Your Wings Board

(See photos of your board at www.WingsMinistry.org)

Board Elections were held at the Annual Meeting on Jan. 26, 2006. **Pres.:** Tracey Meisenheimer, **VP:** Jim Harmon, **Sec.:** Cynthia Davis, **Treas.:** Debbie Foster, **New Board Members:** Amber Wright, Paul Rupp & Judge Wyatt Heard. **Renewed:** Debbie Foster, Karen Bramlitt, Cathy Pfefferle, Stuart Edenfield, Curtis Edenfield, and Jack Reneau.

Thanks to Marissa Nordstrom Perez for the *Organizational Story of Wings*. Marissa reported that WINGS embodies core *Values* to show *Value* consistently for both volunteers and families which makes this a *Valued* ministry. She stressed that WINGS has the potential to be a ***"model program"*** because of the unique character of the program. Ms. Perez is available to create an organizational story for you.

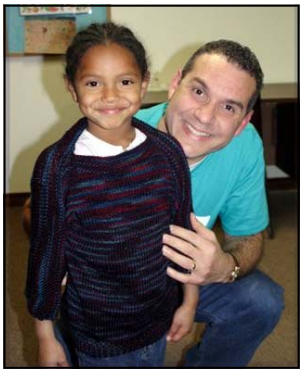
Contact Marissa at ***Relational Sensibilities***, call (505)235-0912 or marissa@relationalsensibilities.com.

I am involved with Wings because—

The Wings Ministry is a way I can serve and love others as we are called to do by Christ in Matthew 25:31-40. Our actions at Wings events create a ripple effect of Christ's love that touches families of prisoners, inmates, correctional staff, and other volunteers. (Cathy is a member of the Wings India Team.) by Cathy Pfefferle

Gorgeous sweaters everywhere!

Pablo Diaz helped everyone find the perfect sweater.



Knit for Kids!

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Readers of *Guideposts Magazine* have been knitting or crocheting sweaters for children for ten years. *Guideposts* has supported the Wings Ministry since the very first Wings Party December of 1995. We have shipped thousands of sweaters to Wings for distribution to the children of inmates at church parties in many different cities and prisons in New Mexico and Ohio. Wings has decided to try to give back to *Guideposts* for all our support by encouraging prison officials to allow knitting/crocheting by inmates in our *Knit for Kids Program*.

The inmates at the Southeastern Correctional Institute, Lancaster, OH have become the first inmates that Wings has been involved with to start knitting sweaters for kids! Already yarn, plastic knitting needles, & crochet hooks have been shipped to the prison & the men are busy creating beautiful sweaters! The Women's Prison in Grants, NM is the first New Mexico prison to start knitting/crocheting for *Guideposts*!

Guideposts has a goal of reaching **400,000** hand-knit sweaters by the end of 2006. We thank Wings for helping us reach our goal! Yarn of all colors, crochet hooks and plastic knitting needles of all sizes can be shipped directly to me at *Guideposts Magazine* for further distribution to knitters all over the world.

Angels wearing Christmas sweaters!

Pablo Diaz, of *Guideposts*, with a happy family.

Wings Ministry is Invited to India – March 14 – March 31, 2006

Our Wings are definitely expanding! Six Wings Team members will travel to India at the invitation of the Rev. Glory Dhas and the Methodist Bishops in India. The six team members are Ann Edenfield Sweet, Rev. Doug Sweet, The Rev. Dr. Paul Collins, Cathy Pfefferle, Shelly Currier, and Rita Kane-Doerhoefer. This ecumenical outreach will take us to prisons, jails, leper hospitals, orphanages, tsunami orphanages and villages, large churches, small rural churches, & the unchurched in all walks of life in India.

The original invitation "to train over 1,000 pastors" about work with inmates and their family members has expanded greatly. Everywhere we will share God's unconditional love through group singing, interactive Bible study, crafts and games, & sharing a meal/snack together. We will share the joy of Christian fellowship through the fun Wings Ministry model. Methodist Bishop Thomas of the Delhi (Lucknow Region) is arranging for visits to prisons, parties, & trainings in northern India too.

Our 26-hour travel includes almost a 14-hour non-stop flight from Newark to Delhi. The major cities we will visit in southern India include Coimbatore, Salem, and Chennai (Madras). Rev. Glory Dhas MA, M.Phil, M. Div., D. Min and President of JMHA Motherland Missionary Movement, www.jmhammm.com, is coordinating our visit and arranging for more opportunities to visit even more jails, orphanages, churches and Christian villages.

