

The Kingsway Banner



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.”

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From The President of the Board of Directors

The United Methodist Annual Conference was held in Harrisonburg, VA, on June 17, 18, 19, and 20! What an exciting few days Kingsway had! Paula, Louise, and Vicki were present and more than willing to tell folks about the ministry of Kingsway Prison and Family Outreach! Some visitors had heard a little bit about Kingsway and some had heard nothing. It was a great time telling each individual the excitement we felt about this ministry.

When we finished explaining about what we do, most of them wanted to know how to get involved! Almost everyone, whether they were clergy or laity, wanted to receive a newsletter that they could take back to their church and explain to them the good things we do.

Personally, I had a great time sitting with the retired Director and the new Director. Sitting there and listening to Louise explain about Kingsway and even giving her testimony to a few folks, and then listening to Paula explain some of the future things that are going to happen at Kingsway... it was all GOOD!

Don't you all forget about our toothpaste campaign starting in July. We have many inmates counting on us for this. Something we take for granted is having toothpaste readily available, but for those inside it is an absolute luxury! This year we will be looking at about 8300 inmates, so instead of one tube, maybe you are able to give two or three!

Thank you for all YOU do for Kingsway! Without YOU, we would not be able to do what we do. But by doing this we are all being the hands and feet of Jesus!

God Bless You, Everyone!!

Serving Him,
Vicki Barb, President, Board of Directors



From The Executive Director of Kingsway PAFO

They were almost bashful in the way they approached our table. They looked at the floor and back to our faces, maybe trying to read what we were thinking. We leaned forward in our chairs, letting the welcome show on our faces.

“Are you the ones who sent us Christmas gifts?” We assured them that we were, but our Kingsway Prison and Family Outreach T-shirts were a pretty good clue as well. “We just wanted you to know how much your Christmas gifts meant to us.” “Yeah,” one of them added. “I didn’t get here until after Christmas, but someone gave me one of your gift bags. I can’t tell you the last time I had lip balm.” His buddy agreed and pulled the tube out of his pocket to show us the way he carries his tube of lip balm everywhere with him.

I couldn’t help but reflect on a story from Luke 17:11-19, where Jesus healed ten men with leprosy. Jesus sent them on their way to show themselves to the priests (the only ones who could declare them healed). On their way there, they realized that the lesions that once covered their skin were gone. One man, instead of continuing on his way, came back to thank Jesus. Jesus was amazed that a foreigner, a Samaritan, was the one to come back, praising God and offering his thanks.

One of our Christmas bags is such a small thing. A tube of toothpaste (3-6 oz, individually boxed), a 5 x 8 legal notepad, a tube of lip balm, and a Christmas card designed to share God’s love may not sound very exciting until you consider that some of the inmates do not have anyone showing them how much God loves them or sending them gifts. The Christmas gifts we send (with your help) speak to their hearts and make an impact in their lives.

We have started gathering toothpaste for this Christmas. We’re adding 2 new facilities where we’ve never been able to give gifts before, and we are so thankful for the opportunity because God has opened those doors! That means we’re going to need about 8,000 tubes of toothpaste, notepads, and lip balm to meet this need. Can you help us out?

And while the 3 of us at the re-entry fair were the ones to hear how much the Christmas gifts you helped us provide meant to the men, we were just the ones accepting the thanks on your behalf. So, to echo what the men told us, “Thank you so much for the Christmas gifts! They mean more than you know!”

Paula Ford, Executive Director

Louise’s Corner



I took my first real vacation on the first of June this year. It was the first since Shel passed, and only the second one since Kingsway started without a meeting or conference included. I spent 10 busy days with my daughter LuAnne in Windsor, VA.

Shannon, a volunteer with Kingsway from the Tidewater area, was here and took me as she went back home. It was a good trip. While with LuAnne, I got to go to Murfreesboro, NC, to see my brother, and the campus of Chowan University that I graduated from in 1956. It is like JMU; it has really expanded. When I was there, it didn’t even have a men’s dormitory or a large women’s one. Now it is sprawled out all over Murfreesboro. I also was able to go see my stepdaughter Ann in Edenton, NC, where she had just moved.

LuAnne brought me home on the 14th, and we stopped in Richmond and had lunch with my other stepdaughter Sue. It was a wonderful time.

This was not something I had time for when I was the Director of Kingsway, but as just a volunteer now it was not a problem. I hope to do it more often. Paula Ford, the Executive Director, is doing a wonderful job of taking Kingsway into the future, and I am so happy with all she is doing. I did not want it to die when I do. Please continue to support Kingsway and Paula. As long as I can drive, I plan to volunteer.

**WOULD YOU CONSIDER INCLUDING THE KINGSWAY MINISTRY IN YOUR ESTATE PLANS?
A LEGACY GIFT WOULD PROVIDE A LASTING WAY TO CONTINUE TO HELP US HELP THEM.**



TESTIMONIES

Shalom,

06/15/2026

Hope this note will find you all there at Kingsway in the best of health, and doing well.

