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Dear Ministry Partner,

Thank you so much for your prayers and financial help. As usual it has been a busy time for RTJ. We are now doing Sunday Afternoon services at the Moultrie County Jail, Myself and Jeff (a young man that was in Prison a few years ago) and Beth Wood. Beth is the wife of our treasurer, Gerry Wood. We are also in the process of getting one or two guitar players from local churches. Our services are approximately 2 hours long. Beth ministers to the women in a separate area. It's amazing, many times I listen to conversations about prisoners, sometimes those talking have no idea what I or this ministry does. Things like those people don't deserve anything or the main one, those people will always be on drugs, no hope for them and the sad part is some of those that say this go to church every Sunday. But I know better. Heb 13:3 God knew this would happen and he is very concerned about them. Again Thank you for your help. We are seeing salvation's and physical healing's continuously.

Jim Helton

Founder, Release Through Jesus Prison Ministry



# Did you Know?

## Decatur

Women's Prison Population 647 RTJ does Monday Night bible studies there and have for several years. We also do church services on 2nd Sunday. RTJ has been ministering at Decatur DOC since the prison opened.

## Logan

Women's Prison Population 1,879 RTJ Ministers every 3 months at this facility. Services are conducted in the gym. The first service is 8:30-10:30 and second service is 11:00 - 12:30.

## Taylorville DOC

Population approx. 1200

RTJ does Bible Studies on Friday mornings, regular church service on Thursday evenings and on 4th Sunday evening. We also do 1 morning service per month.

## Population at Institutions....

Male 41,848

Juvenile 1,325

There are 27 correctional centers

7 Work camps

2 Boot Camps

8 Adult Transition Centers

8 Juvenile Institutions

Also, did you know that 80% of men that complete one year of Discipleship do not return to Prison. (Chuck Colson, Prison Fellowship)

Ms. CRYSTAL METH

I destroy homes. I tear families apart. I take your children and that's just the start. I'm more valued than diamonds, more precious than gold. The sorrow I bring is a sight to behold. If you need me, remember; I'm easily found. I live all around you, in school and in town. I live with the rich. I live with the poor. I live just down the street and maybe next door. I'm made in a lab, but not one like you thin. I can be made under your kitchen sink, in your child's closet and even out in the woods. If this scares you to death then it certainly should. I have many names, but there's one you'll know best. I'm sure you've heard of me; my name's Crystal Meth.

My power is awesome. Try me, you'll see. But if you do, you may never break free. Just try me once and I might let you go. But if you try me twice then I own your soul. When I possess you, you'll steal and you'll lie. You'll do what you have to do, just to get high.

The crimes you'll commit for my narcotic charms will be worth the pleasures you feel in my arms. You'll lie to your mother. You'll steal from your dad. When you see their tears, you must feel sad. Just forget your morals and how you were raised. I'll be your conscience. I'll teach you my ways. I take kids from their parents. I take parents from kids. I turn people from God. I separate friends.

I'll take everything from you; your looks and your pride. I'll be with you always, right by your side. You'll give up everything; your family, your home, your money, your friends then you'll be alone. I'll take and I'll take 'til you have no more to give. When I finish with you, you'll be lucky to live. If you try me, be warned, THIS IS NOT A GAME. If I'm given the chance, I'll drive you insane.

I'll ravage your body; I'll control your mind. I'll own you completely. Your soul will be mine. The nightmares I'll give you when you're lying in bed. And the voices you'll hear from inside your head. The sweats, the shakes and the visions you'll see. I want you to know these things are your gifts from me. By then it's too late, and you'll know in your heart. That you are now mine and we shall not part.

You'll regret that you tried me (they always do). But you came to me, not I to you. You knew this would happen. Many times were you told? But you challenged my power. You chose to be bold. You could have said, "No", and then walked away. If you could live that day over, now what would you say?

My power is awesome, as I told you before, I can your mother and make her a whore. I'll be your master and you'll be my slave. I'll even go with you when you go to your grave. Now that you've met me, what will you do? Will you try me or not, It's all up to you. I can show you more misery than words can tell. Come take my hand, let me lead you to HELL.

-Written by a female inmate- Dept of Corrections

## We would like to focus in our newsletter Beth Wood.

Beth has been with RTJ for some time. She does much of the office work and especially making Christmas Cards for the men at Taylorville. She also put together packets that tell what RTJ does where we go ect. She will be doing the church services for the women in the County Jail. Beth also helps with our annual ministry banquet.



Jim Helton

## Welcome to our Ministry Team Grant!

RTJ welcomes Grant to our Prison Ministry. Grant will be going into the Moultrie County jail on Sunday afternoons. He will be doing the worship service as well as ministering to the men. Grant attends the Vineyard Church and has such a heart for seeing the lost saved.



Jim Helton

## Moultrie County Jail - Sullivan, Illinois



Left to right: Sheriff Chris Sims, Rev. James Helton and Chief Deputy Gary Carroll



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