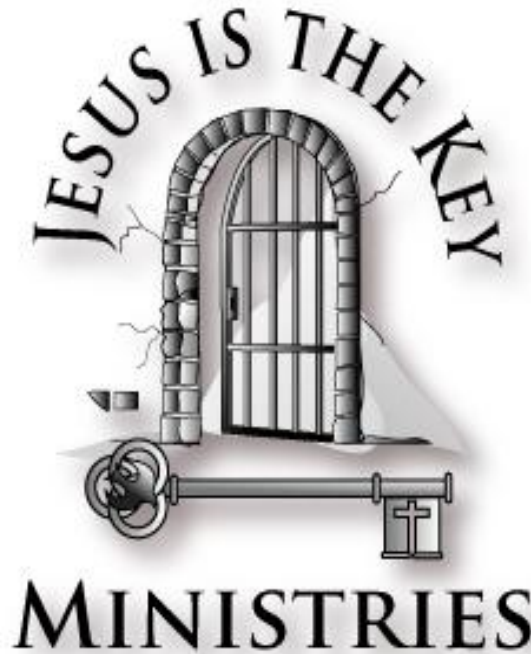


**Isaiah 61:1**

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*I was naked and  
you clothed Me;  
I was sick and you  
visited Me;  
I was in prison  
and you came to  
Me.*  
**Matthew 25:36**

## **EXCITING CHANGES TO THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

The Board of Directors of Jesus is the Key Ministry is pleased to announce the addition of 2 new board members.

Lindsay Welsh-Ussery and Brendon Welsh joined the board in August. The Welsh family has maintained a close relationship with the ministry since the passing of Ed, and Lindsay and Brendon have chosen to take that a step further.

The following is from Lindsay:  
'JITK had a special place in our dad's heart. Inmates and the

ministry in the prisons and jails were his life's passion. When our dad was passing we were blessed to have a week as his bedside, and during that time our dad was very concerned about ensuring the ministry was taken care of and set up to continue on with its mission. I always wanted to join the ministry and serve along side my dad, but the time was never right.

After he passed away it became more pressed on my heart to find a way to become involved; this was when I submitted an applica-

tion to begin going to the women's prison with the ministry. Sometime after this, the board came to our family to see if there was any interest in being a part of the ministry in any capacity.

Being able to join the Board of Directors for JITK is a way for my brother and myself to honor our dad's legacy and continue on with his passion and God's work in the prison system.

We are both looking forward to being able to serve God in this capacity, and to be able to

bring our talents and passion to the ministry.'

The Board of Directors believe Brendon and Lindsay are great additions to the board; each bring their own skills as well as their heart for the inmates and ministry as a whole.

Please join us in lifting them as well as their families in prayer. Anyone in ministry knows that Satan does not like the work being done, and he attacks the workers and people God uses to do His work.

Welcome, Brendon and Lindsay!

## Meet your board members

Brendon Welsh, son of the founder of Jesus is the Key Ministry, joined the board this August. Wanting to be able to honor his father and his memory, while continuing the mission of the ministry is Brendon's driving force and motivation. He brings a unique mindset to the board of JITK, after starting up and building his own successful business.

Brendon has been married for 10 years to his high school sweet heart Amanda, and they have two children, Londyn who is 9, and Rocket who is 7. Brendon and his family believe in JITK and the mission of the ministry, and they are a great addition to the board!



## Inmate Testimony

Back in October 2002 a man was lead to Christ through Ed and JITK ministry. Throughout the years we were all blessed to hear how he was doing, and how his life was transforming. Now over a decade later, Monster is professing Jesus to anyone who will listen, and using his placement on death row in San Quentin Prison as a way to spread the life changing gospel to some of the most dangerous and lost men.

Mauricio is a great testament to the work the ministry is doing, and the power of God!

The following is Mauricio's testimony, written by him to be shared with all of you.

3/18/15 - San Quentin My Personal Testimony - by Mauricio

From the age of one year old, my parents separated and I was bounced around various family members. I never really felt loved by them. And I would attend Catholic Church because they went and took me along. My Father was murdered in Alaska when I was 8 years old. When that happened, I developed a lot of anger and hatred, and I started to get into trouble with the law.

