

Encouragement

I am Committing to:

_____ Encouraging gifts for “Kairos Outside”

“Kairos Outside” is an ecumenical-based ministry to support women who have been incarcerated or have a loved one who has been or is incarcerated. We are hoping to donate special, uplifting, small encouraging gifts~ “Agape Gifts of Love” ~to this ministry. The ministry holds a retreat for these special women in September, and these gifts are placed on the women’s beds, at their meal tables, etc to help shower them with love.

- Gifts may include small handmade or store bought items like journals, note cards, pens, encouraging plaques, as well as hygiene and manicure items. These gifts should be returned to Pantano by **Sunday, May 22nd**.

_____ Donate books for a local prison ministry outreach

We want to provide 50 books to the prison ministry outreach of Catalina Church of Midtown, which supports the Eagle Point facility in Buckeye, AZ (See the back side of this sheet for the titles they are requesting).

- We want to provide 50 Bibles to this ministry as well – they encourage the inmates to keep the Bibles and take with them when they get out of prison. The translations they are most looking for are: NIV, KJ, NKJ, Living, and Message. These books and Bibles can be returned to PCC by **Sunday, May 15th** – and can be in nice, used condition.

_____ Write a letter to a child/teen going to summer camp

We would like to provide encouraging letters and cards to approximately 300 3rd-12th graders while they are at camp, especially those who do not receive any mail from home during this time.

- These letters and cards should be encouraging and uplifting – encourage the child/teen to listen to what God is speaking to them about while at camp; talk about the friendships that they will be making and the importance of the relationships they are building with other campers and staff; share some scriptures with them or perhaps a personal story of something positive that happened to you at a camp one year.
- We will review these letters (please leave them unsealed) so that we can pass them on to the appropriate child/teen that God directs us to bless with your letter. Do not include your name – rather sign “someone who is praying for you” – and be praying for these children/teens during the month of June when these camps will occur.

_____ Mexico Prison Ministry

We are partnering with “God Is On The Move Ministries” – a ministry that brings people to Jesus Christ and ministers to the spiritual, emotional, physical and social needs of the disadvantaged men, women and children of Northern Mexico. <http://www.godisonthemove.com/>

- They are in need of men’s and women’s undergarments (all sizes), socks, toiletries (all types and sizes welcomed), towels and wash cloths. Please bring any of the items that you can donate for this ministry to the church by **Sunday, May 15th** – we will have their ministry team deliver them to the prison and rehab they service in Mexico.

I can/will DO more in the next few weeks... to offer encouragement

- Consider making a donation to our Summer Camp Scholarship Fund. Last year we were able to provide approximately \$10,000 to help children and teens go to camp and experience an unforgettable week that would draw them closer to God. Donations may be made to the PCC Camp Scholarship Fund and are tax-deductible.
- Take some time this week or next to write some long overdue thank you notes to those who have influenced your life – teachers, mentors, parents, Sunday School teachers, coaches.
- Take one of the people who have influenced your life out to lunch.
- Consider contacting the “Kairos Outside” Prison Ministry for more ways to be involved with women who are incarcerated or have a loved one who is incarcerated.
- Or - _____

I can/will DO even more in the coming months...

- Consider being a camp counselor for a week this summer! Call the Family Ministries office to learn more.
- Consider volunteering for Prison Ministry Fellowship. Check them out at <http://volunteer.prisonfellowship.org>.
- Consider assisting with the Christmas Angel Tree program – an outreach of Prison Ministry Fellowship for children of prisoners.
- Or _____

Specific Book Titles the Men’s Prison Ministry is Requesting -

The Purpose Driven Life by Rick Warren (10+ copies)

The Bible for Dummies by Jeffrey Geoghegan (4+ copies)

He Still Moves Stones by Max Lucado (4+ copies)

But Joy Comes in the Morning by Max Lucado (2+ copies)

For the Tough Times: Reaching Toward Heaven by Max Lucado (2+ copies)

Life Lessons: The Gospel of John by Max Lucado (2+ copies)

The Faith: What Christians Believe, Why They Believe It, and Why It Matters by Chuck Colson (4+ copies)

How to Let God Solve Your Problems: 12 Keys for Finding Clear Guidance in Life's Trials (4+ copies)

Beyond Bars: Rejoining Society After Prison by Jeffrey Ross (10+ copies)

The Dedicated Ex-Prisoner's Guide to Life and Success: 10 Rules for Making It in Society After Doing Time by Richard Bovan (10+ copies)

Best Resumes and Letters for Ex-Offenders by Ronald Krannich (10+ copies)

Best Jobs for Ex-Offenders by Ronald Krannich (2+ copies)