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#### **Our Mission:**

Our Mission: "Ministering through the heart of Jesus to the broken hearts of those impacted by the criminal justice system, both those incarcerated and re-entering and their families."



## **KINGSWAY BANNER Fall 2021**

### **Gathering Fruit**

Our character is affected by insufficient enlightenment. How do you explain to a blind man who has never seen trees, plants and objects. How do you explain to someone about Jesus that has never heard the gospel or gone to church. Kingsway is encountering a new generation of people in prison without any knowledge of Christ. That is why our inside prison services are so important. Through our dedicated volunteers Kingsway is able to declare the Good News of Jesus Christ to a new generation.

**This issue is dedicated to our volunteers.**

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**Vicki Barb**  
**Volunteer, Board President**

Vicki Barb is Kingsway's new Board President elected in April 2021. Vicki shows the love of God in everything she does. The servant's heart of this lady is a testimony of God's Grace through Jesus. Her compassion for the people Kingsway ministers to is a wonderful thing to see.

People know what you are by what they see, not by what they hear.

Vicki displays this everyday.



## Mary's Volunteer Experience

Mary Earman, a long-time volunteer for Kingsway Outreach, first heard about Kingsway from Bonnie Lough (one of our longest serving volunteers), a coworker at her soup kitchen. Bonnie invited Mary to help wrap gifts for the Apple Tree Program that year. Soon after, Bonnie told her about other ways she could volunteer, including office work. Mary now does many important things for Kingsway, especially data entry, also sending birthday cards and keeping track of inmates whereabouts. She sends up to thirty cards per week. Mary is often touched by the thank you letters she receives, one time sending two cards to two different inmates with the same name. One of them wrote back expressing how the card she had sent came at just the right moment when his spirits were low and his faith was being tested. Mary remembers feeling the Power of God's hands reaching out through her to touch those who need His Healing Grace the most.



## Pam's Christmas Story

Pam Presgrave, a volunteer for Kingsway Prison and Family Outreach, recently visited Augusta Correctional Center during this past Christmas, personally handing out gift bags to the inmates. "It was an awesome and amazing experience to see the joy in their eyes and the heartfelt gratitude they expressed," Pam recounted. The moment was extra special because it came at Christmastime when the absence of being around family and friends is especially hard to bare. It is moments like these that remind us just how important Kingsway's mission is and how we are truly making a difference in the lives of those incarcerated, letting them know they are not forgotten.

## Spreading "The Way"

As our society has become more secular, hope has decreased in our youth. This generation has been told they just evolved. They don't have a compass or anyone they have to answer to for their behavior. This creates a feeling of hopelessness and a desire not to push forward. Many people in prison have never heard of the Good News of Jesus Christ. There is a whole generation that is not familiar with the Bible. Kingsway mission is to share the Good News of Jesus Christ.

***Whoever sows to please their flesh, from the flesh will reap destruction; whoever sows to please the Spirit, from the Spirit will reap eternal life.***  
**Galatians 6:8**

# Volunteers, Labors in the Field

**Kingsway is sharing these stories of our volunteers to let our supporters know their dedication. Thank You for giving unto the Lord.**

***I have planted, Apollos watered; but God gave the increase.***

***1 Corinthian 1:12***

## Christmas Programs

The year is flying by Kingsway is already preparing for Christmas this year. Last year 2020 due to Covid things were very uncertain as to whether we were going to be able to have Inmate Christmas or The Apple Tree Program. Churches were closed and prisons and jails. God opened doors and made it possible for both programs to move forward. We also learned different time savings methods for both programs due to Covid restrictions.

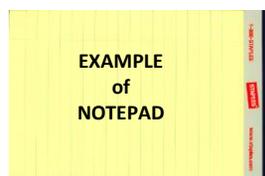
For Kingsway's fast approaching Apple Tree Program, our project to make Christmas special for the children of inmates, we rely on the kindness and generosity of people just like you. We need monetary donations, unwrapped gifts for boys and girls appropriate for ages new born through 18 years old. In addition, Kingsway needs volunteers to box the presents and help with many other tasks associated with Apple Tree. Anyway you can assist us is much appreciated!

Around the Holiday Season, Kingsway also conducts our Inmate Christmas Program to provide those incarcerated with gifts. **Cash donations would be appreciated for the notepads Kingsway can purchase the notepads cheaper from the distributor then you can buy them at the store.**

We need donations of **small, yellow or white notepads** size must be 5" X 8" with a **wide binding strip at top**. **Cash donation for chap-sticks**, 6 Oz plastic tube of toothpaste and yellow #2 pencils. We cannot accept twin packs of sharpened pencils or colored pencils. We will also need volunteers to fill paper bags with these items, as well as help to count and sort everything. Your kind donations and time are greatly valued



**5"x 8" Notepad with a wide binding strip at top**



## Christmas Programs 2020

Last Year 2020 we were able to help **250+** children receive gifts through The Apple Tree Program. With Inmate Christmas Gifts some were received before Christmas others after Christmas due to restrictions. Inmate Christmas gifts and cards distributed **6,000**.

