

Wings Receives Contract from NM Corrections Dept.

Wings started hosting Prison Family Days at the Central NM Correctional Facility in Los Lunas, NM on October 19, 2002. The NMCD leaders at that time were innovative, people of faith, and willing to take a risk of bringing inmates, their loved ones, and a large number of volunteers into the prison. Chaplain Paul Collins could see the Wings' vision, as did Deputy Warden Art Murphy.

After Paul retired as Chaplain he served as the Wings Board President for six years and also was a member of the Wings Team to India in 2006.

Today the NMCD also has leaders of faith. They have witnessed and heard about the impact of Wings Family Days in our NM prisons and other prisons around the U.S. since 2002. And in 2016 they offered a contract to Wings to host 15 Family Days in all 11 New Mexico prisons!

I find this so amazing, as I am still trying to convince correctional leaders in other states about the impact of our Family Days and why it is important to bring not only children into the prison, but the adults/caregivers of the children, as well as the adults who are going to be there to help the inmate when he/she returns home.

In 2014 Wings received the "Impact Award" from the Ohio Dept. of Corrections, as they too realized that Wings Family Days change facilities. They give hope—bring families together—often give families an opportunity to worship together for the first time—and create positive memories for inmates and their loved ones. We often hear that "Wings brings Christmas to us every year!" (And for almost all inmates that means "Christmas" any time of year but December. What they mean is that we give them the greatest gift—the opportunity to have fun and be together as family like they would on the outside, in such a special way.

Part of the contract is to teach the inmates about Search Institute's 40 Developmental Assets[®], ways to cut at-risk behaviors and strengthen families. I'm very excited, as the inmates and their family members seem to be understanding the Assets and how important they are to help

them get and stay out, and also are ways to teach their children how to avoid incarceration. Tragically, in America today, 72% of children of prisoners are likely to end up incarcerated during their lifetime. Wings is trying hard to lower these statistics!



THANKS Gregg Marcantel, Jerry Roark, and other NMCD leaders! Wings appreciates your faith in us and will do everything we can to help the inmates and their loved ones in New Mexico!

I went back to the comments from our 1st Family Day. Interestingly enough, the comments could have been written in 2016. What it tells me is that we are still touching and impacting lives like we did back in 2002.

- I appreciate the opportunity to meet with my family on such a day as this.
- I wanted to be part of making history – first Wings outreach to families and prisoners.
- To have fun in Christ with my family. How much they enjoyed this function also with other families.
- May the Lord continue to increase your ministry and bless your families.
- Keep up the good work for prisoners and their families.
- It's wonderful. They need this program in every prison.
- I pray that it keeps on going. I think it encourages persons to unite with our Lord. If you don't have God in your life it has no meaning.
- It took away the prison atmosphere.
- Spending quality time with my family.
- Thank you SOOO much for your time and LOVE! May the Lord bless ALL of you!

**Wings Family Day
Springer
Correction Institution
Springer, NM
♥ 4-16-16 ♥**



Acts 2:42
Singing, The Prodigal Son, Crafts & Games,
Sharing a meal, Spoon Hanging & FUN!



**“Pigs” & Pig Herders
PB&J Sandwiches**

Spoon Hanging Champs!



Talking Talons & Snakes



New Outfits for Mother's Day



Mother's Day Potluck at Boys & Girls Club



WFL participates in *Make a Difference Day Albuquerque*

Learning to set the table

Wings Celebrates

21st Banquet

4-8-16

St. John's United Methodist Church

Albuquerque, NM



Miss NM Christy Waite
Chris Schueler, MC
Speakers Dora & Michelle
Joe Cornish, Volunteer of the Year
Spoon Hanging &
Spoon Hanging Champs
THANKS to Volunteers/Servers
Bully Buddies



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- ◆ A child of a prisoner is faced with a daunting future.
- ◆ Children of prisoners have a **72% chance** of ending up in prison themselves!*
- ◆ **But this does not have to be!**
- ◆ **Your gift can make a difference in the life of a child!**



Enclosed is my tax deductible gift for:

\$500 \$250 \$100 \$50 \$25

Other \$_____

I would like to learn more about volunteer opportunities in my area.

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In 2013 I was asked to speak at one of the first **Testify Conferences**. I shared my story about my calling to start Wings. I was very honored to be included in the book “UN Ashamed” that was later published.

Jerry and I talked and he wanted to do more with the book. After several brainstorming sessions, the idea to print the book and then distribute the book in prisons came about. The first UN Ashamed books were distributed April 16, 2016 in the Springer Correctional Facility in Springer, NM. Wings will take at least 100 copies into all eleven (11) NM prisons in 2016.

We pray that when the inmates and their loved ones have a chance to read stories from *real* people living today whose lives were impacted by God, that they too will start searching for God and see how He is working in their lives today as well.

I am in awe at how God is working in our lives today and thrilled to have Wings be part of this wonderful project.

Ann Edenfield Sweet, Wings For LIFE International Founder/Executive Director

“But none of these things move me; nor do I count my life dear to myself, so that I may finish my race with joy, and the ministry which I received from the Lord Jesus, to Testify to the Gospel of the Grace of God.”

Acts 20:24

Testify World by Jerry A Chavez

As a follower of Jesus Christ I have come to realize the amazing power of testimony. That’s why we’ve developed **Testify World**, a global community of kingdom builders who share the transformational power of Jesus Christ. This not-for-profit ministry is dedicated to “Making the Invisible Kingdom VISIBLE.”

Testify World is where the art of storytelling meets the power of testimony. Every year, the world’s servant leaders gather to share the amazing work the Lord accomplishes in their lives and the lives of others. Told live and without notes, each story is true, each voice authentic.

There are countless stories around the world that need telling. We aim to inspire a new generation of evangelistic outreach by which it is possible to have hundreds of communities share stories that can spawn into films, TV shows, and new media. By giving people a venue to share their story on a global platform, are inspiring communities from around the world.

This book is a compilation of stories from those who have encountered the reality of Jesus Christ. They were presented at various Testify World outreach events around the country and have been transcribed, edited, and formatted for publication.

Our prayer is that these testimonies will serve as a resource for fellow pilgrims passing through this world as both a witness unto others and a source of encouragement for seasons of testing.