

The Theotherapy Project

NEWSLETTER

Making Reduction in Recidivism a Reality

September, 2009

From the Director



We would like to thank all of our supporters who give faithfully each month to keep the ministry of the Theotherapy Project and the Rivera House moving ahead!

We couldn't do it without you! Whether by giving one time donations of money, clothing, food, furniture, etc... or making a monthly financial commitment, every one of you are a part of this ministry and you are very much a key player in helping to change the lives of incarcerated men and women and their families.

God bless you all! We are so grateful for your love and care for us and for the men and women of the Theotherapy Project initiatives located at Tennessee Prison for Women, the TPFW Annex, Turney Center Industrial Prison and the Rivera House.

Mark West

Executive Director

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Lone Jack Baptist Church Provides Gift Baskets for Rivera House Residents!



In this photo L to R: Darla, Jude, Mariah, Dana West, Amber, Jimmy Woodall, Penny Sue, Kathy Tharpe and Kathi Woodall

Over the Labor Day weekend, Jimmy and Kathi Woodall and Kathy Tharpe from Lone Jack Baptist Church in Lone Jack, Missouri drove down to Nashville bringing a van load of gifts for the ladies of the Rivera House.

Awesome personalized gift baskets were provided by the Women's Sunday School class and other members of LJBC along with much needed items for the Rivera House itself. After a huge meal of ribs, chicken, homemade salads and hot dogs prepared by the ladies of the Rivera House, the residents were presented with their gift baskets. It



From the Prisoner's Pen

I have been in the Theotherapy Project now for three years. I am one of the original alumni that helped start the pilot program back in 2006. I have attended every class since that time with perfect attendance. The reason I am committed to the program is because I truly believe in it.

I have worked hard and received my Facilitator Certification. My main job and gifting is in administration and it gives me the opportunity to get to know the other inmates better here at Turney Center Industrial Prison.

I love my job because I get to help make Mark West's job easier. He depends on me to keep good records and even though I don't have any formal training...I have a natural gift for administration. I want to let our brothers and sisters in prison know that this program is a very good program. It has changed my life and I want you to know it can change yours too! I also want to

was just like Christmas in September (or Hanukkah...according to Mariah, our Jewish resident)!

We would like to say a special word of thanks to Pastor Jerry and Kathy Tharpe, the Woodalls, the LJBC Missions Committee and Women's Sunday School Class, my parents Al and Carolyn West and all of the other wonderful folks from LJBC who gave so generously and sacrificially to the ladies of the Rivera House. We are very grateful for the regular prayer and financial support we receive from this wonderful church. It is comforting to know that folks many miles away are praying for us every day and that they care deeply for us. We appreciate LJBC! God bless you all!

Mark

Interested in donating to the Theotherapy Project or the Rivera House?

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Theotherapy Project Opens New Program at TPFW Annex

In mid August of this year, the Theotherapy Project launched a new initiative at the Tennessee Prison for Women Annex. We have approximately 40 ladies enrolled in the program at the Annex which brings our total of current inmate participants to approximately 270 (includes Tennessee Prison for Women Main and Turney Center Industrial Complex).

Some of the alumni in the program were transferred over from the TPFW Main Compound and are helping with teaching and facilitating at the Annex. We are grateful to the Tennessee Department of Correction, the wardens and the chaplains at each of the facilities in which we operate for allowing us to come in with our program. Lives continue to be changed.

Your support helps us continue this important ministry. Please keep us and the men and women in our programs in your prayers.

Special Thanks to Life Choices Presents



We would like to say a special word of thanks to John and Debbie Phillips of "Life Choices Presents" for the donation of brand new furniture to the Rivera House. Life Choices Presents is the powerful public school ministry that brings the lessons of the Columbine Tragedy

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Sincerely,
Eugene Martin, TCIP

to the lives of students all over the United States and encourages students to make the right choices in the midst of tough situations. John and Debbie are the uncle and aunt of Rachel Joy Scott, one of the martyrs of Columbine.

We truly appreciate their support and encouragement. Pray for Life Choices Presents as they continue to do battle for our nation's youth on the front lines.