known by LOVE'. My church out there alienated me when I got arrested and incarcerated, and they knew I was a man pursuing ministry as my call in life. They definately showed no love or mercy to me when I could use it the most. When I first got to this yard I felt it's anointing. That first Sunday however I was skeptical of you, all because of my prior experience from my old church. But you shook me. You welcomed a backslid man of Yahweh in with open arms. Yes I was already walking toward restoration because of my preaching and teaching in my county jail, but I can honestly say since you all are honest and sincere; you've helped cement me back into my calling, and even encouraged me to obtain ordination! Thank you all, Shalom.

Jason



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DEAR CROSSINGS,

Dear Crossings Family,

Hello it's me Michael, I am writting you this letter to tell you all how much of you all mean to me. See my heart was shattered before you all came along. I cried so many nights wondering if anyone loved me anymore, but I am certain now that God loves me and all of you do also. See I tried so very hard to understand how God could let them people condemn me after proving my innocense. But then one day He told me to read Job and as I did the devil got permission from God to tempt Job, A.s. I fell asleep the same night God said you are like Joseph my dear dreamer. You all have made my heart whole again with your kind words and huge hearts. I love you all so much my Crossings Family.

Michael



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DEAR CROSSINGS,

I always enjoy the presence of God and the holy Spirit in the services. I show up as I am, in need of Him, and I leave faithfully renourished with his love. I am thankful for the hard work it takes and that yall take the time to make it happen thank you and God Bless you.
Stay strong
God is Good All The Time
And All The Time God is Good.

Butler,



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DEAR CROSSINGS,

Thank you for all that you and your volonteers do for us! It is hard enough in this life and world that's full of hate and Judgment.

I CANT wait till Sundays get here Just to go to crossings church for Crossings family and volunteers Are The nicest people.

There is no Judgment, Just love and friendship. it is truly the highlight of the week. Truly thank Yall And all you do.

Jason



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DEAR CROSSINGS,

Thank you for your commitment to us. Been part of crossing has been awesome. I look to, for Sunday, so I can go and hear the praise teams of your church. I love the songs they play to praise the lord. I also enjoy listening to the pastors sharing the Gospel, it helps a lot on bearing the weight we, the inmate community carry on a daily basis. It is like a spring of fresh water in the middle of the desert.

Your pray request forms are one way to aliviate our sorrows, because through that we give our pain and tears to the Lord our God, so he can help our loved ones, healing them providing and giving them rest on their daily walk.

Thank you for everything you all Crossings church do for us.

Ubaldo



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DEAR CROSSINGS,

To be here is truely an honor and a blessing, and I am very thankful for all of the ~~Volenteers~~ Volenteers that comes in.

You all are my family and Just Know that your Ministry Will always have a place in my Heart.

Thank You for Everything Yall do for us.

Michael



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DEAR CROSSINGS,

You are a people touched and directed by God. Your love is palpable. Crossings family you came into prison and invited us into fellowship. It seems so simple because it is. You simply live out God's word in your actions and we are blessed because of it.

I have been coming to Sunday service almost from the beginning, though I don't come every week now, I am still grateful and feel connected to you and your volunteers.

Tammy, Kristy, Chuck, and Lindsey. The entire Gorman clan, Doug & Amy and so many more. You have impacted my life in such a mighty way. Thank you for being faithful. Thank you for seeing me, seeing us.

I feel connected to the great cloud of witnesses, the invisible Church of Jesus Christ because of how you, The Crossings Community Church have embraced not only me but all the men and women behind bars in Oklahoma. That's what you mean to me.

Luke



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DEAR CROSSINGS,

Crossing has been a family when I felt alone a light shining in my darkness and I can't think of a better church to call home

Brendan

DEAR CROSSINGS,

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CROSSINGS MEANS ALOT TO ME. EVERYTIME I SEE CROSSING I SEE THE LOVE OF JESUS CHRIST AS WE SHOULD LOVE EVERYONE AS CHRIST.

I'VE BEEN CHANGED BY CROSSINGS LOVE FOR ~~THE~~ PRISONERS.

DANIEL



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DEAR CROSSINGS,

Thank you for bringing your Ministry You show the love of Christ by bringing the Gospel to prisoners.

My wife watches Crossings on the web site and we discuss the message for that week. It is the next best thing to being there together. Thank you for that and visiting with the prisoners. It lets us know we are not forgotten. God Bless!

Kelso

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DEAR CROSSINGS,

I've asked You guys to stand in prayer with me for a few years. It seemed I was standing alone for years per which led to bring my two girls back in my life. I couldn't of tried to force it and believe me I wanted to go back many time. But God don't work that way all the time. So I asked you guys a few month ago to help my prayer a Dec 23, 2023 my oldest Chandra called up here and I'm a daddy again Oh ya and a pop-pop to a little boy Cyrus

I'm serving LWOP and 75 running with and yet my heart is running over with love and I can't stop crying and thanking Jesus & all you guys for what you both do for us here in prison

David



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DEAR CROSSINGS,

Crossings always rocks the house.
The annointing of the Holy Spirit is
always stirred up and poured out throush
the service. I love it is great one of
the most annointed services we have
here Chains are
broken. souls are saved. praise GoD
to Him be all the Glory's King of
Kings LoRD of LoRDS.
The Alphan and omega. The beginning and
Holy, Holy, Holy. The end.

Is The LoRD GoD Almighty
who is who was and who is to come.

Jesus CHIRST IS
LORD: NAME ABove all names
King of GloRY
AKA. Soul winNERS, Hell FighteRS
Soliders For JesuS, WARRiors, disciples
Jerry



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DEAR CROSSINGS,

Family. That is an extremely powerful word for me, but that is how the volunteers from Crossings have acted: as if we are family. The love you have shown to me is a major part of why I chose to quit using drugs, to be baptized, and dedicate my life to Christ. Family. I never had one growing up. I had an occasional Grandmother, a part-time father, no mother, and a group home. Family. As an adult, I tried to make one. I lost them too; only this time it was my fault. Family. I wasn't good enough as a child. I was even worse as a man. Family. I had none except maybe whiskey, cocaine, and methamphetamine. That's all I had left after I lost my fiancee, our sons, and my freedom. Family? I came for a donut and heard the word of God. I left with a new heart, a new mind, and a new family: My brothers and sisters within the body of Christ. Family. I graduate college in May. I can't wait to be a father for my sons and teach them about Jesus Christ. I know I am good enough because Jesus loves me, and I have felt that love from ~~the~~ my family at ~~the~~ Crossings Church...
Thank You. My future Grandchildren will feel the effects that your love and acceptance has caused in my life. I love Y'all. Your Bro-in-Christ

Christopher



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DEAR CROSSINGS,

Since coming to your church, many changes have taken place for me. I've been able to reconnect with my son after 15 years & not being able to speak with him, I've had blessings come into my life that I never could have imagined. I grew up in the church, being raised by my grandmother most of my life, I attended church 3 times a week as a child. I somewhere lost that passion for the bible & God, but a friend invited me to one of your services and ever since then I've been a weekly attendee at your services. It's my way of recharging for the week. I'm so thankful that I found your church and I'm grateful for all of the blessings that being brought back to Jesus has brought me.

