



## Quotes about the Wings Ministry

"There is an on-going effort to develop positive and beneficial programs in every corrections facility. This is not an easy task. Such efforts are even more difficult when combined with the need to integrate family members into the rehabilitative philosophy and strategies of corrections. The Wings Ministry offers (such) a program through their faith-based approach, bringing inmates and their families together to enjoy each others company in the spirit of faith. It is one of the best programs designed to maintain the family unit of an incarcerated parent!"

**--Art Murphy, Warden**

The Wings Ministry provides a tremendous support system for inmates and their families. By promoting "family reunification", it helps to build and reinforce the existing family structure. Observing families participating in activities together has been overwhelming. It's amazing to see how a "Wings" gathering can be so effective and bring so much happiness to everyone involved.

**--Helen Carr, New Mexico Corrections Department Family Liaison Director**

"Ann and her four sons have "been there" when it comes to understanding the plight of inmate families after their loved one is incarcerated. Not only does Ann have a unique empathy toward inmate families, but she also has the unique ability to communicate with those same families as well as communicating with correction's staff and faith community volunteers. (Ann's) " The Wings Ministry provides a model and training resources for the faith community to become involved with inmate families who are the "forgotten victims in the shadow of crime."

**--Homer Gonzales, New Mexico Corrections Department Director of Faith-based Programs**

A simple philosophy of Corrections from New Mexico Secretary of Corrections Joe R. Williams:

"A successful Corrections Administrator must have a kind heart and a quick left."

"The Wings Ministry is making a difference in the lives of the families of those who have loved ones in the prisons and jails around the country and need a touch of God's love."

**--Rev. Dr. Paul C. Collins, Former Prison Chaplain**

"Guideposts gratefully supports and enjoys participating in the good work done by the Wings Ministry. We've long had outreach programs in prisons and know first-hand how much of a difference can be made in the lives of inmates and their families by providing a source of hope and inspiration when things seem bleakest."

**--Ted Nace, Guideposts Outreach**

My high school son Sage and I were blessed to be among the Wings volunteers who participated in the Wings Party at the Santa Fe prison last Saturday. For us it was a four hour trip up there, and a four hour trip back, and it was well worth it.

Wings uses the LOGOS process with prison families. These are families where the kids do not have regular contact with their dads, do not live in 'normal' families, and have the added stigma of having an inmate for a parent. The Wings Parties give them an opportunity to experience a loving and supportive Christian community modeling a relationship with a loving and caring God. They get an opportunity to BE a family again. Wings helps build relationships, and as a person who believes incredibly in the strength and grace of relational ministry, I think this is incredibly important.

Sage will, as his Boy Scout Eagle project, be implementing a Wings Party at the state prison near our town. I can think of few greater gifts from a LOGOS child than to pass LOGOS on to younger children whose lives are full of pain and turmoil. Once he completes that I'll try to expand it to the Federal prison that is also near us.

If you are looking for a way to model a relationship with Christ through your relationship with others, and to expand the impact LOGOS has beyond your own church, I can think of no better opportunity than through Wings.

**--Grace La Torra, St. Andrew's Episcopal Church, Las Cruces, NM**

"Ann, I was gazing across the street at the local jail and it occurred to me that every city in America has a city jail, state or federal prison and therefore every city in America needs a Wings Ministry in a local church. Good luck in this fabulous ministry."

**-- Grady Jim Robinson, writer, and speaker. Member of the National Speakers Hall of Fame.**