Then when I was twelve, a drunk driver murdered my mother. I was mad at God so much that I cursed God. I fell deeper into sin and I was in and out of the justice system- from juvenile hall to adult prison. I'd see people going to church and I'd look down on them. Then when I was 18, I murdered some-

body. I went to court and they offered me a plea-bargain. When I was in the county jail, I said, "If there is a God, get me out of this." And I did ask for forgiveness.

I ended up going to prison anyways, where I passed time lifting weights. I got out and immediately went on a crime-spree, that same day. Within two weeks, I turned myself in for multiple murders. I knew that the Death Penalty awaited me, so I turned my back on God thinking I would never be forgiven by God anyway. When I got sent here to San Quentin, I've been occupying myself with television and radio (sports). After many years, my attorneys came to visit me and told me that the Supreme Court had given me a new trial. At that time, I thought to myself, "What for".

Then, transferring back to Los Angeles County Jail, I was housed in high security, which is called High Power. I noticed various religious leaders would come in to talk to the inmates that were willing to converse, and these volunteers would help the inmates with religious materials and writing material.

One day I heard the gates open and I noticed a Chaplain wheeling a cart in my direction, and I thought I'd get some writing material, but not to engage this man in conversation. You see, I thought I had done too much wrong and I'd never be forgiven, so I thought - why bother. But something happened to me when he stopped at my door. He said, "My name is Ed Welsh and I'm the Chaplain here at the County Jail." I started talking to him, and explained my

## Inmate Testimony (Continued from page 2)

situation to him, and how I felt about myself, what I had done in my life and about God. I basically was saying that I did not believe.

So we talked awhile. He set me straight. He told me that no amount of wrong was too much to not be forgiven, if I only came to God in repentance, from a sincere heart, that God's love is so great, its unconditional. That He gave His only begotten Son, Jesus Christ to die for our sins, to put us in right standing with our heavenly Father. When he had to leave, he gave me some literature to read and said he would be back, and that he was not going to give up on me! I was there from 2001 to 2007 and he kept his word the whole time. He

ministered to me the whole time.

One day when I was reading the Bible, God spoke to me, and He directed my thoughts to all the great men in the Bible; such as Moses, David, and Paul, and the things that they have done. And although they did wrong too, they are God's forgiven people. So, who am I to say that God will not forgive me too. He forgives all who come to Him in faith. At that moment, I thought of Chaplain Ed and of his testimony and how he said God changed him. He (Ed) had also told me about others and God changed them too. At that moment, the Holy Spirit touched my

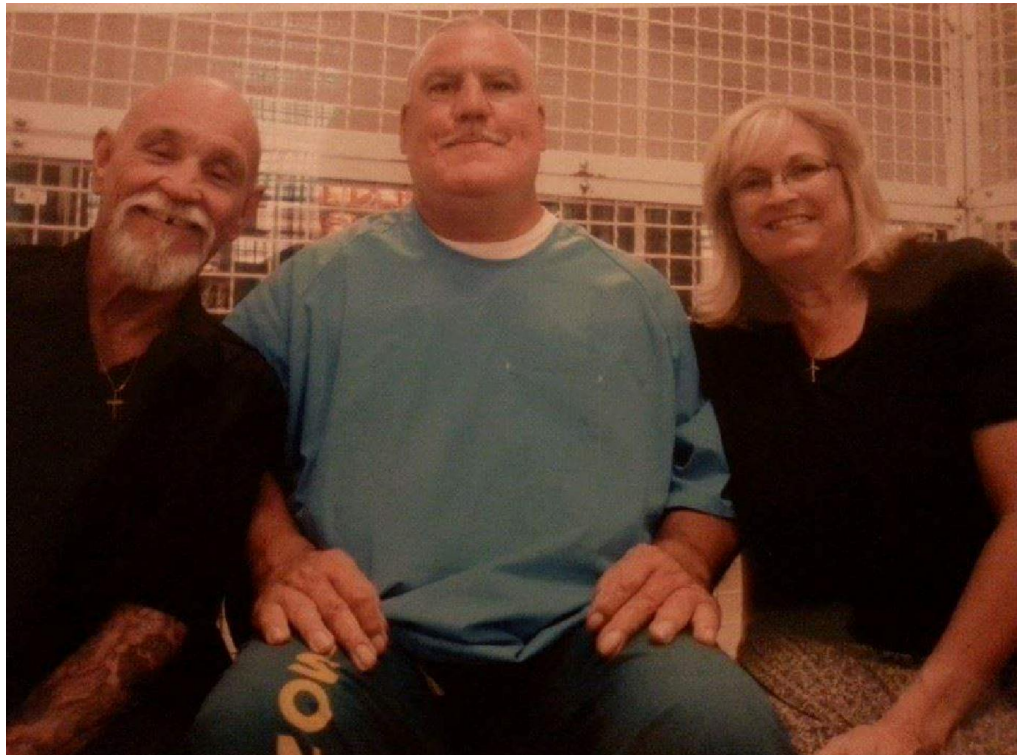
heart, and I got on my knees, with Chaplain Welsh, and I prayed and gave my life to God.