Marquis



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DEAR CROSSINGS,

I thank God for Crossings because they treat me like family. They don't treat me like trash or think they are better than me, because I'm incarcerated and they are not. They greet me, fellowship, and help me in various ways and I'm very thankful. It means a lot to me that they live out what Jesus spoke of in Matthew 25:31-46 about looking out for those in prison and what it says in Hebrews 13:3 to remember the prisoners. Prison ministry is important to the LORD and Crossings and I love that about Crossings. Lastly, they do life ~~and~~ with us and help us prisoners when we are released. This means a lot because some volunteers from other churches come in here to prison to preach, but want nothing to do with us when we are released. I thank God Crossings is not that way, thank you Jesus! I look forward to when I am released to be able to continue ministry, fellowship, and life w/ the Crossings family.

Ivan



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DEAR CROSSINGS,

you like the church I had found & started attending my last couple of years out have shown me love. You have showed no matter someone's past that you still care about them. You make sure they know that God still has "Good Plans" for us & still wants to use us to increase his kingdom. Thank you for showing me love like they did when no one else would. You believe for great works to be done by God & look what he did, he gave us a brand new chapel 8 times the size of the old one. You strive to be a voice of hope & that's what you given me for when I get out in February of 2029. You want to be known by love & that's all I can say I ever known y'all to do. Thank you. I pray the God of Adam blesses you all with many more things to do & the means & people to do so.

Troy



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DEAR CROSSINGS,

DEAR CROSSINGS FAMILY,
IT HAS BEEN A HONOR AND A PRIVILAGE
TOO BE APART OF THE CROSSINGS
FAMILY WHILE BEING IN PRISON
THE CROSSING FAMILY HAS SHOWEN
ME LOVE/COMPASSION IM ALWAYS
SAYING I WISH SUNDAY WOULD
HURRY UP AND GET HERE SO
I CAN GO DOWN TOO THE
CHAPEL AND SEE MY CROSSINGS
FAMILY IM LOOKING REALLY
FORWARD TOO GETTING OUT
IN ~~2024~~ 2025 SO I CAN
PARTICIPATE IN THE CROSSINGS
CHURCH MAY GOD BLESS
ALL OF THE CROSSING STAFF
AND CHURCH MEMBERS
YOU ARE ALWAYS IN MY
PRAYERS
GOD BLESS
CROSSINGS CHURCH

SCOTTY



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DEAR CROSSINGS,

Thank you so much for all your Godly love. We know you care and have not forgotten the "prisoner" We are so thankful to be included in your church family. Thank you for all you do in the D.O.C. facilities. It is one thing we look forward to every week, your faithfulness. GOD Bless you all.

Timothy



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DEAR CROSSINGS,

I would like to say thank you for allowing me to be a part of the crossings family and hear the amazing testimonies of people that through crossings God has healed + families that have been restored - those stories have given me courage to step out in faith and let God in so he can make those changes in my life, and since then He has delivered me from addiction, restored my family, and has placed me in a leadership position here on the yard where I get to use my story to help lead others to Jesus, it is an amazing feeling to see someone give their life to God and realize that God used my story to change that person, + it would have never happened if God hadn't used crossings to change me so he could use my story to change others, and I cant thank you enough for giving me the courage to let God make those changes in me + my story

Kacey



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DEAR CROSSINGS,

I have been a member of Crossings since They come to Crossings helps teach me the Word of God and how to apply it to my life. I am still a work in progress but I have went through The Global Leadership Summit where I am learning how to be a better Man of God and how to handle lifes situations, Crossing afforded the opportunity to attend Centered. This Class showed me what my purpose is, and to help others grow Closer to God. Our Crossings Volunteers have loved me, Prayed for me, and Supported me from the first day they arrived. In a place where I had been forgotten, God gave me a new family that loves me, Cares about me, prays for me and does all they can to help with our needs. Crossings is not just my Church. They are my Family, a family that has taught me what the true love of Christ is. Thank You Crossings, especially the Crossings Family, You have Changed My life forever. I Love You all.

David



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DEAR CROSSINGS,

GREETINGS TO MY CROSSINGS COMMUNITY CHURCH FAMILY (THE MOST WELCOMING BODY OF BELIVERS I'VE EVER MET) GRACE, MERCY, AND PEACE TO MY FELLOW BROTHERS AND SISTERS IN CHRIST JESUS.

I AM OVERJOYED TO BE GIVEN THE OPPORTUNITY TO SAY HOW THE MINISTRY OF CROSSINGS HAS IMPACTED US MEN WHO ARE INCARCERATED. MY NAME IS CHRISTOPHER AND I AM A MINISTER OF THE GOSPEL ON THE SERVANT LEADERSHIP TEAM HERE AT LEXINGTON'S PRISON CAMPUS. IF THE INTENTION OF THE CHURCH WAS TO SEE MEN'S LIVES TRANSFORMED THROUGH THE GOSPEL'S MESSAGE OF SALVATION AND THE ORDINARY SERVITUDE OF YOUR FELLOW MAN NO MATTER WHAT SHAPE OR FORM THEY MAY CURRENTLY BE IN. THEN I WOULD LOVE TO INFORM YOU THAT YOU HAVE SUCCEEDED IN YOUR MISSION AND ALSO OVEREXCEEDED ANY EXPECTATION I FORMALLY HAD OF WHAT CHURCH WOULD OR COULD LOOK LIKE IF [redacted] PEOPLE WHO BELIEVE IN THE ETERNAL GRACE AND AGAPE LOVE OF JESUS WOULD PUT ASIDE THEIR DIFFERENCES AND COME TOGETHER AS THE EARLY CHURCH DID IN THE BOOK OF ACTS. (WE WILL TURN THE WORLD UPSIDE DOWN) ALL GLORY, HONOR, AND PRAISE BELONGS TO [JESUS CHRIST] OUR LORD AND SAVIOUR, BUT I ALSO WOULD ALSO LOVE

CHRISTOPHER



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DEAR CROSSINGS,

I admire what Crossings has come to mean. The community. The inclusivity. The diverse and genuine speakers. From Marty Grubbs to John Ortberg to the videos of different people walking through your doors after walking out of prison ones.
It makes me feel seen and wanted and welcomed.
No matter what I've done or from where I've come,
I know what I can be, where I can go.
I know I've got God.
Because of you I have hope.

Thank you.

-Adrianne



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DEAR CROSSINGS,

Being a member of JLCC Crossings has opened my eyes back up again to see all that God wants me to see. Since I got to this yard in July of 2021, I have only missed one service + that was because I was sick. I always look forward to diving into God's Word every week with Pastor Marty. With Crossings help getting back into a relationship with God, I have felt called into the Ministry. Since then, I have become one of the Leaders of the chapel, am the choir director, + people seek me out on the yard for prayer, advice, or with any questions about the Bible + the chapel. I know God is leading me to Ministry outside of here. Whether it be at a Church, prison ministry, or just being an ear + friend for people. Whatever He calls me to, I will follow. I am grateful + thankful for all that Crossings Church does for us here. Even though I will live an hour away from OKC, I will make the trip at least once a month to attend services at Crossings + continue to be a part of this amazing family that is so full of Love.

Timothy



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DEAR CROSSINGS,

I have been part of the Crossings family since they started here. I even served on leadership for a period of time. Even though I no longer serve on leadership, I keep coming back. The dedicated volunteers really make you feel like part of a family.

I rarely get visits from my family; however, our Crossings volunteers are like family to me. They really make you feel like you matter. Getting to see them, is like getting visits from family.

