



## *From the Presidents desk...*

### *What would you do?*

*Because the state owns correctional facilities they cannot by policy dictate or promote any religion or faith. They do however allow any religion or faith to be practiced. This includes ALL beliefs. Maybe in a future writing I can speak more intelligently and expose some of the truths about what exists inside prisons but for now my message is simple. I recently learned of one of our guests who said their incarcerated son decided he didn't want to follow God any longer. Whether this is because of what he has been exposed to inside or if he's just turning his back on God because of his life right now we need to pray for him and his family. Please pray that the Christian faith will be stronger than others in these environments. Please pray for those from Christian organizations who go inside to minister and witness. We pray – God does the rest.*

*1 Corinthians 8:6 ..... for us there is one God, the Father, from whom are all things and for whom we exist, and one Lord, Jesus Christ, through whom are all things and through whom we exist.*

*Have a beautiful Christmas season and Wonderful New Year!*

*Sharon Baucom*



If you have a group or someone you would like to know more about the Matthew 25 Center, give us a call. We can schedule a time for you to come by or if you would like us to come speak we can set a time for that. Thanks for all of your support.

Please call (910) 259-7133.

## *Matthew 25 Happenings*

**September** We had several families scheduled but due to Hurricane Florence visits were cancelled. Kairos was able to have two days of training at the beginning and the end of the month. The center sustained minimal damage.

**October** brought in 11 family members from Augusta, KS, Virginia Beach, VA, Maiden and Taylorsville, NC. Two of the family members stayed for several days. Kairos finished their training at the beginning of the month and had their program from the 18-21 at the prison.

**November** We had four family members, two from Rochester, NY and two from Gastonia, NC. Two of the guests stayed an additional night.

### *In Memory of...*

Admah Lanier a donation was given by Larry Smith.

***Thank you!***

### *In Honor of...*

Monica, Sharon, Sherri and Toni a donation was given by Judy Siko.

Neils, Helle, Brian, Morgan, Urena, Joel, Felix, Teodoro, Pablo and Dzianis a donation was made anonymously.

***Thank you!***

### *Always a need...*

Paper towels, paper towels, paper towels  
trash bags, laundry detergent, and  
Scrubbing Bubbles. Snacks for the pantry.

***Thank you!***

### *In kind donations...*

Faith Harbor UMC donated a new DVD player for the children's play room.

***Thank you!***