



## Matthew 25 Happenings

*September* we hosted 12 inmate family members from Monroe and Lincoln, NC and Port Allegany PA. We hosted the Baptist men 4 nights while working on the Chapel. *October* the family members were from Roxboro and Concord, NC and Jacksonville, FL. We had 7 family members and 3 Chapel volunteers. *November* we had 30 family members coming in from Douglasville GA, Orlando and Ocala FL, Winston Salem, Burnsville, Hickory, Asheville and Concord NC. We hosted the Chapel volunteers 7 nights.

**We have had so many wonderful events over the past three months. The BBQ, Belk's and Quarter Auction fundraisers were great. Thank you everyone for your super support that includes all the donations that were made.**

*The Center was able to give 50lbs of food to the Good Shepherd Center in Wilmington.*

Thank you King's Chapel, Burgaw Rotary Club, Christian Women United, and Wallace Rotary Club for allowing us to come and speak.

Kairos inside stayed for their program and Kairos Outside had a Reunion. The Pender Ministerial Association had a breakfast meeting here. The Burgaw Rotary came out and toured also.

*Several local families came to tour the center and we were glad to have them.*

Thank you Mrs. Cooper for the puzzles. Thank you 1687 Foundation and Mr. McFee for all of the books and Ms. Wood for the books you brought in, also Mrs. Virginia Rivenbark for your books and Kay Page for donating the books that you authored.

**Come take a tour of the Center and bring a friend with you. You'll be glad you did. Just call 910-259-7133. We can't wait to see you.**



A friend of the Center writes,  
What a great blessing the Matthew 25 House is! Thanks for all you do for those who need a place to stay!

I've never stayed there, but have heard about your facility from the mom of an inmate. May God bless you.



Will be doing their "One Day with God" camp here February 7-8 2014. For more information or if you like to become involved call **1.866.584.7534** for more information.



As these words are being written thoughts of this week's Thanksgiving celebration and the beginning of the Christmas season fill our hearts and minds. The anticipation of the next few weeks is something that never gets old to me no matter how old I get! That's the scene we are creating at the center this year.

When families with children visit the center there are two areas that are most popular; the playground and the playroom, where a child can forget the troubles of their situation and spend some time being a kid. This year for the first time, the center is included in the Historical Society Christmas Tour of Homes and our decorations are child-centered. We've created a magical forest with trees, animals, children and play, in the middle of it all is a majestic 12' tree surrounded by magical scenes and snow covered hills.

We have guests, of all ages, booked for the next few weeks. Please pray for these families whose lives are burdened in a way only they can feel; pray that we can meet their needs and that they can feel the true reason for the season despite the burdens they carry. The original purpose of The Matthew 25 Center was, and continues to be, based on providing an opportunity to share Christian love with those serving sentences on the outside. Among the visions we saw a child getting a chance to make their future different because they saw Jesus at work.

Thank you for your support this year and, as always, we welcome you to stop by and see what's going on!



In His Service,  
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