One thing I always look forward to is Wayne's devotional. Whether it be Graham, Spurgeon, or Wesley, he always comes with something and does his best to make it applicable to us.

Thank you to the entire Crossings family and support. To our volunteers at Lexington, thank you for making me feel like more than a number and helping me to realize I have value and worth.

Chris



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DEAR CROSSINGS,

WHEN I FIRST GOT ON THE YARD, I DIDN'T WANT ANYBODY TO KNOW WHO I WAS. I WAS SCARED. ASHAMED I WAS IN PRISON. THEN THE HOLY SPIRIT, TOLD ME TO STOP THE PITTY PARTY. THERE WAS WORK TO BE DONE. STOP COUNTING THE DAYS, MAKE THE DAYS COUNT. I GOT INVOLVED AT THE CHAPEL. JOINED VICTORY BIBLE COLLAGE, BEARING LIFE UNIVERSITY. A LEADER IN GENESIS ONE, AND CELEBRATE RECOVERY. CO-TEACH TWO BIBLE CLASSES, USHER MOST CHAPEL SERVICES. I'VE BEEN ELECTED BY my PEERS TO THE INMATE COUNCIL. I KNOW MOST EVERY ONE ON THE YARD, AND THEY KNOW ME. MEN COME TO ME FOR PRAY AND HELP. I go OUT OF my WAY TO MEET AND GREET THE NEW ARRIVALS TO THE YARD. POINT THEM TO THE CHAPEL AND CHRIST. I ALSO HAVE MY BACHELOR'S DEGREE IN THEOLOGY AND HAVE BEEN ORDAINED. NOW I AM HAPPLY MAKING EVERY DAY COUNT FOR CHRIST!

ROBERT



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DEAR CROSSINGS,

I've never had a family that I can count on, trust in, and who trusts and believes in me. Even when I don't believe in myself. No disrespect to my personal family. There's just never had on hand the way all of you do.

The volunteers I've met, befriended have really helped me to realize there are people out there who don't judge, and accept you as you are. Broken, or not. Which I'm grateful for.

I'm amazed at your willingness to help on whatever & whenever you can. All in order to help better connect us to God, his spirit and his word.

If I may. I'd like to specialy thank Chris, Brooke, Monica, George, Nichelle, Amy, Kirk, & Gretchin. All of which has made it very clear that they, through faith & a Godly love, have my interest at heart. To make sure I know that God loves me, and has never left me. Even when I feel lost.

Thank you Crossings for all you've done and continue to do so I may better know God.

Christopher



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DEAR CROSSINGS,

The second week that I attended the Crossings Here at Crabtree I put in a Prayer request for Help in Curing my Breast Cancer on Both Sides Two Weeks later I realized that there Was No Pain or lumps. CT scan later Confirmed The Breast Cancer was No Longer. I wish to Thank the Crossings Prayer Team that Prayed for my Healing.

Thank you Very Much

Hubert

The Funny Thing However was that I Was Approved for Medical Parole But When The Lord Healed Me of the Breast Cancer I Was No Longer Eligable For Parole ☺ the Lord Works in Mistyous Ways And He HAS Kept me Here For His Purpose.



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DEAR CROSSINGS,

I like the feeling of belonging that everyone of your volenteers makes me feel. Yours is truely a Community Church and treat everyone like family and I'm very grateful for that. Being locked up since I was 18 and being in prison for 36+ years I've lost all my family but since I've been coming to these Crossings services everyone has welcomed me and accepted me with open arms, and from someone whose lost everyone I know before I was locked up that feeling was lost to me until I was accepted by your Community. And that truely is a blessing.

Thank you
and God B
you all!

Randolf



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DEAR CROSSINGS,

First crossings means a lot to me, you have taught me that God's love is true you have come in here + helped us out. you teach us, guide us, + talk to us about what God's word has to say. you teach us that God has a better life for us. you came into my life when I was at my rock bottom when all hope seemed lost, you came here + showed me that God has a plan for me + that God has always been there for me. you are committed to helping those in prison. when you showed up in my life it was the best day in my life, cause now I have hope of a future. crossing has taught me that God loves us no matter what we do. you have taught us that God loves us + died for us + that He will always be there when we need Him. you also taught us that will use us if we let Him. you have taught us that we are family + not just another camp of just prisoners. we know that that you we are family that is God's family. I just can't thank you enough for what you have done for me. I tell my family what all you do for us. you have help one out more than you will ever know. So thank you for teaching me God's word + showing me there is a better place for us.

Thank you crossings I pray for you all the time. Please continue to let God use you. Thank you + God bless

Adam



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DEAR CROSSINGS,

Thank you for taking the time to come share God's love to us inside the prison cells / walls of MBCC, every Sunday You guys taking extra time on bringing us donuts and coffee and even do a Easter's project for to show off our talents. Thank you crossings for making us ladies see that we are loved, not alone and that we do matter.

- Ron -

DEAR CROSSINGS,

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Coming to Crossings has led me back to a church I can truly identify with. Crossings has once again given me reason for a belief in God and in His Son Jesus Christ.

The pastors and volunteers are awesome, and being treated as a person, has given me new hope. John 3:16 now means something more than a Bible verse.

Thank you and may God bless one and all.

Don



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DEAR CROSSINGS,

I Love Crossings Church! It has been life Changing for me. Through Crossings I've been given the opportunity to Live My Passion which is Worship! To provide these ladies the Chance to sing & play for Jesus! Amen The seemingly endless supply of Resources Crossings, always invest in our lives & in our talents. I enjoy it when it's Sunday Night - Crossings - We pack the House - with NO MORE Seats !! Crossings is an Experience - & I Love Ya'll! From day 1 I felt the Love that Jesus gives - to Us! It's a difference maker - when You Understand others outside this place treats us like we matter, it changes you on the inside where it counts & it Last! The GLS - events - Centered Bible Study - Art Show - Night of Worship, all of it is so appreciated! G-d always has a plan & a purpose - for each of our lives - So Thank You G-d for the pathway thru Crossings

Amen

Lesa



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DEAR CROSSINGS,

Crossings was the first church I started going to. I had not given my life to Christ at that point. I was only going for a Cup of Coffee and a donut truth be told. In that process I began to hear a message of HOPE! preached by Pastor Marty Grubs. Lord Knows that at that point in my life I had given up on all hope. I thought my life was hopeless. I no longer wanted to live I had convinced myself I was useless to society. BUT GOD! when I was at my lowest sent His Holy Spirit to call upon my Heart and I answered that Call With a prayer of repentance that proclaimed Jesus the Almighty saviour Lord of my life. Since that day my life has been filled with the Love! of Christ a Peace that surpasses all understanding and a JOY that has imparted the biggest smile on my face. My life has been completly transformed. Now I am a Crossings Usher here and am Involved in The ministry on this yard. Crossings has given me a new Hope that I will have with me for the rest of my life Being part of this family gives me a Hope for my future outside of prison throug the reintergration help that is offered. Thank you so much for all that you do across this State. Yall helped change this life

Brandon



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DEAR CROSSINGS,

CROSSINGS has changed my life and many lives. When I was lost CROSSINGS Community Church poured so much Love and time in me that has lead me down the Right path. Being ~~dedi~~ dedicated to christ and learning the walk with God gave me the ability to change. During this time at CROSSINGS church I have witnessed a Divine intervention and God brought my victims mother into my life and she ~~h~~ forgave. Thanks to CROSSINGS I have been given a second chance at life. My victims mother is like my mother now! God is good. I truly appreciate everything this church has done for me. I am proud to be a member of this church.

