

## SHEKINAH CHRISTIAN MINISTRIES

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### INSIGHTS FROM THE SEMINAR HELD AT ARKANSAS VALLEY CORRECTIONAL FACILITY ON JULY 1ST AND 2ND Volunteers: Tim and Jackie Tovar

- ✍ On Friday, Tim spoke on the condition of the heart; and today Saturday, Tim prayed from his heart at the beginning of session 1 & 2. Both sessions really helped me right now and I needed it! I just want to say "thank you", once again! We love ya'all and ya'all are special to us!
  - ✍ Thank you for showing us God's love.
  - ✍ I will keep praying for Shekinah Ministries and I pray you will do the same for us.
  - ✍ I want to thank the Father for Tim and Jackie. You two are on fire for the Lord. That fire is the proof of God's love. I could feel the Holy Spirit in the room.
  - ✍ Tim and Jackie's attitudes and reverence towards the Lord is awe-inspiring; and the love for us, I believe at the judgment, God will say to you two "well done good and faithful servants." Thank you and God bless you both!
  - ✍ Learning to be patient with others whether believers or non-believers. I work in the kitchen where things can get crazy quickly! It is very easy to lose control and lose all the good you have done in prison. The name of Jesus comes through the lips of Tim and Jackie. Keep the strength of Jesus' love coming! Tim's words from his heart are glory filled and righteous. Thank you God for Tim and Jackie.
  - ✍ Tim and Jackie, I really thank you for your time. I pray that God will bless you, your family and Shekinah Ministries in more ways than one. Please keep me and my family in your prayers.
  - ✍ The message on the orphan spirit is new to me and I'm more than thankful for this message. There's nothing like a new message to uplift us!!!
  - ✍ Once again, I want to thank you Tim and Jackie for visiting us. You all are like family and when you do visit us, it's like a real visit; especially for those who don't get visits.
  - ✍ The joy that the volunteers have for Jesus and the uplifting messages were well received. I am grateful for the personal prayers given by the volunteers.
  - ✍ Shekinah Ministries messages bring me closer to the Lord. I love Shekinah Ministries because they come in and bring the Word of God. Please keep coming!
  - ✍ I was refreshed by the Word and Holy Spirit. You could really feel the Lord's presence today. Thank you Lord. I am enrolled in TUMI, the Urban Ministry Institute, and look forward to serving the Lord until he calls me home. I have no family left and now where to go when I am released. I would love to be involved with re-entry and elderly ministry. Thank you for all you do!
  - ✍ The topics you preached on, it touched my very being and lifted my soul up. Keep up the good work and the tasks that God has put into both of your hearts.
- Being able to commune with others that I know and don't know. Hearing something positive versus a lot of negativity back at the unit. I felt peace in my heart! By your testimonies I can see that you guys really love the Lord and that you both really want to help us by bringing us Spiritual food, as well as physical food. It is very much appreciated! I can see and feel that you guys really care for us. Thank you and God bless both of you.

Thank you Jesus  
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## Sunday Church services at the Regent Assisted Living Center

### Minister Roger Johnson

What a joy the seniors are. They love church. One senior in the church service was so excited about what the Lord has been doing in her life. She proceeded to tell us that “she had finally really understood how much Jesus loved her,” and how a lot of people really don’t understand His love. She gave her testimony during church service. Everyone sat at the edge of their chairs as they listened to her testimony. Roger then read from the devotional “Jesus Calling.” We have a beautiful senior lady that is our choir leader. It amazes us how she picks the songs that are exactly what Roger is going to preach on. There is so much love and respect in this Assisted Living Center. When someone is having trouble finding the page number to a worship song; there is always someone ready to help them out. After church service we usually stay a little later; some of the seniors always want Roger to pray for them and their families or something that is happening in their living area. Praise God for these beautiful seniors who truly love the Lord.



## Shekinah Ministries volunteers offer church services and bible studies to the youth that are incarcerated at Platt Valley Youth Correctional Center



### I W A K E U P

I wake up, open my eyes and look around  
 My ears pop open and listen for the slightest sound  
 I hear screams, cries, moans and groans  
 Someone desperately yelling, I want to go home!  
 I reach out, hoping there is someone else for me to hold  
 But then I have to realize I'm all alone  
 I try to drift back to sleep, wishing I could escape my reality  
 But I must get up and face these walls that will forever look at me sadly  
 I sit up on my bed and wipe the cold out my eyes  
 And for a second I give thought to this room that will never be kind  
 Then something pounding inside me is what I feel  
 I catch my breath and I get a cold chill  
 I tell myself over and over this can't be real  
 So I stand up and in agony nod my head  
 Another day I must begin, another day feeling like the walking dead.  
 This is deeper than any learning experience some have ever known  
 This place is like no other, a concrete jungle, a world of its own.

Junior

**H A N G I N G   O N   B Y   A   T H I N   S T R I N G**

I'm hanging as hard as I can to a very thin string,  
The string of life and of a human being.

The string that goes through the core of your heart  
And the string that's keeping me from falling apart.

Life is like a string - you make it thicker or thinner.  
If your heart is into it then it gets bigger and bigger.

Depressed is how you'll live if depressed is how you feel,  
But if you fight for happiness then the feeling can be real.

I've been through hard times just like everyone else,  
But I live in the future and let the past take care of itself.

There's many chapters in my life I would like to erase,  
But I leave them alone and live life page by page.

I can't keep regretting and living life in the past,  
So I think about the future and try to take the right path.

I know I'm not perfect but I always try my best,  
Put a smile on my face and ignore the barb wire fence.

I try to finish the puzzle taking it piece by piece  
Until the Lord calls my name and it's time to rest in peace.

By: R.G.

The word "Thank You" is written in a large, bold, blue, 3D-style font with a slight shadow effect, centered on the page.

Faith Community Lutheran Church

Pat Brownson

Rosie Tovar

For purchasing backpacks for our inmates and homeless to be filled with  
hygiene products, towels, razors etc.



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Inserts from “When An Convict Walked On His Set, I Didn’t Expect Steve Harvey To React Like This”

Two of the biggest problems we have in the United States are actually related issues, but most people don’t think about it and even fewer talk about it. It’s the issues of our overcrowded prison system and how many children are growing up without fathers in the home. Rather than focus on how people in trouble with the law could be rehabilitated, they are usually just whisked away to prison. There often aren’t good or available programs to help people who genuinely want to receive help and turn their lives around. Who really loses out? The children and families of these men.

**The Window** (inserts from the Poem “The Window”)

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Because I know that deep inside  
You wish you could help  
Because you already have one son gone  
And you're about to lose another one

The only thing you want right now  
Are your two oldest children  
Back with their little brother  
And home with their loving mother

It's about time for you to go  
We sit in silence  
Wishing that we were on the same side of the window  
That we could hug for one last time  
Before I get sent away for my crime  
You put your hand to the glass  
And I start crying  
I've hurt so many people and this is the last  
Because it's not worth watching my whole life go  
Behind the window

