

SHEKINAH MINISTRIES

Offering an Opportunity for Transformation since 1979...

OUR 2016 YEAR BEGINS...

“Forget the former things; do not dwell on the past. See, I am doing a new thing! Now it springs up; do you not perceive it? I am making a way in the wilderness and streams in the wasteland.” Isaiah 43:18-1

SHEKINAH MINISTRIES VOLUNTEER HOURS

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| •Boulder County Jail | 672 hours (bible studies) |
| •Youth Detention Facility | 528 hours (bible studies) |
| •Regent Assisted Living | 144 hours (church services) |
| •Prison Seminars | 960 hours |
| •Monthly Prison | 864 hours (church Services) |

Volunteer hours for 2015 is 3,408 Hours

Shekinah gave out more backpacks to men and women in 2015; filled with toiletries, socks, washcloths, hand warmers, shavers, etc. Shekinah also brought work boots, Women’s essentials, birth certificates and Bus passes.

SHEKINAH’S FOODSHARE PROGRAM

First of all, I'd like to say thank you to Shekinah for the opportunity to be part of this ministry. I do the shopping at food share. This year I was able to help 268 families with 12,791 pounds of food. I love to see the smiles on their faces when they receive their food; some say that it's the best they've eaten in a long time. They are so grateful to be getting the food and I'm grateful to do the shopping for them. Thank you, Shekinah Ministries for offering this program for them.

By: Deb Kilde/Foodshare Shopper



Matthew 25:37-40 ³⁷ “Then the righteous will answer Him, saying, ‘Lord, when did we see You hungry and feed You, or thirsty and give You drink?’ ³⁸ When did we see You a stranger and take You in, or naked and clothe You? ³⁹ Or when did we see You sick, or in prison, and come to You?’ ⁴⁰ And the King will answer and say to them, ‘Assuredly, I say to you, inasmuch as you did *it* to one of the least of these My brethren, you did *it* to Me.’

Longmont Regent Assisted Living

What an inspiration the seniors and disabled are to all of us.

At one of our church services an awesome man of God named Chuck, (he is probably in his late 60's), asked Roger if he could give his testimony. Of course Roger said "yes". Chuck had a stroke and due to that he has a hard time speaking. His family came to church to listen to him give his testimony. His testimony is as follows:

God has been good to me. I have a cancerous brain tumor (Glioblastoma). I went through chemotherapy and radiation and I survived. I moved to Colorado and was given one to two years to live...I cried! I have beaten the odds, Praise God!

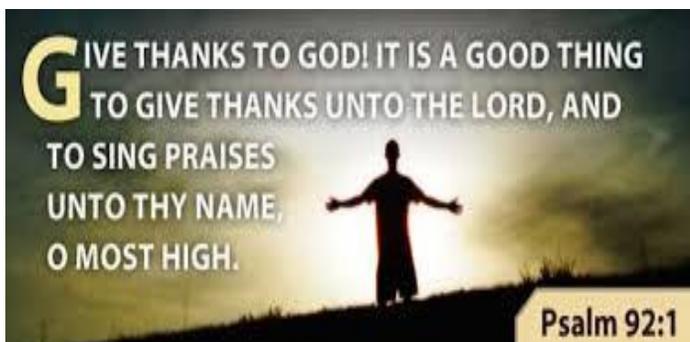
I walk and talk poorly and have a partially paralyzed left side, if you don't understand me, raise your hand and I will repeat it. I have trouble swallowing and I cough a lot, because my esophageous doesn't close completely.

God talks to you through others, my daughter told me to do the radiation. You can't change God's will. Remember to stay positive and believe in miracles, God will take care of you. Have an attitude of gratitude. Pray without ceasing, I do this.

Cancer does not discriminate, male or female, child or adult. My grandson died of Lymphoma, which cut off the circulation to his brain. A friend of mine at the age of 18 lost his arm; he played baseball (1st base). My niece had breast cancer and had it removed.

My goal is to continue to be an inspiration to others, no matter what their plight is. I promised God that if he kept me alive for a few more years I would do this.

Thank you, Reverend Roger, for giving me this opportunity to share my story.



INSIGHTS FROM ARKANSAS VALLEY CORRECTIONAL FACILITY INMATES ATTENDING THE SEMINAR ON 8TH

AND 9TH Volunteers: Tim and Jackie Tovar

✠ Ever since Wanda Brannan and Larry Haag started coming in 2012, I've so enjoyed Shekinah. When I was air lifted from AVCF on May 20th and "flat lined" for 3 minutes before landing at Penrose Memorial Hospital. My life changed forever when Jesus said, "It's not the season, and you have a purpose to fulfill". I have a calling; having been incarcerated for 40 years, who better to encourage others to be free here on the inside. Praise the Lord for times of refreshing such as this week-end.