My God

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DEAR CROSSINGS,

- Said Jesus, To all teachers and believers, Pray for one another pray directly to the father in Heaven that dwells in each of us. Do not appeal to fear, Pitty or mere sentiment. In dealing with men, All men - Be Fair, show proper respect to All men, reminder that I have said "I stand at the door and knock, and if any man will open, I will come in. In bringing men to the Kingdom, Do Not Lesson or Destroy their self Respect. This may destroy Humility, and end in Pride, conceit and arrogance. The loss of self respect often ends in paralysis of will. Free Will. Crossings does just that. I feel safe with this family. I learn about Father God, and his Word at the same time learning in the way Crossings loves us.
- The Master said to, "love thy Neighbor as thy self." Crossings does this so beautifully. We are a true Family in the Crossings Experience.
- Jesus said, You will know the truth by the Fruit it bears. That is the Truth of it for me. Thank You Crossings, I Love You.

Amen

Holy love = God Love

Lee Lee



CROSSINGS
PRISON MINISTRY

DEAR CROSSINGS,

I AM LOCKED UP FOR AGRIVATED DUI
I MADE IT TO AND HEARD
ABOUT A CHURCH WITH DONUTS. I
HAD TO GO. NOT FOR DONUTS, BUT
A GOOD WORD TO DRAW ME CLOSE
TO GOD. HOWEVER; DONUTS ARE GOOD.
I HAVE NOT MISSED A SERVICE
SINCE. NOW I AM
STILL ATTENDING. ONE
SUNDAY I REALIZED I USE TO ATTEND
C-R THERE FOR OPEN SHARE
AND DINNER. AT CROSSINGS.
RECENTLY JEREMIAH VISITED
DURING HIS PRESENTATION HE OFFERD
A STEAK DINNER FOR ANYONE ATTEND-
ING A SERVICE I'M GOING TO TAKE
HIM UP ON THAT. BETWEEN C-R
AND THE RE ENTRY PROGRAM I WILL
FIND A PLACE TO SERV. EARLY JULY

I WILL BE DONE HERE AND ON
MY WAY GOD BLESS

KENNETH



CROSSINGS
PRISON MINISTRY

DEAR CROSSINGS,

At my darkest hour when for the first time in my life I was facing prison time, and might never be free again to pursue God's purpose for my life, your prison ministry Faith Hope Love inspired me to continue the fight to complete God's project which I call the Forward to Eden project. I prayed with the volunteer George and the prayer was immediately answered with a sign! Praise the Lord. This has benefited and strengthened my faith, renewed my hope, and I rejoice in love. God has a plan for this land and we as good stewards of the land are responsible for that plan. As he promised in #2 Chronicles 7:14 "If my people who are called by my name will humble themselves, pray and seek my face and turn from their wicked ways, then I will hear from heaven and will forgive their sin and will heal their land." This land can be healed!

Amen

Scott



CROSSINGS
PRISON MINISTRY

DEAR CROSSINGS,

Thank you so much for the weekly services. Most services are once a month, so it brings a consistency back to worshipping for me. The volunteers com each week means so much, another form of consistency that really helps to feel like a church family. The donuts and coffee makes me feel like a normal person again thats not incarcerated. Its a small touch that gives a person the feel of normalcy. The community outreach and prison outreach shows that of a young church and one that is giving off fruit and the roots spreading as far as possible. On a personal note it brought me my son-in-law Brennan to my eyes for over a year until he moved to Colorado. He played [redacted] guitar on stage, so it brought answered prayers and my actual family to me. Your dedication, committment, outreach, sacrafice and love have helped me to remember the good things God can do inside and outside of prison and beyond. Keep up the good race and the good works of God. God Bless you all!

Much Love, Travis



CROSSINGS
PRISON MINISTRY

DEAR CROSSINGS,

All the members of Crossings church make you feel wanted and loved. They get you involved. I have gotten real close to few of the lovely ladies They take time out of their lives to come and show us ladies what it means to be loved. I look forward every two weeks seeing the ladies from crossing during their bible studies and when they come every other week with crossings. I love the way the members come and interact with all of us lady's. I was one the ladies that came to your first Summit. I really loved it and I wish I could go to another one. Everyone is so kind and loving. I really love interacting with all the church activities. I join in all of them. Fluffy bunny was my fave. I had fun. I also join in the art thing for easter both times. I can't wait to see what's next.

Litha



CROSSINGS
PRISON MINISTRY

DEAR CROSSINGS,

I love this cause this is my chance to thank ya'll from the bottom of my heart for all you do for those of us that I thought were forgotten outside of there. Ya'll show an unconditional love for everyone including FOR people on the outside - and as so refreshing with waking up knowing that ya'll are for real and true with caring and loving your brothers who lost their way. I am the bass player for two of the praise and worship bands here. I fight many physical health problems daily and ya'll opened a door for me that really has been a blessing cause with ya'll - I get to put out prayer requests that get prayed on, and to top that off I get to have communion which to me means a lot - it remembrance of Jesus dying on the CROSS. Also for donuts + games - That was really cool but I feel better too with out them cause we weren't getting anywhere when half the people there were only there for the donuts. I hated the Chapels reputation, it was getting worse I would invite people to go to church and they would call us all hypocrits cause we go to church for the donuts.. Anyway I thank ya'll with all my heart and thank God for getting to share Jesus with you too. I loved this too - Church of Christ Gave Yall a Church and even caused me? I was raised in "Church of Christ" I'm not any more caused down believe in denominations of Church - But still it was the Holy Spirit at work with that church and Glory be to God in the outcome

BRET

FIRST NAME



CROSSINGS
PRISON MINISTRY

DEAR CROSSINGS,

I love crossings Church Its A Blessing to HAVE this family In my life I feel the holy Spirit when I Come to this Church Crossings Church Is the Blessing through the lord Jesus Christ to Everyone that wants It to Be. I am BLESSED to HAve Crossings family In my life & would luv to Be apart of this family when I Discharge

Love You All
Nathaniel

DEAR CROSSINGS,

CROSSINGS
PRISON MINISTRY

I can boil it down to simply this:

You make me feel part of a community that lacks judgement towards me. A community of Love!

Thank you!

