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Dear Friend,

As I write you at the end of the Easter long weekend, I am well aware of how the Easter story is one of great challenge and sadness; however thankfully it is a story of new life. This Biblical event is particularly relevant to our work with those effected by incarceration; where often we stand in solidarity with those marginalised and disadvantaged both in prison and post release, as they journey towards a new way of life and independence from things that once bound them. Jesus said in John 16:“I’ve told you all that, so that trusting me, you will be unshakable and assured, deeply at peace. In this godless world you will continue to experience difficulties. But take heart! I’ve conquered the world.” (John 16:33 The Message)

Each day our chaplains encounter men and women who have experienced great trials and sorrow throughout their lives. They have dreams and aspirations to succeed in life, however they understand how different that will be once they have been released from prison and are fearful that they won't be able to fulfil their dreams. Our chaplains and programme volunteers give their time to offer a safe space to open up about their future, develop self confidence and improve their interpersonal skills.

The difference our team make in people's lives is only made possible with the support of caring people like you and, we are grateful beyond words. Thank you for seeing the value in Prison Ministry and for giving generously so that many more will experience the power of Christ's sacrifice



Yours in Christ
Steven Fincham, State Coordinator

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Ours Service Promise

- Visit** to demonstrate God's love in relevant and impacting ways.
- Give** support to inmates and their families to minister in dark times.
- Show** love as Christ showed love to all those affected by incarceration.
- In Him** we find our strength, our resources, our blessings and our growth.

Want to Know more?

The team at Prison Ministry regularly visit churches, fellowship groups, schools and community groups to share about the work being carried out in prison, post release, early intervention and with child and families of prisoners. If you think your group has the desire to learn more about Prison Ministry please contact us. For further information or to make a booking, contact the office on the number above.

How Can I Help?

You can contribute with donations or volunteering by filling out this section and sending it to us at the address on the front page.

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- Volunteering in a Prison Ministry project or office
- I would like Prison Ministry to visit to my church or Ministry Group
- Email special requests: for projects where donations of food, toiletries, or school supplies are needed.
- Please send me the Prayer Calendar/ Prayer points via email

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From Behind Bars Chaplains on the inside!



WOW! Time flies when you're having fun! It's just over five years since I've moved from Sydney to Brisbane to live and I don't know where the time has gone; perhaps life's chaos of family, church and working with those incarcerated has something to do with it. When I moved, I came with only one vision... to continue my life here with a NEW perspective! This new perspective is to assist those who are underprivileged in their day-to-day journey in this world full of all sorts of mischief. This underprivileged life can be lonely, but I could be in *communication*, so they can gain confidence; *listening*, to share what they have achieved or wish to achieve and lastly, just being as a friend for *comfort*. Ecclesiastes 4:10; "If one falls down, his friend can help him up. But pity the man who falls and has no one to help him up."

Working at UnitingCare Queensland Prison Ministry for nearly five years has been a blessing, especially my role as volunteer Prison Chaplain. In Jeremiah 29:11 it reads, "For I know the plans I have for you", declares the Lord, "plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future". I visit two Queensland Women's Correctional Centre and my vision has been filled with three important things; Choice, Challenge and Risk. With these three things, I can attest that it really shaped me in my day-to-day living and my faith in God! I can proudly say, God surely provides me the strength, courage, confidence and potential to pursue my passion in life.

My passion lies with Prison Chaplaincy; I strive to the best of my ability and focus in making a difference to someone's life! That's exactly what led me to experience an amazing journey with some of the incarcerated women. I have encountered all walks of life with the incarcerated women, and would like to share two special occasions I have encountered.

Firstly, I had the privilege to be asked by a prisoner to accompany her to her 5 years old daughters' very *first day* at school. I was privileged **secondly**, to be ask by another inmate to accompany her to her youngest daughter's high school graduation, of course both with the approval of the centre General Manager. That's just PRICELESS! Having the opportunity to be with these beautiful women on separate occasions, at two very different stages of their lives, is unexplainable but only tears of joy in the presence of God's unconditional love. As a mother myself, my daughter a young adult now, I felt this emotion especially. Supporting these Mums, just brings back the genuine feeling of a mother's love, seeing your child's first day at primary and her last day of high school. *Thank you Lord!* Seeing both women's reaction of joy, tears and immeasurable love to their child is priceless. It really shows that nothing is impossible to God, giving these women opportunity to accomplish their duty as a mother at unfortunate time in their life. They keep thanking me, but I said to them, "you did this on your own by sacrificing things to be at this important occasion. I'm just here to support but you did the hard work to make it happen." My passion is to serve others... "The Lord is gracious and compassionate; slow to anger and rich to love". Psalm 145:8. All Praise & Glory to God!

In Solidarity & Mälō.

~ Moana (Ana) Teulilo ~
Helena Jones and Brisbane Women's



2018 SCB in-service Conference!

It was fantastic to spend time together at this years UCQ and First Peoples Chaplains training day and the SCB in-service training. It is always special when the people of God come together to share about the work He is doing through His people around the state. I enjoyed seeing our diverse team come together and engage in training.

At the SCB in-service I was particularly encouraged by the key note speaker Darryl Flemming, Centre Manager at Brisbane Women's. His passionate address resonated with our desire to see peoples lives transformed. His passion came from his deep routed Catholic faith; which has helped shape his desire to work towards a more holistic approach to corrective services. I was also challenged and moved as we welcomed new chaplains, celebrated long service and farewellled longstanding board members. I looking forward to next years already!

~ Steven Fincham ~