I wanted to thank you all so much for the card, and your prayers. Thank you for the 4th of July card, that Deuteronomy 31:8 really hit home with me, trust me, I needed that.

Again, please keep me in all your prayers because again I do need them. I am really up against so much. You just don't know.

I'll also pray for you all there as well, so keep up the great job that you're all doing there at Kingsway.

Please write back when possible.

Shalom,

Malakim B.

Henrietta Jordan

When asked, Henrietta Jordan states that her big run-in with the criminal justice system happened when she was in the wrong place at the wrong time. Henrietta accepted a ride with a girl who offered to give her a ride home. Instead of taking her straight home, the girl started driving around in housing developments and on streets Henrietta didn't recognize. When they were pulled over by the police, Henrietta was very cooperative and gave her information. A whispered conversation between the driver and a police officer suddenly had the police giving her funny looks. When ordered out of the car, drugs were found under the car seat, and Henrietta was charged with possession.

Once she got out of the car, Henrietta became very upset. She had been drinking, became belligerent and resistant with police, and was arrested and charged with disorderly conduct. She reports that she used all the money she had saved to get her eyes operated on, her teeth fixed, and to pay her rent on drugs and alcohol. She came to her senses and checked herself into rehab. When the time came to step into the next part of her recovery, her choices were Richmond or Oxford House in Harrisonburg. Because she had already been to Richmond, she said, "Well, I'll try Oxford House in Harrisonburg."

Henrietta recently finished her drug court recovery and went to Lynchburg to take part in the drug court graduation. When it was her turn, the judge kept skipping her name and kept calling other people's names. When he finally called her name, he stated that he had saved the best for last because, even though she was in Harrisonburg and away from Lynchburg, she had attended every single meeting online. When it was time for her to receive her drug court graduation certificate, the judge didn't want to shake her hand; he wanted to give her a hug because of her dedication and hard work.

Kingsway Prison and Family Outreach got to know Henrietta when she needed community service hours while she was living at Oxford House Trillium. Henrietta faithfully works 12 hours per week at Kingsway, and another 8 at Gift 'N' Thrift, where she is considered a faithful volunteer. Henrietta also recently attended a ceremony for the drug court graduates and their family members where

she spoke about how much of a difference drug court made in her life, that it was the perfect thing she needed to reset, and that it possibly even saved her life from the path that she was going down. Henrietta now lives at Strength In Peers Dean House, where she is a valued house member. Henrietta maintains a loving relationship with her family, who are proud of her and see the hard work she is doing to maintain her sobriety.

Kingsway appreciates Henrietta and her willingness to show up and jump in whenever and wherever she is needed. Her sense of humor and positive outlook are such a day brightener for everyone in the office. Henrietta's enthusiasm is an encouragement to everybody with whom she comes into contact, whether here in Kingsway's office or at her NA meetings. She is a hard worker, and picks on us just like we're family!

by Paula Ford, Executive Director



Hope Cundiff



Introducing Hope Cundiff. She is a sophomore at Carson-Newman University in Jefferson City, Tennessee, where she is majoring in Sociology. She is a Bonner Scholar and is gaining experience and community service hours as our summer intern. Hope is currently updating our regional resource list that we will use at

reentry fairs, and when people call from outside of the Rockingham County area looking for resources. What impresses us so much about Hope is her caring heart and her willingness to roll up her sleeves and help wherever she's needed. We are so thankful for Hope, and are grateful for the opportunity to show her the many aspects of ministering to those impacted by incarceration!

by Paula Ford, Executive Director

Open Doors

Kingsway is thankful for the way God continues to open doors. Recently, a Kingsway volunteer received a call from Superintendent Heiston at the Harrisonburg Community Corrections Alternative Program (CCAP), interested in his being part of a church service for the men living there. Our volunteer was getting cleared to go into Fluvanna Correctional Center for Women and Coffeewood Correctional Center with Kingsway when he received the call. He and Kingsway answered the call, and are ministering to the men every Sunday evening.

Superintendent Heiston wanted to reestablish the services Kingsway had been conducting there prior to COVID. The Department of Corrections explains CCAP this way: *"Community Corrections Alternative Program is an alternative program to incarceration, giving probationers and parolees the opportunity to engage in treatment, education, vocational training, and employment in a structured setting in order to promote long lasting public safety."* Kingsway is so grateful for this opportunity to minister and connect with these men as they navigate employment, slowly re-integrate back into the community, and refresh their relationship with God!

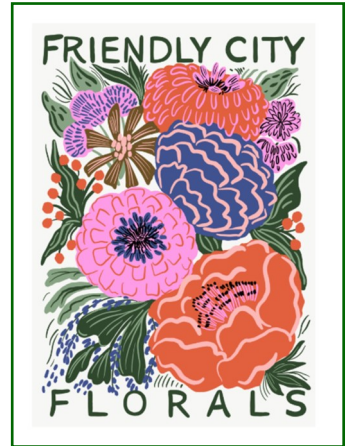
by Paula Ford, Executive Director



We Thank God For You!