Paul



CROSSINGS
PRISON MINISTRY

DEAR CROSSINGS,

Thankyou for reciving me with pure love and open arms driving me closer to Jesus christ with each moment spent with the family at crossings. I pray that God continues to work blessings and mirricals thrash every member at crossings. Thankyou for giving ex-cons the extra love and all that is needed to be better in all that we do in Jesus mighty name I plee the blood of christ over everyone that helps make crossings a place that people do not judge but a place to be recived and shown a better way to live ones life. I pray that crossings continues to touch lives and give people what they need to not give up Because we are the children of the most high Heavenly father may God keep you and protect you in all thy ways
crossings community church family

Luciano



CROSSINGS
PRISON MINISTRY

DEAR CROSSINGS,

TO THANK AND HONOR PASTOR MARTY & THE FIRST LADY FOR THEIR SACRIFICES, ALL THE MINISTERIAL STAFF DOWN TO THE CLEAN UP CREW, THE CLINIC WORKERS, AND EVERYONE IN BETWEEN. LET US NOT GROW WEARY IN WELL DOING AND TRY TO PACK THE KINGDOM OF HEAVEN WITH AS MANY PEOPLE AS WE POSSIBLY CAN. BE ENCOURAGED THAT WE LABOR NOT IN VAIN. THE WORLD OF THE GENEROUS JUST GETS LARGER AND LARGER, BE A VOICE OF HOPE, LIVE BY FAITH, AND BE KNOWN BY LOVE. 1 JOHN 4:19

— YOUR FELLOW BROTHER IN THE UNENDING ~~FOUNTAIN~~ FLOW OF GRACE, MERCY, PEACE, AND POWER



CROSSINGS
PRISON MINISTRY

DEAR CROSSINGS,

It has been eye-opening and caused me to realize that not all "CHURCHES" make you feel like an intruder nor do you look down upon the women here. If anything, we are apart of the family of Crossings and that is very special. My favorite part of Crossings is "Pops", Mr. Grant... he is the nicest, most decent and warm man I've ever met. I haven't always had positive experiences w/ men but he really is everyone's grandpa... we all love him dearly. I'm a singer on the praise team and we also have Mrs. Amy Rouse (?) that comes and works w/ us. She too is AMAZING and loving. She's taught us so much. What I really take away from my experience w/ Crossings is love & acceptance

DANA



CROSSINGS
PRISON MINISTRY

DEAR CROSSINGS,

I am very arateful that Crossings comes to Share Gods word with us. I feel As if they have made a impact in my life to where when I get out of here I might come and Crossings be my home church. Marty is always right on time with his sermons and the way he Share's Gods word thank you Crossing's family God Bless

Shannon

CROSSINGS
PRISON MINISTRY

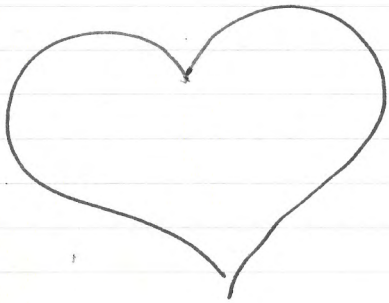
DEAR CROSSINGS,

I thank you for coming to visit me in prison. You give me a chance to have fellowship with other seekers of Truth. I'm praying for God to lead you. I'm also praying for God to bless your ministry abundantly. You are a tremendous blessing in my Life here

The volunteers are a light to me in this very dark place. I can't thank you enough for all you do for us. Please continue to come visit the prisoners

WE NEED YOU! You are appriciated greatly

Sincerely,
Heather





CROSSINGS
PRISON MINISTRY

DEAR CROSSINGS,

Today Is my First day with Crossings which Is very Difficult for me to Be here Because Im not At All A people person. I have many Issue with comunicating which I really wish I could Fix. thankyou. For Giving me the opportunity to Get outside of my Comfort Zone. the more I move outside the Box the easier It Is Becoming. Im on A journey to figure out who I Am. who Am I. I know my name But Is that All?? No my Spirit cryes out every Second of everyday to Be heard. Sometimes It feels like It falls on Deaf ears. Even my own toss. Sometimes. I Hope I Can Continue on this Awsome Journey with Crossings Im So ready to cross over to Freedom. to the outside world Im sick of Being Caged. I want to help and Be Helped... If there Is Anyway I Can Be of Service to Any of yo please feel Free to just Ask..

Jeramy



CROSSINGS
PRISON MINISTRY

DEAR CROSSINGS,

Thanks you all for your prayers and decation on Coming to every prision it means alot to have your support 3-1-2026 makes 6 months clean for me your support has helped alot thank you God is so good we keep you in our prayers also I hope to be ~~involve~~ involed in fild ministry when I get out Im not much of a speaker but I enjoy helping and serving others it just make me feel good when I can help someone else So thak you so much and may the lord bless you all

Michael



CROSSINGS
PRISON MINISTRY

DEAR CROSSINGS,

I have the interactions I get with the members of the church. I Love how you take time out of your days to come out and see us. The things you go out of the way to do for us are amazing. I was one of the women that was chosen for the first Summit and I really enjoyed myself. I was also one of the first to do your Easter project the first time you did. I am about to go home and I plan on checking Crossings out. I truly want to keep contact with some of the lovely ladies that have done alot.

They have never failed to put a smile on my face anytime they walk into the room.

Tawnda



CROSSINGS
PRISON MINISTRY

DEAR CROSSINGS,

Strange how we go through life, ...
unwanted child, fatherless with eyes wide,
daydreaming of a better life - but he's only nine,
He shouldn't have to know what cancers like,
staring into his mothers tired eyes, he can't see past her pain,
Why do our hands never bury a happy face,
starless nights give birth to an orphans plight, ...
Loved ones come and loved ones go,
but only the love of God has given me hope,
tomorrow shines brighter to those who let yesterday go,
I say a prayer, with every step I breathe a poem,
Now that I can say that I have hope,
I know what it takes to walk alone,
It's looking up everytime I'm feeling down,
It's not about what we've lost but what we've found,
If I have to hit these knees, until I fall asleep,
And I breathe life anew, because this is what brokenness
was meant to do,
I found my voice in the shinning rays of Gods love
I owe the darkness nothing, my gift is from above,
This is a testament to how God can move,
orphans inherit Kingdoms - that is Gods truth,
because of the cross and the lamb,
I smile through the tears, this is who I am.
Robert



CROSSINGS
PRISON MINISTRY

DEAR CROSSINGS,

I don't have much family or friends in my life, yet I am thankful for those God has put in my life. I thank you for the love I receive from Sister Marty and her husband Wayne Grubbs, Shilpa, Markus, Gaye, Her Husband, Teresa and many more, because when you come, your love shines and your light shines. Marty is the Mother I don't have, Shilpa is the Sister that doesn't visit, but she does. All the men are my brothers and uncles. Thank you for loving me.

Robin



CROSSINGS
PRISON MINISTRY

DEAR CROSSINGS,

I really appreciate the crossings, you all are like family.
I would like to come visit and worship with you all once
I get out, I hope I will be welcome there.
You all was coming where I was befor I came here
since I been here I feal more lonely then ever befor
I dont have as many friends that I had
sometimes I feel like I been abandon here, so it's always good
to see the Crossing each week. I haven't heard from my family
since is August of 2023 I don't even know if my mom
is still living or not she will be 96 in June,
I get out in 2 more years I hope and pray she will be still living
when I get out, my wife died of Cancer in 2010 by dad
died in February of 2018 he was 91 years old.
I have 5 grown children out there that I don't hear anything
from, 1 brother, 2 sisters who don't write or visit me.
so I really don't know what I will do or where I will live
once I get out. I know I will always continue to
Serve God and go to church and seek His will for my life.
I know God will take care of me as long as I walk with Him.
God has delivered me from drugs, alcohol addiction,
I am still struggling with sex addiction, porn addiction.
I wrestle with this so much, it's like my human nature.
I pray for God to deliver me from this bodage.
So now that I told you all this would you still welcome to
come worship with you all when I get out?
Just like to know is all. Thanks.
God bless you all. Ken



CROSSINGS
PRISON MINISTRY

DEAR CROSSINGS,

So today i was asked if i wanted to Leave a message For a book. So all i Want to say is this.

