

February 2012

# FREEDOMWAY

MULTI-DENOMINATIONAL, FAITH-BASED CHRISTIAN MISSION TO INMATES, EX-OFFENDERS,  
THEIR FAMILIES, AND THOSE IN THE PRISON OF ADDICTION

**CELEBRATE WORSHIP** Sunday at 10:00 am  
**CELEBRATE FELLOWSHIP** Tuesday 6:30 pm  
**CELEBRATE RECOVERY** Friday 6:30 pm  
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THANKS TO ALL WHO PRAY FOR AND SUPPORT THIS MISSION

WE ARE NOT HERE TO BE COMFORTED...BUT TO COMFORT

## IS THIS WHAT JESUS WOULD DO?

This mission is an arm of the church that Jesus established. We do what Jesus commissioned the church to do. I am your missionary.

I truly believe that if Jesus was walking the earth today, he would **go to** and **spend time with** the people with whom we work, that often neglected people group of the **ex-offender, those in addiction/recovery and their families**. We are a multi-denominational faith-based Christian mission.

**The street is our mission field.** It breaks my heart as I meet (weekly) those that have been beaten up by their own bad decisions and addicted lives. We offer them a hand up not a hand out ... we offer them Jesus. There are new stories I could tell almost every day.

In this mission work every face has a story of pain, sorrow, bad decisions and broken lives.

I thank each one of you who consider me your missionary and pray for this mission ministry.

Because of your involvement in this mission ministry, we continue to make an impact on the ones Jesus spoke about in Luke 14:12-24.

This year, an estimated 700,000 prisoners will be released from America's prisons. To put it mildly, most of these offenders are not prepared to be good neighbors.

As the former head of California's Department of Corrections puts it, "95 percent of the people who leave prison are ill prepared to return to society." **This is where we stand in the gap.**

So it should not come as a surprise that, within three years of their release, two-thirds of these offenders will have been rearrested and half—that is right, 50 percent of them—back in prison.

Nor should we be surprised that, across the country, law enforcement officials are concerned about the impact of these huge numbers of unrehabilitated and unsupervised offenders coming back into our neighborhoods.

Please pray that we can increase our support base so that we can continue doing what God has called us to do.

**Lloyd**

IT IS ONLY GOD WHO CAN  
SPEAK THE WORDS  
THAT CALM THE SEA  
STILL THE WIND  
AND EASE THE PAIN  
SO LEAN ON HIM  
AND YOU WILL NEVER  
WALK ALONE

**ONE THAT JESUS  
HAS RESCUED**

This article is from a 48 year old lady that Jesus has rescued from a life of drugs and incarceration.

She is very faithful to all three (3) of our weekly meetings. Please pray for Carla.

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The sun shines bright on this  
glorious day.  
My mind is clear, but I have  
something to say.  
When you think you can't be  
any further down,  
On your face you wear a  
frown,  
Just get down on your knees  
and pray.  
The Lord will help you in  
every way.

I don't know how much longer  
I'll be free.  
No one to blame but me;  
All I know if its bars I'll be  
behind  
I've got faith and God in my  
life, He's all mine.  
I'll hold my head up and keep  
it high  
All my sins I've put behind  
Being locked up will not make  
me lose my faith or make me  
change  
making a mistake  
I didn't even know I made  
is so strange  
I thought those people who put  
me behind bars was my friend  
They used me, betrayed me – it  
was all pretend  
Where are they now since I  
took the fall  
They was so scared when they  
heard the news  
All I got was phone calls  
What's the use in turning them in  
It was me who committed the  
sin.

I ask God to forgive me that's  
what I had to do  
I know God forgives me and  
loves me too.

**Carla**

**GOD IS BLESSING  
THIS MISSION EFFORT  
... WILL YOU HELP?**

- I am interested in this mission work and will pray for Lloyd, Linda and the volunteers as they share the love of Jesus through all the various ministries of *Freedom Way*.
- I will give a one-time offering today of \$ \_\_\_\_\_.
- I will covenant with God in faith to make a monthly offering of \$ \_\_\_\_\_.

Please send tax-deductible  
donations to  
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