Inside services were canceled last year but devotions were sent inside monthly. Birthday cards were also sent to inmates monthly. Individual correspondence answered

Re-entry cost went up due to Covid due to job lost and housing issues. Re-entry needs met when funds were available.



### **Have you ever had a day of Divine Appointments?**

Yesterday was one of those days. It started in the parking lot of the hotel with the meeting of Rita and Julie. Rita retired from working in a prison and Julie was an inmate. A Lesbian for twenty years and was born again in prison as a druggie and is now on a mission to go in and set others free, as she was set free. Julie even witnessed and prayed for the Hindu owner of the hotel. Next, at the Creation Museum, meeting Pastor Frank Jennings! No relation to Louise, but they knew each other for years! After seeing them at every corner, finally recognition set in for all. He had been pushing his son in a wheelchair the entire time. . . .made me think of that dad that ran with

his son in a triathlon, pushing him as well in a

wheelchair, because it was something the son wanted to do and could never achieve it on his own. Just like when we strike out on our own, in our own ability, never realizing that we can't make it on our own until it is proven, and then asking for guidance and direction from the power that is above every other power, Jesus! Before leaving, we had prayer and continued on our journey in the museum. Meeting Betty, was such a joy! She had a smile on her face that didn't stop! She has been working at the museum since two weeks before it opened. She thinks about retiring but says, "New, not yet! It's too exciting here!" She loves to put a smile on people's faces! This gives her incentive to continue getting up in the morning. She may cut back to just 5 days a week, though. We ate at Bob Evans that evening. Our server was quite a person! She was very up front and whatever was thrown at her, she had a come-back. We prayed for her that evening and all she wanted was to be able to get home safely. Before we left, there was a couple sitting in the booth across from us, and they asked if we prayed for people who were not there in person. We said, absolutely! We were asked to pray for the brothers of the woman that they would come to know Jesus and do the right thing as they were lost. The next morning we went to the Ark! What an amazing day! First we went to the virtual encounter where everything was in 4-D! That was exhilarating! As we walked to the Ark we stopped and helped people take pictures in front of the Ark and met a gentleman and his son. Jimmy had spent 33 years inside and found Jesus there. Now it is his honor to introduce Jesus to others. His biggest desire is that his son, Bill, learn about Jesus and accept Him and find a job that suits him. As we were talking to Jimmy and Bill, Eric and his wife came up on us and asked us what prison ministry we were with and started talking with him. He had done 3 years and thanked us for what we were doing. His change came about from Rock of Ages Ministry in N. C. and Tenn. Although he was from P.A. Before leaving and embarking onto the Ark, we all prayed together, arm in arm. At the restaurant we ate at on site, a young couple came us to us and asked us about prison ministry. They had gotten close to going inside, but life changed and they went in another direction. Not away from church, but their vocation changed and they were on the road a lot in sales. I was not feeling well on Wednesday and Pappy and Sandy went to the Kentucky Horse Museum. Louise stayed with me, in case I needed something. That evening, we walked to Cracker Barrel for dinner. Our server was Ashley and was so sweet. We asked her if there were something we could pray for her for. Without hesitation, she replied, "That my son remain healthy. He is 5 years old." There are so many hurting in our world. We really need to stop and take the time to pray for all peoples

*Vicki Barb*

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## In This Issue.....Volunteers



### Louise's Corner

I just realized that after over 40 years doing prison ministry that many people reading this newsletter even the ones that have been reading them for many years do not realize that I too am a volunteer. When we named Kingsway and had it chartered with the Virginia State Corporation Commission my husband, Shel and I, decided we would not take a salary. Kingsway is all volunteers. We felt there were too many people coming out of prison and their families were in some type to drive myself to these prisons, but there is coming a to financial need and we wanted our Kingsway supporters to help us make a difference in the lives of the people we helped. Now Kingsway is at a crossroads as October 23, 2021 I will be 86 years old. I am still working in the office 3+ days a week and going into 2 prisons for Church services. I am still able a time when I will not be able to do these things or remember people as I use to. As we think about the future of Kingsway Prison and Family Outreach; please pray for us. We need to raise enough money to hire an administration person, one that loves Jesus, and the people Kingsway serves. This will need to be at least \$30,000.00 more a year in contributions.

This will not just help Kingsway; but it will help our community as well.

Kingsway is planning a Birthday Bash on my birthday to help raise money for this so hold the date Saturday October 23<sup>rd</sup>, 4pm -6pm at the Mt. Crawford Ruritan Hall. Glory Bound Singers will be among the entertainment. You will find more information on our website events at [www.kingswayoutreach.org](http://www.kingswayoutreach.org).

**The Banner is published as a bridge between you, Kingsway's supporters and the hands-on prison and family outreach ministry of Kingsway. The Banner welcomes your comments, suggestions, and questions. Is there something of interest you would like to know about?**

**Let us know.**

**Also remember, the Banner is a**

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