I have been goin to crossings Prison ministry's For almost 3 years now. And For Someone who Was in Foster care Like me. Here at crossings they made me Feel at home. And i consider crossings my home. And the People there i call Family.

So here's to crossing thank You For being my big Family. !!

Weston



CROSSINGS
PRISON MINISTRY

DEAR CROSSINGS,

I'M GOING TO BE RELEASED NOVEMBER 17TH 2024. THERE'S A STRONG POSSIBILITY THAT I'LL BE RELEASED ON THE 15TH BECAUSE THE 17TH IS ON SUNDAY. GOD HAS BEEN TRULY GOOD TO ME. I LOOK FORWARD TO REALLY BE APART OF THE CROSSINGS COMMUNITY ONCE I'M RELEASED. PLUS TO RECEIVE ALL OF GODS WONDERFUL BLESSINGS AND GIFTS. EVEN IN PRISON I'VE BEEN APART OF CROSSINGS SINCE MAY'23 AND I WAS BAPTIZED ON AUGUST THE 15TH I TRULY LOOK FORWARD TO CONTINUING MY WALK WITH CROSSINGS COMMUNITY CHURCH. MAY GOD BLESS YOU AND CROSSINGS. I'M SO BLESSED TO HAVE "JESUS" AND CROSSINGS IN MY LIFE.

MASON
"YOU RANG"

TYRONE



CROSSINGS
PRISON MINISTRY

DEAR CROSSINGS,

I accept being included a member, as the joy within is as great as the kindness & joy Crossings has & shares. The Crossings Community Church family is all smiles & uplifting. As my deceased Mother, she would be going through a crisis, she wouldn't tell no one, as she would sit in a chair in the corner with a huge smile.

DEAR CROSSINGS,

CROSSINGS
PRISON MINISTRY

I started going to Crossings & that helped me alot. My girl died in labor on June 14, 2021 and all my hurt & pain turned into hate towards God but I have overcome that part of my life. I want to thank the Crossings team for the prayers & time they give us. Yall are a true blessing.

God Bless
Gregory



CROSSINGS
PRISON MINISTRY

DEAR CROSSINGS,

To me the services are great! The fellowship is great! I greatly appreciate everything the Crossings Crew does for this yard! We are all blessed to have crossings come here. The doughnuts and coffee help the post comets. Services go keep it coming! I am really thankful and blessed to be able to attend these services!

Wilson

DEAR CROSSINGS,

CROSSINGS
PRISON MINISTRY

I am very grateful for the solid biblical teachings and the generosity of the entire Crossings family. all of the volunteers have servants hearts and are faithful in the donation of their time and dedication to the Crossings prison ministry.

Ken



CROSSINGS
PRISON MINISTRY

DEAR CROSSINGS,

Just wanted to let you'll know your like Angle's, you'll mean so much to ~~me~~ me, I've been in prison for 36 years And you'll are like family to me, I've lost most of my own family And the one's I still have, they don't change me Anymore. so you are all the family I have, And I love you All, I know I'm not the only one who love you All,

May God Bless you All And the church. For All they Do For us.

Harcourt

DEAR CROSSINGS,

CROSSINGS
PRISON MINISTRY

Thank yall for being a light in a Dark Place

god bless everyone

Caleb



CROSSINGS
PRISON MINISTRY

DEAR CROSSINGS,

As a Catholic Christian I have been afforded few opportunities to serve the Community I live in. Prejudice and misunderstandings have hindered this action. At Crossings I have been given the important position of Campus Pastor. In trusting me to lead a community of around 70 men you have changed my outlook of the Protestant church. I hold my understandings and note the differences of the church, yet I strive to maintain Crossings vision of being a place to help people "find and follow Jesus."

Crossings has allowed me to grow as a leader and servant to the Christian Community. The love and compassion the volunteers show week in and week out is a difference maker. I am thankful for the ecumenical spirit fostered by Crossings. The Wesleyan roots show strongly the more time I spend with the volunteers as well as the video worship and sermons delivered by Pastor Marty or one of the various pastors at the main campus. Being a part of this community has bolstered my confidence that we Christians of whatever camp or flavor can come together and work together to grow the body of Christ; the Bride of Christ; The Church!

Thank You for all you do and all of your support.
May God continue to bless Crossings
in all the many ways you impact society.

Joshua



CROSSINGS
PRISON MINISTRY

DEAR CROSSINGS,

You have been a constant presence, like the light of the Son, piercing the darkness of so many lives for as long as I can imagine. Being that voice for Christ Jesus so people can hear His words and know that His love is Eternal. I have been unfortunate enough to have been transferred from countless facilities during my tour of incarceration, but fortunate enough to have been blessed with the presence of Crossings Community Church everywhere I have been, and through them to know the unyielding love of Jesus Christ.

By the Grace of God, Crossings is also present. And for that I praise Jesus, and would like to express my deepest thanks to the entire Crossings Community Church family. Thank you to each and everyone of you for your love and devotion to Jesus Christ, and your enduring commitment to the spiritual welfare of the lives of inmates and people across the State and the world. Thank you and God bless you in Jesus name. Amen.

Chris



CROSSINGS
PRISON MINISTRY

DEAR CROSSINGS,

I'm So thankful for the opperTunity of Serving here at Crossing. Crossing has giving me reassurance to the Calling that God has put in my life. I've been in Church my whole life, heard all the Stories David & goliath, Noah and Samson.

But I rebelled against God and Church hasn't been the same for the Pass 11½ year till I Came to crossing here
I've been able to grow in God build relationship I thought was over with after my incarceration. Since being here my relationship with my family & freinds have grown tremendously.

Crossing is doing the will of God to a Tee, and is changing lifes not just here but also across the State. Its a honner and Privelarge of Serving with this Church.

Much love
Focus on what Gods Say

Chris



CROSSINGS
PRISON MINISTRY

DEAR CROSSINGS,

Since your group, I've been able to focus upon Gods Holy Word & listen to what he has to say about man the Sinner.. The justice of a Righteous God! Read EZEKIEL Chapter 18 V.4 For all people are mine to judge - both parents and children alike. And this is my rule: The person who sins is the one who will die. Read on V5 - V9; if one does these things will surely live, says the Sovereign Lord. Read V10 - V23 Do you think that I like to see wicked people die? says the Sovereign Lord. Of course not. I want them to turn from their wicked ways and live. Read on to V25 Yet you say, The Lord isn't doing what's right! Listen to me, O people of Israel. Am I the one not doing what's right, or is it you Read on Read on thru to V29 Then Read 30 Verse Therefore, I will judge each one of you, O people of Israel according to your actions says the Sovereign Lord. Repent and turn from your sins. Don't let them destroy you. and find yourselves a new heart and a new spirit. For why should you die O people of Israel V32 I don't want you to die, says the Sovereign Lord. Turn back and live.

