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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."



Star of Bethlehem

In ancient times people watched the sky. The savior came into the world with a sign from heaven in the sky. God announced the birth of his son by a sign in the heavens. Angels also brought forth the good news to the shepherds. Today we are sharing that good news to a generation who has not heard of Jesus. Christmas is not about parties and what presents you are going to get. This is the time of year to remember God's greatest gift to mankind his Son. The programs that Kingsway has at Christmas is to reach out to those incarcerated and their families. Hygiene items and a card at Christmas means so much to those incarcerated. Their children are also blessed by knowing their parent who is incarcerated is thinking about them. This is a connection for both parent and child letting them know they are loved.

You can receive the Newsletter by e-mail if that is your preference. Just drop us a note with a e-mail address and let us know your preference.

THE APPLE TREE PROJECT

Lessons were learned through the pandemic last year on a more efficient way to handle gifts. We sent the gifts last year unwrapped to guardians of the children with wrapping paper and tape. The guardians wrote back that they loved wrapping the gifts for the children. This year we are expecting over 300 children. Every year by the Grace of God we are able to supply the gifts to the children. We appreciate all the support from churches, people and organizations who supply the gifts, wrapping paper, and shipping donations for boxes. Plus volunteering their time and effort.



The Wish List for Christmas

Christmas Gifts for Children The Apple Tree Project

Remember when you were a kid looking at the Christmas catalog from Sears? You would look through the catalog picking out gifts that you would like to have. You knew it was wishful thinking but it was nice to have the dream.

Kingsway deals with families that are more concerned about monthly bills such as electric, phone, rent, and groceries. When Christmas comes there is no extra money for Christmas gifts for the children.

That is where Kingsway comes in with The Apple Tree Project (Christmas for inmate's children). With the help and generosity of churches, individuals and organizations we are able to turn a wish list into reality.

Last year even during Covid, Kingsway was able to help over 250+ children, due to the generosity from our supporters.

This year with prisons and jails being open we expect over 300 need help with gifts.

Please check with your church or organization to see how you can help. You can e-mail us at kingsway7x7@comcast.net or check our web page kingswayoutreach.org for areas of need. The web page will have times, dates, and locations for this program.



**Louise Jennings & Her Daughter
At Louise's Birthday Bash**



**Boxes Being Prepared for
Christmas**



Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good will toward men.

Luke 2:14



God is on the move at Kingsway

A little over two years ago we started talking around the office about the need for more space in the Kingsway Office complex. Nothing seemed to happen, no one on either side was moving and extra funds were not coming in for us to make a move to any larger space. I started praying and asked others to pray about one day being able to put a door from our space into one of the spaces on either side of our office. God heard our prayers.

One Friday night in October as we were leaving the office to go to Augusta Correctional Center to do a Church Service for the inmates, I saw the Realtor for Duke's Plaza come out of the door next to our office and I hollered at him. He came over to the car and told us we would be getting new neighbors that the Ukrainian Church was giving up their lease. I told him we didn't want new neighbors that we had been praying for that building and we wanted it. He said we would have to know by Monday that we were serious. I told him my plans and agreed to let him know on Monday. Now I just mentioned we had no extra funds. I woke up on Saturday morning and thought about what I was doing and said to myself Louise HOW ARE YOU GOING TO PAY THE RENT? It was like God said trust Me. That Saturday several of Kingsway board members and I went to a meeting that I was to share how Kingsway got started and what we did. It was a small group of State Kairos Representative. After I shared a little bit and told them they could help us; that we needed 12 people to pledge 100 per month and we could double the size of our office and do some much needed programs for those returning to society from prison. I thanked them for their time and sat down. As we were eating, I had 2, \$1200. Checks brought to our table and another gentleman asking how to donate online. By the time we left that meeting we knew God was going to take care of us. You can help too.



**Meeting Area for New Office Space
Already being used for
The Apple Tree Project & Inmate Christmas**



**Louise Jennings & Vicki Barb
Working on Inmate Christmas**



Vicki Barb & Louise Jennings

Inmate Christmas

Kingsway's Goal for Inmate Christmas this year is provide 6,000 inmates with gifts. These items consist of notepad, #2 yellow pencil, Chap-Stick, and 6 oz. Toothpaste any kind.

Monetary Donations would be welcomed for the purchase of notepads, Chap-Stick, and toothpaste.

Kingsway can purchase notepads and Chap-Stick from a distributor much cheaper than the store.



EXAMPLE OF RIGHT
NOTEPAD
With Binding On Top

yellow or white

SIZE MUST BE 5" X 8"



#2 Yellow
Pencil

Chap-Stick



6oz toothpaste





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In This Issue.....Moving Forward

Louise's Corner



In the Christmas 2020 Kingsway Newsletter I mentioned an inmate that never missed sending me a Birthday card. I first met him in Staunton Correctional Center in the 80's and then again at Augusta Correctional Center. He was out of prison for less than a year, but still sent me a Birthday card. He has served 33 years in prison. This year instead of receiving a card I received a Face Book message and a nice email, and then a belated card. This inmate has been released and Kingsway was able to work with a Church in Lexington, VA and get him in a year program with a place to live, a job, transportation, and mentors. This fellow calls me Mom and he is known by the inmates he left behind and everyone he meets now as Preacher Man. If you meet him, you know he is a changed man and he lets you know he is a Christian. This year for my birthday I received at least 12 birthday cards from ex-offenders that are now working and doing well. It gives me joy to hear and know they are not the same person they use to be.

Louise W. Jennings

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.

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