✠ I want to thank you for blessing all of us with your obedience. I remember when Tim walked into this prison with his Uncle Roger and preached on love 1 Corinthians 13. I thought this brother would never come back! But, I'm so glad he did and we get to see God use this couple. Scripture says, Genesis 2:24 "That is why a man leaves his father and mother and is united to his wife, and they become one flesh." We see it in our Brother Tim and Jackie. May God bless you.

✠ Everything that our brother Tim preached on was in line with some of the things that are going on in my life right now. God has prepared our brother and sister for this kind of ministry.

✠ This is the third time coming to Shekinah and every time God has spoken to me concerning something going on in my life.

✠ Just knowing that I can give all my pains and sorrows to the Lord; and be joyful in blind faith. He gives me Grace for my sins. We need to pray for a bigger room in the future, because this service is going to get huge and more people are going to start coming to these services.

✠ Amazing worship and lessons. This church can really make a huge difference in the world. Thank you.

We received this letter from an inmate at Boulder County Jail to Art Quintana:

JESUS IS THE REASON FOR THE SEASON

I thank the Lord everyday for the ministry that he has blessed you with. Grace and please to you from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. I thank my God upon every remembrance of you, always in every prayer of mine making request for you all with joy, for your fellowship in the Gospel from the first day until now, being confident of this very thing, that He who began a good work in you, will complete it until the day of Jesus Christ.

Your brother in Christ Jesus,
Marvin



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- Youth Detention Centers

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Thank you for your prayers, volunteer hours and financial support! Please pray for...

- ✓ Anointing on SCM volunteers and staff
- ✓ Joy for residents of Nursing Homes/Assistant Living
- ✓ Deliverance for inmates and their families
- ✓ Restoration to victims of crime
- ✓ Safety of correctional officers caring for inmates

Inserts from GlobalChristian.org

- Jesus Christ Himself is our example for prison ministry. One of the main targets of Christ's ministry was prisoners: To open blind eyes, to bring out the prisoners from the prison, and them that sit in darkness out of the prison house. (Isaiah 42:7)
 - Jesus declared: "The spirit of the Lord God is upon me; because the Lord hath anointed me to preach good tidings unto the meek; he hath sent me to bind up the brokenhearted, to proclaim liberty to the captives, that are bound". . . (Isaiah 61:1)
 - Even while dying on Calvary's cross, Jesus took time to reach out in love and concern to a prisoner. As a result, that convicted criminal experienced God's love, grace, and forgiveness. During the time between His death and resurrection, we are told that Jesus ". . . went and preached to the spirits in prison" (1 Peter 3:19).
 - Barbed wire; Steel bars and heavy metal doors. Guard towers with armed officers. Criminals. This is prison!
 - Society says, "Lock them up and throw away the key."
 - Politicians say, "We need to build more prisons."
 - Statistics say, "80% of inmates return to prison after release--we are wasting our time to try to rehabilitate them."
 - But Jesus says, "I was in prison, and you came to me."
 - The prison system is the only "business" that succeeds by its failure. Prison populations grow larger and larger. Often, people come out of prison worse than when they went in. Many commit more crimes, return to prison, and get stuck in the cycle of recidivism, the "revolving door" of crime, prison, and release.
 - The answer to this is not more prisons. It is not locking people up and "throwing away the key." It is not even the death penalty, as studies have shown that even this does not effectively deter crime. The answer is the Gospel of Jesus Christ in the demonstration of power!
 - Prisoners need regeneration not rehabilitation--and Jesus has commissioned His followers to reach beyond the barbed wire fences and steel bars to touch the lives of men and women bound by the shackles of sin.
- HAS GOD PLACED A YEARNING ON YOUR HEART TO BECOME A PRISON/JAIL/ASSISTED LIVING VOLUNTEER? IF SO, PLEASE CALL OUR OFFICE AND FIND OUT HOW YOU CAN BECOME A VOLUNTEER AT 303-682-9593. WE WOULD LOVE TO ANSWER ANY QUESTIONS YOU MIGHT HAVE ON BECOMING A VOLUNTEER.**

Thanks be to God who opens prison doors and sets the captives free,
praise to the One who says, "Nothing is too difficult for me!"