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## **Living Stones International Newsletter**

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**Dear Josephine,**

The song goes-- "*Grateful, Grateful, Grateful, for all the victory we won. I could go on and on about your works because I'm grateful so grateful to praise you Lord.*"

It comes as no surprise that the Lord has been gracious to, for and towards us during our lives. It only takes a minute to recognize the precious time He has given us.

Our gratefulness extends to the inmates, the chaplains, and officers, as well as the warden at Wakulla Correctional Institution to allow us the privilege to work with men. The time spent on teaching the various courses has been awesome for both the inmates and me.

Let us not forget that we are grateful for all the Lord

has done for us. Won't you take a few moments with me to be grateful.

Sincerely,

**Pastor Gary**

Gary Montgomery  
Living Stones International

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## **Graduation**

### **Wakulla Correctional Institution**



Living Stones International bestowed Certificates of Completion to 60 inmates that completed our Boundaries and Inside Out Dad classes at Wakulla Correctional Institution.

The graduations took place on August 29th in the Work Camp, August 30th in the Annex and September 1st in the Main Unit. Senior Chaplain(s) Steve Fox and Sugrim Singh along with JC gave words of encouragement to the inmates. Also, I personally want to thank Aziz Tayyib our Inside Out Dad facilitator for his commitment to the program and men.

Living Stones is committed to reducing discipline occurrences and recidivism by teaching relevant courses that will positively affect incarcerated men. Our Boundaries course is designed to teach men "when to say yes and when to say no" and take control over their life by making good choices and decisions. Inside Out Dad program helps men reconnect with their children by taking an active role in their lives both inside and out of prison.

## **Teen Dads**

Today in America over 1 million children has a parent in prison and 70% of black children are raised in father absent homes. Our families are in crisis and Living Stones is working in the prisons and community to make a difference.

The old saying goes..."nothing happens in the world that doesn't happen in your family." TEEN Dads are a growing phenomenon in our communities. Last March while researching statistics in Leon County, we found that 47% of all babies born in the county are to unwed mothers. The eye popper was that 93% of the 47% were girls 15-19 years old. WOW!!! Children are having children and it's happening in all our families. We found girls are offered many services from Medicaid, food stamps to child care but literally nothing to prepare the young father to help him with his rights, parental responsibilities, educational and vocational support, and life skills.

We the Living Stones have picked up this mantle and developed a Teen Dad program. Currently, Florida Department of Juvenile Justice, Tallahassee Police SHOPCAP program, White Foundation, and Bristol Youth Academy refer Teen Dads to our program.



A new 8 week class will begin September 20, 2011, 5:00-6:30pm at our Ministry office located at 604 Eugenia Street. Our goal is to help these young fathers mature into manhood and be a responsible father in the lives of their children. You may know or have a family member in this situation, contact us so we can reach out to the father.

## **Living Stones Presents. . .** **THE TRANSFORMERS!**



Living Stones Presents the "Transformers" at Wakulla Correctional Institution October 13th and 14th at the Main Unit and October 20th and 21st at the Annex.

Men and women of God from our community will bring an inspired word to the men in prison so they may accept Jesus as their Lord and Savior and be TRANSFORMED. Next month, we'll keep you posted with a praise report.



## Attention: Board Meeting

Living Stones International Board of Directors next meeting, Monday, September 26, 2011 at 5:30pm at 604 Eugenia Street, Tallahassee, FL 32310.

## Volunteer Training

### Hear ye Hear ye....

Volunteers!!! Training date for all Living Stones' volunteers on October 10, 2011 at 5:30pm at 604 Eugenia Street. All volunteers for Fatherhood, Teen Dads, Prison Ministry, and Marriage Enrichment are invited. It's time to get busy for the Lord! Call to confirm your attendance. (850) 765-0320 or email [info@welivingstones.org](mailto:info@welivingstones.org).

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