



“On Eagles Wings”

Chaplains Flight Plan



Mercy and accountability, through Christian faith, goes beyond ethics, codes of conduct and science. Science, worldly codes and ethics point to ways that humans behave toward other humans. Christian teachings point toward the relationship of God through Jesus Christ. “Anyone who lives on milk, being still an infant, is not acquainted with the teaching about righteousness.” Hebrews 5:13

Air Chapel volunteers’ main objective is helping young convicted felons or other youth who are involved with criminal activity, to obtain the “law of righteousness” with our Creator. Ten plus years ago, Air Chapel ministry Corp., associates and community built a community of faith “bridge” that reaches “at promise” kids & our Father. The ministry began with four incarcerated juveniles. The number is consistently @ 50 plus souls.

Hundreds of young convicted felons and community youth, 12-17 years old, have attended worship, bible study, art and guitar during this last decade. The mission has proof that the faith community and secular law enforcement can ‘bridge’ to rescue children from crime. This important work of well directed faith should be clear evidence of God’s Holy Spirit’s powerful love and wisdom. Jesus said “let the little children come to me, and do not hinder them, for the kingdom belongs to such as these.” Luke 18:16

God’s ancient wisdom is not unjust and He has never forgotten to motivate our work and love for His “treasure”, His children. God’s Holy Spirit provides active visionary leadership and motivation that spear heads this model covenant. “For the Lord is our judge, the Lord is our lawgiver, The Lord is our King He saves us.” Isaiah 33:22

“Moses describes in this way the “righteousness that is by law”; “the man who does these things will live by them. “ Christian righteousness says: do not say in your heart, “Who will ascend into heaven? Or Who will descend into the deep? The Almighty is the final judge for all. He sent His Son to save us.

“That if you confess with your mouth, “Jesus is Lord” and believe in your heart that God raised Him from the dead, you will be saved.” Romans 10:5-9 As our fellow teacher, Brother Bruce, often says “pay attention young men this is serious business.” Young believers, through countless hours of volunteer ministry and our Father’s Spirit, are able to “see” that God is both kind and stern. The relationship between God and child takes root through this nurturing.

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“Even youths grow tired and weary, and young men stumble and fall; but those who hope in the Lord will renew their strength. They will soar on wings like eagles; they will run and not grow weary, they will walk and not be faint.”
Isaiah 40:30, 31

Timothy Project

The Timothy Project is the Air Chapel’s commitment to make a difference in the lives of the cadets when they leave the boot camp and return home. Because we serve some 30 counties from Amarillo to Killeen, to Nacogdoches and Texarkana, this is a difficult task. Through phone calls, cards and letters, we encourage them to “be strong in the grace that is in Christ Jesus” (II Tim. 2:1) and “take these instructions, so that by following them you may fight the good fight, holding on to faith and a good conscience.” (I Tim 1:18,19) In addition, we offer scholarship help to enable them to enter the work force with job skills that will result in a productive lifestyle for them.

We often wish we were more successful as we hear from a family that their son

From The President's Desk

Tommy Hudspeth

Recently I had a mother contact me about her son, a former cadet here, who is now incarcerated in an East Texas facility after being in and out of trouble with the law ever since returning home. She asked if I would write to him and encourage him. I was pleased to do so, but in my letter, I told him I wasn't writing just so he could receive mail with a few encouraging words, and if he really was serious about changing his circumstances, he needed to change his heart. I sent a Four Spiritual Laws booklet and scriptures from the "Roman Road". His response was very positive and he wrote back asking for the words to two of the praise songs we sing at our services here at the book camp. We sent them back immediately along with other encouragement from scripture.

Another young man, returning home after a second incarceration, did not have a bible at home and asked if we could send him one. We were pleased to do so and trust God's promise in Isaiah 55:11 that "when His word goes forth, it will not return empty.

As Paul said in I Cor. 3:6, "I plant, Apollos watered, but God makes it grow". We thank God for the opportunities to plant seeds in the hearts of these young men and to often have a second chance to water as well. What a privilege we have to serve a great God who will make the seed grow!

has been sent back to another facility. But with the rate of recidivism for all prisoners at approximately 80%, we know we are well below that statistic with the young men we serve. We sometimes receive letters from cadets who are locked up a second time apologizing for letting us down, but in so doing, we get another chance to minister to their needs. Two examples are illustrated in the "From the President's Desk" section of this newsletter.

Thought For The Day:

"God does not love us because we are valuable. We are valuable because He loves us.

Fulton John Sheen

Volunteer Spotlight

The Air Chapel volunteer spotlight this month is on pastor Roy Kuykendall and his wife, Paula. When the boot camp first opened, the Denison Ministerial Alliance was approached to begin a faith based program on Sunday mornings, and Roy and pastor Gary Bottoms volunteered to hold the first service, for which six boys attended. A modern day video about two gangs, one good (representing Jesus), and one bad (representing the devil) was shown. The good man was stabbed, thrown in a dumpster, came back to life and defeated the bad man. When asked what this had to do with Jesus, not one had an idea. Realizing they had no concept of who Jesus was, Roy changed his message and told about the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus. As a result all six boys trusted Christ. The next Sunday two additional boys came and both of them trusted Christ.



Roy volunteered to preach once each month and did so for the next two years before a job change caused him to give up the ministry. After another two years, Roy and Paula started ministering again, always looking forward to blessing the young men who so desperately needed to see and feel the love of God.

Roy is now a retired Paramedic Fire Fighter who spent his entire career with the Denison Fire Department. In 1995, God called Roy into the ministry where he worked with youth for 3 years and then was ordained in 1998. He has served churches in Pottsboro and Sherman and is currently serving as an associate pastor at Victory Life Church in Sherman.

Before giving his life to the Lord, Roy was an alcoholic for many years before God supernaturally delivered him and set him free in 1995. He and his lovely wife, Paula, have been married 34 years, and even though his drinking made the middle years difficult for her, the last 13

years have been a true blessing for both of them. Roy says, "I am living proof that there is a God and He can change you if you will let Him. Nothing is impossible with God".

Thanks be to God for the lives and ministry of Roy and Paula Kuykendall.

Air Chapel Service Opportunities

As individuals and organizations learn about the Air Chapel and its ministry, they often ask how they can help. The Air Chapel is an all volunteer, non-profit organization, operating on a very minimal budget, so there are always projects where financial help is needed. At the present time each cadet, upon arrival, receives a bible and several other books such as the Prayer of Jabez. At Christmas the Air Chapel gives a pizza party for the cadets and each one is given a new pair of athletic shoes plus other items for the camp such as movies, games, and athletic equipment. Upon graduation, the cadets receive a cross and chain, a music CD, a cap, and their choice of a football, basketball, or soccer ball.

A scholarship program called "Scars to Stars" was initiated a few years back and provides college or trade school help for the cadets if they return home and finish high school with a diploma or GED. Funds are always appreciated there, and a new project in our plans is to raise some \$1500 to record 10-12 praise songs that the kids sing while they are here, and then we will present them with that CD when they leave.

The NFL Charities is our largest financial supporter donating a part of the funds raised at their yearly golf tournament at Tanglewood Golf Course. If you would like to support this fine organization, which in turn helps the Air Chapel ministry, you can do so by sponsoring a team in the tournament or sponsoring a hole with your advertisement displayed. Just contact us at the Air Chapel for more information.

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