Thank You!

Kingsway gives an extra special Thank You to Friendly City Florals for making the women in our evening Mothers of Prisoners Support Group feel so loved and appreciated. Friendly City Florals gathers flowers after weddings and events, arranges them, and distributes them to people who need them. Their motto is *"Spreading joy and reducing waste by repurposing flowers."* They certainly accomplished that! Thank you, Friendly City Florals, for sharing your love with our Mothers' Group!



by Paula Ford, Executive Director

Thank You!

Many thanks to the individuals who have sent notepads and toothpaste to Kingsway from our Amazon Wish List. Amazon does not tell us who you are, but your gifts are greatly appreciated!

by Paula Ford, Executive Director

Thank You!

All of us at Kingsway give our sincere thanks to all of you who donated to the ministry in the Great Community Give held in April. Your contributions make it possible for us to continue to help those impacted by incarceration. Without you, we cannot do what we do.

by Paula Ford, Executive Director

Thank You!

Pastor Joel Bukenya visited Kingsway in April, and presented the ministry with this painting done by the children of Blessed Hope Champions Academy in Bulamu, Uganda, which was founded by Joel and his wife, Sarah.



KINGSWAY HAPPENINGS

PAST, PRESENT, FUTURE

UPCOMING EVENTS - DETAILS TBA!

Annual Benefit Banquet - Thursday, August 27, 2026

Louise's Birthday Celebration - Sunday, October 25, 2026

LET'S TALK ABOUT THE BANQUET!

- ◆ Please RSVP to this event no later than **Friday, August 14, 2026**. Seating is limited, and we want to be sure everyone has a seat and a good meal!
- ◆ Would you prayerfully consider becoming a sponsor for the Banquet? Sponsorships are due by **August 1, 2026**. Please call the office at 540-433-5658 or email us at info@kingswayoutreach.org for details.
 - ◆ Gold Sponsor: \$1,000
 - ◆ Silver Sponsor: \$750
 - ◆ Bronze Sponsor: \$500
 - ◆ Table Sponsor: \$250 and invite 7 friends to join you at your table and learn about Kingsway!
- ◆ We thank you in advance for bringing donations of toothpaste to the Banquet. See details on the flyers in this newsletter.

"ONE IN SPIRIT, OF ONE MIND"

As we prepare for our Annual Banquet on August 27, 2026, at the Weyers Cave Community Center, we ask you to join with us in prayer.

July 5 - 11: Pray for the individuals and businesses agreeing to be banquet and table sponsors.

July 12 - 18: Pray for the staff at the Weyers Cave Community Center and for our caterers as they prepare for the banquet.

July 19 - 25: Pray for everyone attending the banquet, for God to prepare their hearts to receive the message about Kingsway.

July 26 - August 1: Pray for Speaker #1.

August 2 - 8: Pray for Speaker #2.

August 9 - 15: Pray for Speaker #3.

August 16 - 22: Pray for Speaker #4.

August 23 - 27: Pray for God's will to be done during the banquet, and for the inmates receiving the toothpaste being collected during the banquet.



ANNUAL BENEFIT BANQUET

for

Kingsway Prison and Family Outreach

THURSDAY, AUGUST 27, 2026

6:00 PM - 8:00 PM

Weyers Cave Community Center

682 Weyers Cave Road

Weyers Cave, VA 24486

Banquet Dinner

Testimonies

**** RSVP REQUIRED by August 14, 2026 ****

**** Seating is Limited ****

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Please bring a tube of toothpaste as a donation!

ONLY Alcohol-free / 3 to 6 ounces in size / Single boxes



Toothpaste Campaign

July 1, 2026 – October 31, 2026

We are prayerfully preparing to reach 8,300 inmates this year through the Kingsway Christmas Program. This is just a small way to let them know that they are not forgotten and that God loves them.

Starting now, we are gathering tubes of toothpaste to give as Christmas gifts. Tubes **must** be 3 to 6 ounces in size, individually boxed, and alcohol-free.

We need help from churches and the community to reach this goal.

Toothpaste can be delivered to the Kingsway office during regular hours, or you may call us at 540-433-5658 to schedule a drop-off time.

Toothpaste can also be donated at our Annual Banquet on Thursday, August 27, 2026.



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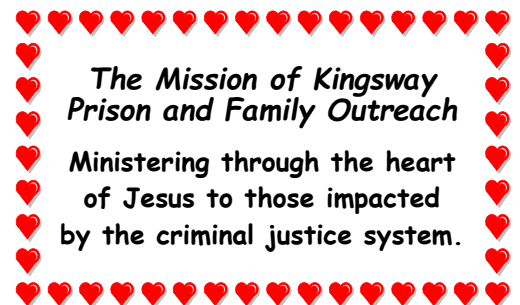
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