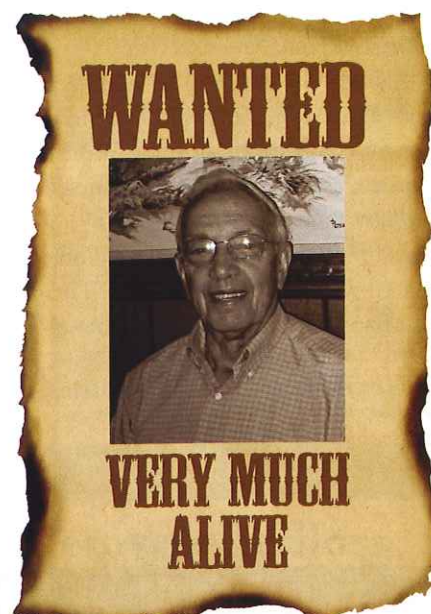


BAPTIST EDUCATORS



We educators are looking for other educators like this who have administrative skills God can use in enlisting teachers for mission service.

Bronelle Skaggs and his wife, Lucille, find great satisfaction in this role. They would like to find other educators to help them.

Bronelle and Lucille came from Kentucky to settle in Shelby, North Carolina several years ago to help with their grandson because of some health needs of their family. Even after the problems have improved, they have continued to live in Shelby where they

are active in Westview Baptist Church. They say they have enjoyed the hospitality of North Carolina people and Southern cooking!

They also enjoy working with the Fellowship of Baptist Educators. He works both as a State Director and a Vice President using his administrative gifts to enlist and encourage others.

Bronelle's background includes being regional program coordinator and director of six vocational technical schools in Kentucky for twenty-four years. His work involved recruiting teachers and support staff for the schools. Now he brings the same skills with people to his task of enlisting teachers, administrators, librarians, and coaches to be involved in missions.

Bronelle contacts people who are interested in serving the Lord by collecting Bibles and Christian teaching materials to be sent to third world countries. He enlists youth to correspond with students in other countries who are learning English. And he enlists teachers who would enjoy going to other countries around the world

to teach in mission schools in their field of interest.

If you would be interested in helping educators be more involved in missions, we'd like to talk with you. Email or give us a call. We can't offer a reward, but our Lord can!

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Bronelle unloading books at Book-Link.

CORRECTIONAL MINISTRY

One Day with God Camp

People sometimes ask: "How can I get started in prison ministry? I don't know what the prison will allow." That's a valid concern. The world behind the prison walls is certainly different than what most people are used to. Prisons have multitudes of rules and procedures that must be followed carefully if you wish to continue to be allowed access to the facility. Security of inmates, staff and

visitors is of prime importance in a correctional facility.

The best way to get a start in prison ministry is to join a group that is already doing prison ministry. There are a wide variety of groups, some local, some regional, and some national in scope. By joining a group that is already established, you can learn from those who already know the rules and know how to relate to inmates. Many

of the national and regional groups have excellent training programs to help you get started.



Over the next several issues, I will profile some of the groups which are doing a good job of sharing Christ 'behind the walls.' One such group is Forgiven Ministry, headquartered in Taylorsville, NC. Forgiven Ministry was founded by Scottie Barnes, herself the child of an inmate father. Scottie's heart goes out to all of the children affected by incarceration.

Forgiven Ministry sponsors "One Day with God Camps" in prisons across North Carolina as well as several other states. These camps bring the children of inmates into the prison to spend a day with their moms or dads, doing the kinds of things that other children get to do through out the year. The children play active games, celebrate their birthday, 'go to' the movies, do a craft project, enjoy clowns, eat a picnic lunch, hear an inspirational speaker and much more, all packed into one very memorable day.

The camp is all about the children. Of course, the inmates love it, but the focus is on providing the child a day he will remember all his life. Coy Privette, Director of Prison Fellowship in NC, says "Inmate children are some of the most at risk children in America today." Scottie Barnes' vision is to intervene in these children's lives so that they won't repeat the mistakes their parents have made.



The inmates whose children qualify to attend have to meet high standards. They must be infraction free for three months, they must be approved by the institution and they must attend the "Great Dads Seminar," a six hour training session teaching them what

it takes to be a great dad. Many of the inmates did not have a father figure, or, if they did, it was not a good one. The inmates look forward to the camp all year as the time they get to spend quality time with their kids. The possibility of spending a day with their children is a powerful motivating force for them to obey the rules. Just because a person is incarcerated does not absolve them of being a parent. The One Day with God camps help to give them the tools they need to be great dads or moms.

A One Day with God Camp requires a large number of volunteers to function. The volunteer staff will require from 75 to 150 or more volunteers depending on the size of the prison and the number of inmate children participating. Forgiven

Ministry is always looking for volunteers to help. Volunteers do everything: serve as mentors for an inmate family, do crafts, lead music, work on the food team, lead games and much more. No matter where you live in North Carolina Forgiven Ministry will sponsor a camp near you this year.



Chaplain Jim Spiritosanto, Chaplain at Pender Correctional Institution, says, "the One Day with God Camp At Pender CI is one of the best things that happen at the prison all year." All the inmate parents and children would agree.

To learn more about Forgiven Ministry and the One Day with God Camps check out the Forgiven Ministry website: <http://www.forgivenministry.org/> or contact them at: Forgiven Ministry, Inc., PO Box 117, Taylorsville, NC 28681. Phone: 828-632-6424 or (toll free): 866-584-7534. Better yet, volunteer and make a difference in someone's life.

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