

From the board president.....

It's hard to believe we are approaching another year end. The center has seen its share of changes once again but God has been good to us as we welcomed Chuck and Nancy Coyle in June as the new directors. Despite a short slow down in the first quarter of the year with the new window installation and then another one as we changed directors, the center continued to serve families of inmates.

One of the responsibilities that come with this wonderful mission is maintaining the building and grounds. I have always been very proud of the way in which this has been accomplished. In April we got a landscaping face lift when volunteers from Operation In-As-Much worked here to add a nice shrubbery design.

As mentioned earlier in the year we replaced windows in the guest wing due to some safety concerns and later one of the five heat pumps. We have seen our share of maintenance and replacement expenditures. All of this delayed the roof need that was tentatively scheduled for 2012.

That brings us to the new roof schedule in 2013. We will begin our "Raise the Roof" fundraising to prepare for replacement. This is to end the cyclical repairing and patching that comes after every heavy rain. You are familiar with our annual fundraisers – particularly the September BBQ. This year we will add a few new ones in order to give you an opportunity to help us "Raise the Roof".

Thank you for all you do in support of The Matthew 25 Center. It continues to be a vital life-line for those who travel distances to visit their loved one.

In His Service,  
Sharon Baucom



## Matthew 25 Happenings

**FAMILY MEMBERS SERVED SINCE SEPTEMBER: 65** These precious people are why we exist dear friends. Please lift this ministry up in prayer daily. Thank you.

**TOURING THE FACILITY WERE:** Our long-time friend and co-worker, Mr. James Robinson, and he was with a representative touring the facility to possibly help out another ministry similar to Matthew 25. In Tabor City, N.C. a group is planning to build "Matthew 25 at Tabor". Praise goes to our Lord Jesus Christ.



[Tours of The Matthew 25 Center are always available to your church, ministry or Christian organization. Just call 910-259-7133.]

**THE MATTHEW 25 CENTER HOSTED:** Kairos Training Sessions (teaching men to minister Christ directly to prisoners); Rock of Ages Men's Ministry (a group of gentlemen who go inside the prison to minister Christ to the inmates). Want to be involved? Please call The Matthew 25 Center.

### "FAMILIES IN CRISIS"

**PLEASE BE IN PRAYER ON  
DECEMBER 14-15, 2012 -IT'S  
A PARTY AT THE PRISON,  
BUT MORE THAN  
THAT...LAST YEAR A DAD  
SAID, "FOR A LITTLE WHILE I  
FORGOT WHERE I WAS."**

**"CHILDREN 'S & DAD'S  
(INMATE'S) PARTY "**

### "MEMORIES"

Yes, and always fond when remembering our days at Christmas! It's where we were on a certain Christmas Day, or what we received on a certain Christmas. How about the style of clothing we wore! Now that would bring back a few smiles! Many have lived at several different places through the years at the Christmas season .

But, I've noticed one thing seems to remain the same. It's the joy of the blessed season. The outcome is that it has a way of bringing life back into perspective. Say, it is our prayer it happens just-this-way for all our friends! From, The Matthew 25 Center

Here's what we've been up to...

- ♦ Visiting area churches
- ♦ Ministering Christ to inmates 2 hours a week at 1 hour intervals for M25C

[Note: Would you like for us to worship with you at your church? Please call our directors at 910-259-7133.]

Ways you can bless us...

- ♦ Contribute to our much-needed "Raise The Roof Fund" for our leaking roof. Thank you to those who have been able to contribute since the last issue of our newsletter.
- ♦ Paper goods for kitchen and bath:
  - paper towels
  - "Dixie" dispensable cups
  - toilet tissue
  - plastic garbage bags/all
- ♦ Laundry detergent, softener
- ♦ Non-perishable foods such as: soups, canned meats, coffee, sugar, and creamer

Jeremiah 29:11

"For I know the plans I have for you declares the Lord...plans to prosper you, and not to harm you..." (The Holy Bible)

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Merry Christmas  
&  
Happy New Year  
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