Our Lord of all, he shed His blood for all his children. On the old rugged Cross for our Salvation & forgive us all our sins; Washed clean as snow in his Blood and by His stripes we are healed from all sickness and diseases. So give Jesus your all and live forever and ever in His Kingdom of Love with our King Jesus Amen GOD BLESS

Jackie



CROSSINGS
PRISON MINISTRY

DEAR CROSSINGS,

I really wanna say
thank you For taking
your time to Come preach
To us women
I personally still have
Questions I ask my self
everyday if the lord really
Forgives me.
Please pray For
me while Im in here
and For my testimony
to be shared soon
Please Could you Send
me some bible verses
Please!
Danielle



CROSSINGS
PRISON MINISTRY

DEAR CROSSINGS,

CROSSING is true to the Love that you All have help me to see the Light of All the work. When I first came in I think everyone on the outside hate me. My Life is over. My kids have not come in to see. You All have help me to become A ordained ministry with that Global Leadership. You have help me to see the hope to do my ministry. I Now have 12 degree's one is a MASTERS, and a PhD in Religion, and All the orther 10 are for how to do the work of the Runing Church. You All have give me the spiritaul food I needed that I am part of the community of Crossings in prison. I do know the that have help 15 people to be ordained and one has A Church in the OKC Unified family Church. But all I am I Love Jesus. It was all with your help, and kindness of true Christians.

I pray that one day I may meet and see, Pastor Marty Grubbs. I all ways see him on the out side. But never seen him come in to see me, in prison.

Thank you, God Bless Crossings.

Gee



CROSSINGS
PRISON MINISTRY

DEAR CROSSINGS,

My Name is Daryl. From OKC I have been here for 3 years and have been coming to Church Since My First Sunday here before the Krispy Creme Doughnuts (LOL). I met a guy From Lawton, ok he Came here a year or So after me. He does not want me to mention his Name. One Morning in July 2023 a New arrival Came and his Name is Chris. We Both New him (Chris) before incarceration I met Chris in 2007 in 2018 OKC, my other Friend New him From Lawton many years before I did. Chris Remembered both of us. But Something was wrong with Chris we couldn't quite Figure it out, after a day or So we Come to the Conclusion Chris had Some Signs of Dimentia-alzheimers Short term memory. We took him to Mental got Some Meds. They Wanted to Send Chris to another unit with Strangers to be his Caretaker, So the other guy and My Self decided we would Share the Duties and become his Full time Caregivers, Care taker. We bring him to Church every Sunday and I write Prayer Sheets For Chris and I. Now Chris is going to OKC, To Paseo Avenues assisted Living. We will miss Chris, So will Everyone Here, Everybody here KNOWS and Loves Chris. He also worked in the Kitchen.

Daryl & Ghost (caretaker)



CROSSINGS
PRISON MINISTRY

DEAR CROSSINGS,

Chris also helped with the Pack-a-thon Food Drive. Coming to Crossing gave us all Something to belong too. We all had good Feeling of Safety, A touch of Freedom, a sence of Caring, love, and Family, because we all come From Church going Family's. I'm Speaking For us all because, we would Learn Something Every Sunday, We all have been not so dry eyed Sometimes in Church. Without Crossing I'm not Sure I would be Mentally Stable. I Could not have done this Without Crossing. God Bless You all. Chris Was brought here to us For a reason which I Cant explain, God is Good, NOW we will Be Brothers NOW and Forever. We will be worried For Chris when he Leaves us. God has a Plan I KNOW. I will Check on check in OKC when I Leave in May 2024.

Daryl & Ghost Caretaker



CROSSINGS
PRISON MINISTRY

DEAR CROSSINGS,

Crossings Family,

Thank you for your ministry to me over the past two years; Today marks my 4,200th day of incarceration. Your ministry has provided me points of stability and inspiration. From the weekly LIVE streamed service, to the Super Bowl watch party, to the summer concert, Pack-a-thon, and to the Global Leadership Conference your interactions have allowed me to feel like a "normal" non-incarcerated person. Your "donut" ministry has allowed me to facilitate many invitations to others, enticing them to join me at church on a Sunday morning.

Sending you all of my prayers, best wishes, and warmest regard.

Robert



CROSSINGS
PRISON MINISTRY

DEAR CROSSINGS,

My name is Dawn. I'm asking for help. Pray for me & my family we go through alot. Its been a while since I heard from them. Pray that they are being taken care of, and are ok. And whoever is taking care of them - They are treating them the good way.

I want to thank everyone at Crossings. They are doing alot for the community & the prisons.

Thank You!

I still got 8 year 1/2 left.

Dawn

ART WORK

The following custom pieces were created by individuals within the Oklahoma prison system.

DISPLAYED AT CROSSINGS
DURING EASTER WEEK

TITLE

Behold the Proof

CREATED BY

Jennifer



DESCRIPTION

So the other disciples told him "We have seen the Lord." But he said to them, "Unless I see in his hands the mark of the nails, and place my finger into the mark of the nails, and place my hand into his side, I will never believe.

JOHN 20:25

Jesus said, "Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed!"

JOHN 20:29



TITLE

Cleaned and Purified by His Blood

CREATED BY: *Dallas*



TITLE: *Our Resurrector*

CREATED BY: *Heather*

DESCRIPTION

This picture is colored pencil, watercolor, metallic paint pigments, acrylic and pen. The symbols in it speak for theirself – They point to our Savior, his death, resurrection, love, promise of return, royalty, meekness and fierceness, compassion, beauty and so much more. Thank you so much for letting me be with you and a part of your celebration.



TITLE

My Father's Hands

CREATED BY: *Stephanie*

DESCRIPTION

Every Easter Sunday me and my family would go to church and take communion so this is a great way to show my thoughts and feelings about Easter. It starts with My Father's Hands as the bread of life and his blood of salvation dripping from his hands. Then always remember, "Do in remembrance of me." With the sun's rays shining behind it all as the light in my darkness.

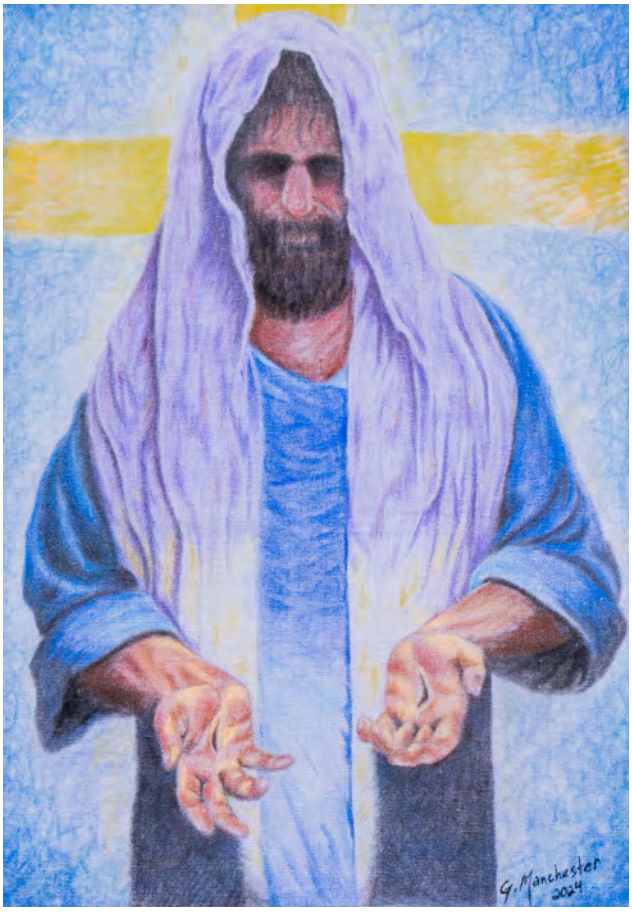


TITLE: *Beadwork*

CREATED BY: *Destiny*

DESCRIPTION

Crucifixion and Resurrection



TITLE

Resurrected Savior

CREATED BY

Glenn

DETAILS

Colored pencil on handkerchief

NOTE FROM THE ARTIST

Thank you to the Crossings Prison Ministry for your service. I am one of the members of the Praise Team here, and I am genuinely moved to tears by the love I see in all that you do for us through the services. I am grateful for it all and now for the art supplies you have given us to exercise our gifts and talents and to be partakers in your service as we all celebrate the miraculous and powerful resurrection of our Lord and savior Jesus our messiah. If it wasn't for that day I couldn't even hope to have the God give talent I have today. Enjoy this depiction of our resurrected savior and may the God of peace bless you and keep you in all that you do!



