

*From the Desk of
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To: Whom it may concern
Subject: Support for the WINGS Ministry
And Ann Edenfield
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Greetings to all who are inquiring about the WINGS Ministry coordinated and directed by Ann Edenfield. Ann has had the most marvelous opportunity to minister to people who have someone from their family incarcerated at a correctional facility. This is because she has gone through the experience herself and her children with a Husband/Father. WINGS is not THEE answer to reducing our return rate of former inmates back into our prisons, but it is a most important part.

I have participated in several prison ministry programs: Light and Liberty Jail Ministries (in Albuquerque, NM), Kairos (within the prison system), Shalom (for youth), and power of attorney & office manager for an inmate at the Correctional Facility in Grants, NM whom I sponsored in Kairos #1 for Women in New Mexico. All these ministries teach/train the inmates the Christian values, but we cannot stay with them. All these ministries are volunteer in nature. Once an inmate is released, there is dire need for support on the outside. Angel Tree (through Prison Fellowship) is there for the children of inmates during Christmas, and Half-way houses help, but they haven't been enough. 85% will return to prison. Kairos started 9 years ago and the percentage remains the same.

Ann's idea has been working, bringing understanding, love, and mercy to both sides of the incarceration equation. With her going into full-time service, I know that more can be done to wash away the stigma of family members who have had someone in prison. They are shamed and outcast even by the church. Ann is changing that with lots of love and acceptance. It may be called a WINGS Party, but it's more than just fun and games. Ann gets the people to talk about why or why not they go to church, and the help goes beyond these special events. Ann is always there to lend an ear or two.

Yes, The WINGS Ministry is an essential part of keeping people out of prison, but it is more than just Ann, more than just one person. It is the many people who support Ann through their great love of Christ and his redemption of everyone. I hope that you who are reading this letter will support Ann as well - ask her how.

Visiting those in prison,
Loving one another,
Loving our enemies,

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