DONATIONS for this trip are most welcome. The cost for each team member is around $3,000. We will need money to cover cost of food and supplies needed for all the Wings Parties we will host. THANKS in advance for your prayers and support.

We appreciate donations of the following supplies as gifts:

- Stickers
- Pins or patches from your city, state, etc.
- Cosmetics of any kind
- Vitamins, band aids, aspirin
- Over-the-counter medicines
- Coffees / Teas / Spices
- Jewelry, hair accessories
- Sewing kits
- Seeds—vegetables & herbs
- Pencils, pens, crayons, & markers
- Bars of soap & deodorant
- Shampoo &cream rinse
- Toothpaste & toothbrushes
- Combs & hair brushes
- Polaroid film
- Candies & gum

Special THANKS to all our donors!

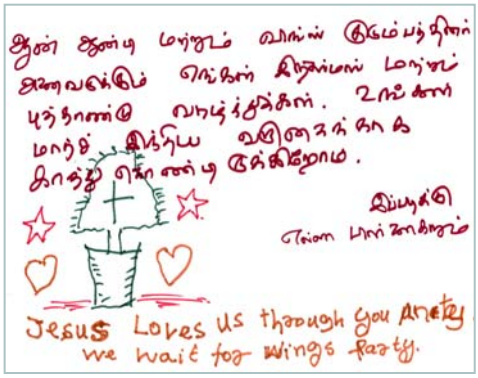
- **Thanks to Mary and Ron Koehler of Albuquerque, NM for their donation of a 2000 Windstar van.**
- **Thanks to Judge & Mrs. James Browning, US District Court, for donating all the pizza for the Albuquerque Wings Christmas Party.**
- **Thanks to Jim Zanios, Pres. Zanios Foods, ABQ for his ongoing support of all Wings parties & events.**

Wings can accept property, jewelry, stocks, and vehicles.

Wings Ministry is a 501(c)3 organization and can accept United Way contributions from anywhere in the U.S.

Children in India pray for the Wings visit.

Translation of note:
"Dear Anty & Wings Family, We wish you all in Jesus name for Merry Christmas & Happy New Year. We are all longing to see you in coming March. We will take part in Wings Party.
Your loving children,
Orphanage in Tamil Nadu"



Please PRAY for the team & friends we meet.

3/16—Delhi - visit to the Shadman Girls home, Butler Memorial Girls School and Shadman School
3/18—Wings Party with lepers, welcome by tsunami orphan children
3/19—Attend two churches and village outreach
3/20—Salem Prison Wings Party, party in rural hospital
3/21—Pastors' seminar
3/22—Coimbatore central jail and meeting with pastors
3/23—Coimbatore sub jail and meeting in a church
3/24—Women's retreat, Tamil Methodist Church
3/25—Pondy (old French colony) a tsunami affected region & Wings Party in jail
3/26—Visit to Chennai, preach at churches and prisons
3/27—Wings Party in Chennai jails
3/28—Delhi – visit churches, prisons, jails, orphanages
3/29—Taj Mahal
3/30—Visit schools and prisons in Delhi region

"God is going to do great things in your trip to India...We run orphanages for children, Bible schools for village young people, medical training for girls … Establish churches in villages, train up pastors. If anybody wish to adopt a child in our home or trainee in our training, adopt a missionary in village or support to give a church building as a life gift to a village, we want to encourage them to contact you. Hope you can also share these things with your groups, so that they can pray for this ministry in India."
The Rev. Glory Dhas

Bucket Sunday

in Ohio Church buys Christmas Candy Canes for Albuquerque

Children & members of the Danville United Methodist Church donated $75 from ***Bucket Sunday*** to purchase candy canes for the Wings Christmas Party in Albuquerque!

Bucket Sunday occurs one Sunday each month when the children carry buckets through the aisles of the church collecting change from members. The children are taught the power of giving, as the change soon amounts to dollars and opportunity for mission outreach. The children were taught the history and significance of the candy cane design and symbolically wanted to share Christ's love to the Wings children. (White stands for God's love and purity, 3 red stripes for the Trinity, and the large red stripe represents Christ's blood, the promise of eternal life.)

THANK YOU Danville United Methodist Church for your outreach and caring!