TITLE

From Death to Life

DESCRIPTION

The Resurrection to me is like God taking the cold, dead seeds that was my life before Jesus, and turning them into a field of beautiful flowers.

CREATED BY: *Rebekah*



TITLE

God's Unconditional Love

CREATED BY: *Haley*

DESCRIPTION

The two slanted crosses represent the sin and Jesus Christ's cross represents His love for us because He gave His life for our sins.



TITLE: *Empty No More*

CREATED BY: *Glendora*

DESCRIPTION

When we empty ourselves to God,
He fills us up!



TITLE

This is What Remains

CREATED BY

Nicole

NOTE FROM THE ARTIST

Change is the single greatest reality of moving forward—to pay attention to the life I want to create for myself while embracing what make me believe in being alive. I am digging myself out of the darkness. I am fighting to be here. I will NOT go back to what buried me.

The things I've reached for in life, the things I've deeply hoped for, have started to reach back. I am needed. My heart does not know how to stop burning. My hands give until they have nothing left, but they have firewood for fingers and a passion to want to reignite every bone in a body of a cold soul. I accept what it feels like to be misunderstood. And within this, to be loved and unloved because of my heat. The world does not understand the way I burn—but I can still inspire.



TITLE

Jesus Loves

CREATED BY: *Geneva*

DESCRIPTION

Jesus loves all, no matter what.



TITLE

Rebirth and New Life

CREATED BY: *Anthony*

DESCRIPTION

Happy Easter, church!

My name is Anthony, and unfortunately I am currently incarcerated, but I am fortunate enough to have God in my life. I took on this project thinking it would be easy. I struggled with what to make. I prayed about it. The answer was simple, yet funny at the same time.

First ... throughout my life, I've learned an undeniable truth — God ALWAYS provides you with what you need. (Matthew 6:25-34)

So, I looked at the three small balls of yarn given to me. Their colors were lilac purple, bright sunny yellow, and a beautiful sunrise red-orange. I came up with the idea of rebirth and new life. What are we all, even all the creatures on earth born from? Eggs! When we walk the path of Christ, we are then reborn, and given new life from Baptism. (John 3:3-8) I wasn't sure how to crochet this, so eggs was my way to explain it.

Second ... I thought, "These eggs can't be empty, they need life in them." So, I made chicks with the yellow yarn. The chicks are a representation of our children.

> "O Jerusalem, Jerusalem, thou that killest the prophets, and the strongest then which are sent unto thee, how often would I have gathered thy children together, even as a hen gathereth her chickens under her wings, and ye could not! **MATTHEW 23:37**

As little children, like these chicks I made, we rely on our parents to provide everything we need to survive in this world. We love them unconditionally to teach us right from wrong, and so many other things! We must do this as adults as well—rely on our Heavenly Father for these things. We grow up and forget that God provides. We must pass this on to our children. It is important.

MY TESTAMONY TODAY:

I know my redeemer Jesus loves. I know my Creator provides everything I need—and a little extra sometimes. I believe I was given this task, through God, so that I may share this message. I may be in prison for something I didn't do, but I know God put me here for a reason. I was on a dark path. It wasn't drugs, alcohol or crime, but I was drawing farther from my Lord God, letting the world interfere with my connection with Him. I was drowning. I needed this "break" from the world to re-establish my connection with God.

This sure was a wakeup call! Maybe this message will help someone realize they can come back to the Father. He is here, with open arms.

Thank you!



TITLE

Baby Skirt

CREATED BY: *Dezirae*

NOTE FROM THE ARTIST

My daughter has been heavy on my mind, and I never got the chance to spend Easter with her when I was out. So, I made a skirt that I wish she could have worn. Maybe someone else's daughter can be blessed and get to wear it when Easter egg hunting and learning about Jesus's resurrection.

Thank you so much for the opportunity to do something creative and fun and giving me a chance to escape reality. God bless you!



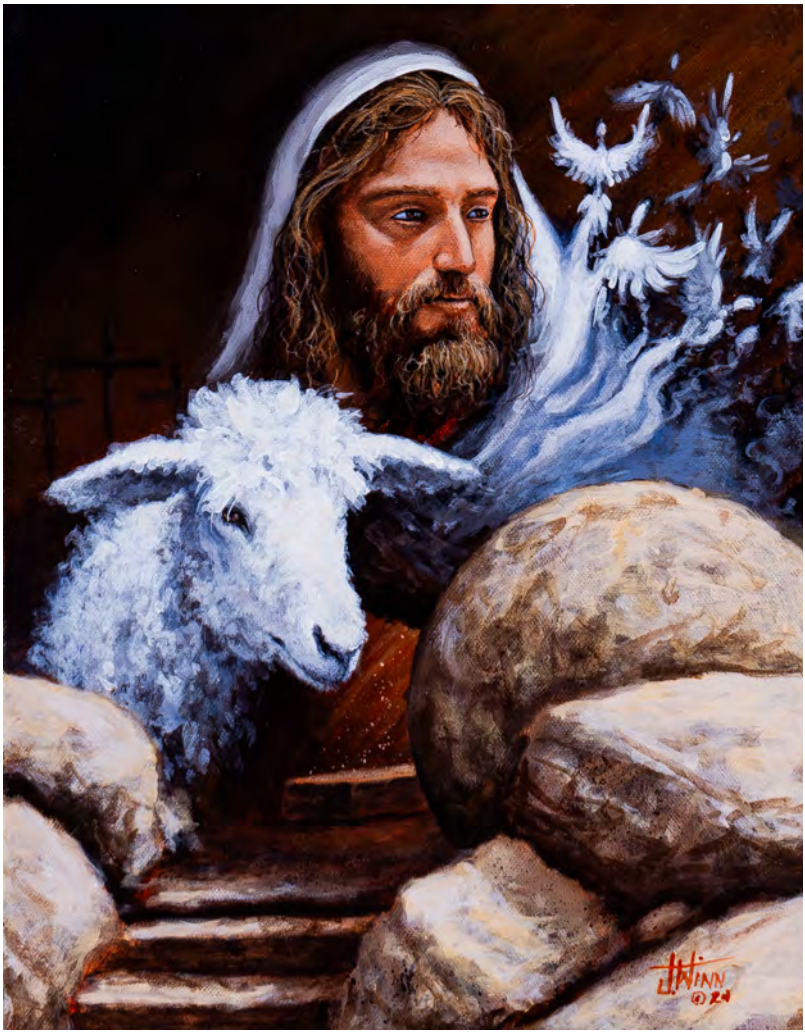
TITLE

Crosses and Bible Verses

DESCRIPTION

Carved wooden sculpture with heat pressed scriptures.

CREATED BY: *David*



TITLE

Resurrected: The Lamb of God

CREATED BY: *Jason*



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