

Highlights from the
YOKEFELLOW OUTREACH WORKSHOP
Cornerstone Missionary Baptist Church Greenville, NC
Saturday September 15, 2012

For the past four years Yokefellow Sister Kathryn Nobles has hosted a wonderful setting for spiritual renewal of Yokefellow volunteers at her church in Greenville. This year was another fine program highlighted by messages on five key words:

ACCOUNTABILITY
CHRISTIAN
EXAMPLE
DISCIPLINE
DEPENDABLE

These messages of encouragement were followed by a wonderful testimony from Kenneth Cherry, an ex-inmate. Brother Cherry has experienced over six months of freedom after serving seventeen years of prison life. After being lead to Christ he attend Yokefellow sessions on a regular basis and meet volunteers who cared enough to listen and lead by example. Brother Cherry ended his testimony by reading a poem written to all Yokefellows who visit to prisons all across our state. Read his poem found on the following page. Brother Cherry also edits "Bound to be Free" a spiritually inspired newsletter for distribution to inmates incarcerated in prison. Brother Cherry is to be commended for his testimony, poem and newsletter, all of which are to the Glory of GOD for the purpose Christian of inspiration. If you would like to support his efforts or get copies of his newsletter you may contact him at:

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All these inspiring messages and experiences from the Yokefellow Outreach Workshop have been captured on DVD and are available by contacting the CMBC book store **252-752-3846**.

Thank you Sister Kathryn Nobles and all your efforts to assemble and encourage the fine speakers for this event !

Yokefellow Poem by Kenneth R. Cherry

Dear Yokefellow

We know that some of you come from afar, and some of you live near. However, we wanted to take this time - this opportunity - to say, "Thank you for coming here". Even though our worlds seemed somewhat different, and oftentimes far apart; we hope that this message will reach you - wherever- hopefully, reach your heart. Through the many years, months, weeks, and even till this very day... we I can say that you, Yokefellow, have been with us every step of the way. For there's never been a time that you haven't come in here and showed us how much you care. You say it's the kind of love we should show to one another, and it should follow us everywhere. Quite frankly, most people do not understand you, Yokefellow, why you do what you do. You come in here behind these prison walls, then turn right around and say it's not about you. For behind these walls of rejections: there's misery; there's failures; there's so much pain. However you, Yokefellow, keep right on reaching out to us for something more, as if this is why you came.

Furthermore, who else could have overlooked these barbed-wire fences; walked through these pad-locked gates; just to reach a heart through these steel bars? Then take control as light does in the midst of darkness, and call this place a heaven full of star. It's plain to see that many are called, but a yokefellow volunteer is chosen. Like those few good men and women - you keep coming back - picking up another fellow wounded soldier. We don't know why you, Yokefellow, keep doing it; leaving husbands, wives, and children; just to come sit with us... You spend your time here; you make no money; and all you can say is, "In God We Trust". Like gold you are tried in the fiery furnace: that's another, priceless gift I might add. Because for many of us you have become like family - especially to those of us who never had.

SO tell us! Are there angels in heaven that came down to love as much as Yokefellow has? Well if you don't know by now, then you had better ask. Maybe the truth will be known, and no longer can this be conceal... Your work in prison, as Yokefellow Volunteers have not been in vain... as these words will now clearly reveal:

"For I was hungry, and you gave Me food;
"I was thirsty and you gave Me water to drink:
" I was a stranger and you took Me in,"
"I was naked and you clothed Me;"
"I was sick and you visited Me";
"I was in prison and you came to see Me."
(Matthew 25:35-36)

Thank You Yokefellow for coming. May God Bless You All.

*By: Kenneth R. Cherry.
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