Southeastern Ohio Corrections Christmas Party 12/3/05

"Prison families need fun times together to strengthen family relationships." Staff member

Ann Edenfield Sweet & Warden Mark Saunders

"It was such a joy to hold our first Wings Party in an Ohio prison! I did an original 1½ hour training event for about 22 volunteers. It's amazing what a few volunteers, some caring staff, and God's direction can accomplish!" Ann Edenfield Sweet

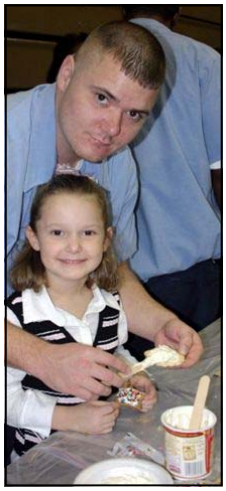
"It's a great help to our family."

A living doll holds onto her ornament in Daddy's arms.

"We hosted the first Wings Christmas Party in the State of Ohio. We had 85 inmates, 200 inmate family members, 40 volunteers, and a whole host of support staff including Warden Saunders in attendance." Chaplain Bill Akridge

"I love my son very much."

A very special wreath is proudly displayed.



"Spending time… making cookies."

Angels come in all sizes!

"Share Christmas program with loved ones."

Albuquerque WINGS Christmas Party—December 10, 2005

'The Birth of Jesus', the narrated pageant, is the highlight of any Wings Christmas party.

Everyone is part of the pageant. From the littlest sheep and smallest angel to the oldest adult in the room!

"Big Helpers!"

Andrew, the Angel.

Members of the Gideons presented Bibles as gifts.

Mentors, friends & pizza go well together.

New sweaters, Bibles and fun crafts to take home.

Special guest Pablo Diaz, of *Guideposts Magazine,* had a great time with the kids and families. He joined in the opening mixer games, the cookie decorating, pizza eating, and especially enjoyed distributing the *Guidepost* sweaters (pg. 2). *Guideposts* has been a sponsor of Wings since the first party in 1995 when Gus Tapia said, "We'll just GIVE you the magazines!" **Thank you Gus, Pablo and *Guideposts* for your support!**

Mixer games help everyone relax.

Pablo and friends prepared bags of candy before the party. At the party, Pablo helped with the art of cookie decorating.

See comments and more photos from these and other Wings parties on the web at www.WingsMinistry.org.

Ann shares "Thanksgiving Day of Prayer" with *Guideposts* executives: Peola Hicks (Interim Prayer Dept. Mgr.), Pablo Diaz (VP of Ministries), John Temple (CEO), Ann, Elizabeth Allen (Board Chair), John Vergilii (Guest Singer)

Ann with Gus Tapia

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Vision:
Christ's unconditional love shared with all families of prisoners.

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Wings for L.I.F.E.

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VISION: Imparting **L**ife-skills for **I**nmate **F**amilies & **E**ducation

WHO: Inmate Family Member & Former Inmates

WHAT: Discussion, Mentoring, Empowerment, Support

WHEN: Twice a Month-Sundays 6:30—8:00 PM Albuquerque

WHERE: Catholic Center— Sandia Room
4000 St. Josephs Place, NW (by St. Pius High School)
I-40 W to N Coors, right on St. Josephs Place to Catholic Center

2006 Dates:

February 19	May 7
March 19	May 21
April 2	June 11
April 23	June 25

Darryl Rice speaks about probation & parole at a recent Wings for L.I.F.E. meeting.

Can YOU Be A Mentor?

- Be trained and matched by Big Brothers Big Sisters with a child 6-18 years old.
- Meet child at Wings for L.I.F.E. twice a month in a group setting for activities.
- Call or meet child on alternate weeks.
- Be a friend and role model to child and family.

WISH LIST

- Gifts for India (see pg. 3)
- Mentors for children
- Yarn, plastic knitting needles & plastic crochet hooks — for inmates to knit sweaters for *Guideposts Magazine*
- Computer for Las Cruces Wings for L.I.F.E.
- Website assistance
- Paper shredder
- Digital & Overhead projector
- Arts and crafts, toys, games, books and magazines, & musical instruments for prisons, jails, and juvenile facilities
- Toddler toys, 2 plastic tables & 8 plastic chairs for toddler visits to MDC in Albuquerque
- Colored and white paper, 8x11, 8x14, 11x17
- Small envelopes
- Office space for Wings