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The Matthew 25 Center are tax deductible.

*“Remember those in prison as if you
were their fellow prisoners, and
those who are mistreated as if you
yourselves were suffering.”*

Hebrews 13:3

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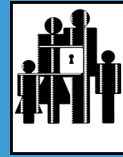
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“A home away from home for families who visit their loved ones in prison”

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Playground Almost Complete!



New Playground at The Matthew 25 Center

Thanks to volunteers, the long awaited playground at The Matthew 25 Center is almost complete. The playground will be a welcome oasis for children who have traveled long distances in cramped cars. Since most of our guests travel distances of greater than 250 miles to get to Burgaw, children are ready to unwind and burn off pent-up energy. The playground is tailor made for children to do just that! The playground was constructed with a grant from the RYE Foundation, a VBS mission offering and a gift of materials from BuildPro. After completion a dedication will be held later in the Spring.

One Day with God Camp - April 24 - 25, 2009

The 2009 One Day with God Camp at Pender Correctional Institution is scheduled for April 24 and 25, 2009. The Matthew 25 Center partners with Forgiven Ministry to hold this event at the prison each year.

The camp brings children of inmates into the prison to spend the day with their fathers doing the kinds of activities with their dads that other children do with their dads year round. The day features active games, a birthday party, a craft activity, a movie complete with popcorn and soft drinks, a cook-out, Christmas presents and a sports celebrity who shares with the families how God has changed their lives. This day gives the children the opportunity to form lasting bonds with their incarcerated parent and allows them to take away indelible memories of a day with their father.



The event begins on Friday with the Great Dads Seminar, a 6 hour seminar to teach the fathers how to be great dads. Many of the inmate fathers have either had no role model of a father or a bad model. This is invaluable training for the fathers, who are then able to practice what they learned on Saturday when the kids come.



It costs approximately \$175.00 per child to provide this life changing event for these children. We are expecting to have 50 children participate with about 35 dads. Therefore, we need to raise approximately \$8,750.00 to provide this camp. In the past, individuals, Sunday School classes, church mission groups and others have adopted a child and made this day possible for them. We are appealing to anyone who would like to be a part of this event to adopt one or more children for the One Day with God Camp and provide the funding to enable them to experience a great day with their dad.

The Matthew 25 Center can provide further information about the camp to those who are interested. Call us at (910) 259-7133.

Matthew 25 Happenings

- Dec. 15 - RYE Foundation gives \$10,000 grant for playground, equipment, Bibles and literature.
- Jan. 6 - 8 - Rock of Ages Prison Ministry (Revival at Pender CI)
- Jan. 13 - Watha Baptist Church brought cleaning supplies
- Jan. 13 - 15 - Rock of Ages Prison Ministry (Revival at New Hanover CC)
- Jan. 18 - Jimmy Joseph spoke at Hampstead Baptist Church
- Jan. 25 - Jimmy Joseph spoke at Atkinson Baptist Church
- Feb. 2 - President Sharon Baucom spoke to a regional meeting of Methodist women at Faith Harbor United Methodist Church in Surf City
- Feb. 7 & 21 - KAIROS Prison Ministry training
- Feb. 11 - Clement Baptist Church, Autryville, brought supplies
- March 7 & 21- KAIROS Prison Ministry training
- March 8 - Jimmy Joseph spoke at Calvary Baptist Church, Shallotte
- March 9 - FBC, Wallace brought cleaning supplies

Upcoming Events

- March 20 - 21 - Display at NC Baptist Men's Missions Conference, Charlotte
- March 25 - 29 - KAIROS #17 Retreat at Pender CI

From the President's Desk ...

... by Sharon Baucom

The Matthew 25 Scholarship Fund

*It is with great excitement that I introduce The Matthew 25 Scholarship Fund. Reaching children affected by incarceration has always been a primary part of the Center's mission. Therefore, kids who are determined to improve their lives by furthering their education will soon be able to apply for this scholarship. A child who can be **excited about education**, nurtured with a **love for learning**, and given a **reason to resist** bad behavior will make better choices in life. One hundred percent of your contributions designated to the scholarship fund will be used to assist deserving students in their educational endeavors. Stay tuned for more information on the application process.*