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to The Matthew 25 Center**

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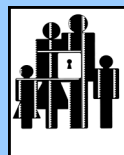
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"A home away from home for families who visit their loved ones in prison"

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Visit The Matthew 25 Center Tent at the 2010 NC Blueberry Festival



Bluebird House

What do bluebird houses, blueberry bushes and chaste tree seedlings have in common? Each of these items will be sold by The Matthew 25 Center at the 7th annual NC Blueberry Festival in Burgaw on Saturday, June 19, 2010. The profit from these items will help meet the operational expenses of The Matthew 25 Center and will allow the Center to continue its ministry to the families of inmates.

The bird houses will be made of locally grown cypress wood donated by Eugene Floyd of Atkinson. The blueberry bushes and chaste trees will be supplied by Jackie's Nursery in Watha. We will also be giving out information about the work of The Matthew 25 Center. Stop by and visit with us! We'd love to see you!



Chaste Tree Blossom



Blueberries

Our Guests Write:

"Thank you so much for allowing us to stay at this beautiful facility. The peaceful environment allowed me to meditate and come to a decision with a matter I have been struggling with for some time. I felt God's presence the moment we walked in. I pray that God will lead you to continue your wonderful work here at The Matthew 25 Center for many years to come!"

Name Withheld



"I want you to realize what a blessing you guys are! Had it not been for The Matthew 25 Center I wouldn't have been able to make this trip. It was great to know with my health problems and being out of work that there are people who care enough to take strangers in to make sure they are able to see their loved ones. Thank you for all you do and please continue to pray for my family during this time of struggle! Thanks for all you do and I will continue to pray for your ministry! Thank you for loving God and all people! If there is any way that I can help do anything at the Center please contact me."

Name Withheld



"Thank you so very much for the kindness of the gift that you provide for me and for the families of the inmates at Burgaw. You are truly doing the Lord's work and are His angels here on earth. Thank you doesn't even begin to tell the gratitude that you deserve. May He bless you."

Name Withheld



Matthew 25 Happenings

Persons Hosted Overnight:

February - Hosted 19 inmate family members.

March - Hosted 20 inmate family members & 36 Prison Ministry group members.

April - Hosted 18 inmate family members & 20 Prison Ministry group members.

Events:

March 12 - 13 - KAIROS Outside Retreat

March 17 - 21 - KAIROS Retreat #19

April 10 - KAIROS Outside

April 17 - One Day with God Camp used the Center for Caregivers Program

May 8 - KAIROS Outside Reunion

May 8 - Hot Dog Sale in Burgaw

Upcoming Event:

September 10—Bar-B-Que Plate Sale

One Day with God Camp Caregivers Program

On April 17, the One Day with God Camp at Pender CI brought the caregivers of the participating children to The Matthew 25 Center. While the children were spending the day with their fathers, the caregivers were spending the day at the Matthew 25 Center. Their day included worship, testimonies, fellowship, sharing experiences, praying together and, oftentimes, shedding tears together.

They were also entertained, pampered with gifts, and served a delicious dinner prepared by Priscilla Tyree and volunteers who provided salads, desserts, etc.



With each caregiver there was a volunteer mentor to listen to, encourage and offer friendship.

As evidenced by comments heard later, hearts were touched and decisions made that will impact lives for a long time to come.