I have come to realize and I thank God for it, that had I not gone back to court, I would have never met Chaplain Ed Welsh and I would still be an unforgiven sinner, without God and my Savior Jesus Christ in my life. I know that God arranged it so we could meet and so God could save me through Chaplain Ed Welsh.

In the word, it is written, "Fear not what man can do to you, but fear Him who can destroy both body and soul." I used to judge and worry about being judged until I read Matthew 7:1.

Chaplain Ed also introduced me to two other brothers that would come with him named Galo and Greg, and they too became friends and brothers to me, just like Chaplain Ed. They visit me when they can. Oh yeah, I did go to trial, and I was sent back to San Quentin's Death Row. And honestly, it's been a struggle, but God is on my side helping me to stay strong in the Faith. And I give all praise and glory to God, amen.

To the reader, I say: "If God could change me for the better for His glory, you are not too far gone for yourself, to be the clay in the Master's hands. God be with you and bless you."



Pictured here is Mauricio Silva with Ed and Allison Welsh during a visit to San Quentin Prison in August 2014.

## Ministry Updates

The ministry continues to move forward and to be used by God. There are many things happening on a weekly and monthly basis, as well as special events coming soon.

Presently there are multiple time slots held at the men's prison in Chino. This location has around 20 volunteers presently taking the gospel in. Exciting news for CIM, we just had 2 new brown cards approved for the ministry. This will allow us more opportunities to share and lead services.

Ten volunteers presently visit the women's prison in Corona on a monthly basis. We are excited as we are in the early stages of planning a Mothers Day event for May 2017 for the women at CIW. Please keep this event in your prayers as there are many details that still need to be tended to!

Next month we are holding a Thanksgiving event at the youth authority center in Syl-

mar California. Pray with us that this event reaches the hearts and minds of all the young men in attendance!

In August we held our first annual volunteer appreciation luncheon. It was a great time of fellowship! Many of our volunteers had not previously met, as they go into different facilities. This lunch allowed us to all meet together and share our successes, as well as the direction of the ministry as a whole. We look forward to doing this more with our volunteers and their families!

We at JITK are trying to find ways to get our donors and prayer warriors more involved and informed, so we have taken to Facebook. Please, search us out and follow our page. We try to bring updates there as often as we can regarding services being held, and resources being donated.

Did you know that inmates are sometimes presented with the opportunity to attend Bible College through a distance learning program?

The ministry has been given the opportunity to sponsor two inmates from the Men's prison in Chino, as they embark on this journey. By sponsoring them, we are pledging to help them financially and through prayer and support. Please join us as we pray for these men, that their hearts and minds would be transformed through their studies, equipping them as our missionaries inside the prison..

We are beginning to look at ways to reach out to other churches to offer help in beginning Prison Ministry, or helping lend resources for ministries that are already in place.

Please pray with us that the Lord would open the doors for this to happen, and that He would lead us to the locations He desires.

Overall, there are many things in the near future that we are very excited about! There are also many things that we are in prayer about, seeking guidance from God as to what direction He would like us to go.

We ask that you continue to support JITK ministry through your prayers; lifting up the Board of Directors and all volunteers, that we would be used for Gods purpose and plan. Pray for the inmates we encounter, that they would be receptive to the words they hear. Pray for the facilities we are in, and the administration of these facilities.

## HOW TO GET INVOLVED

Jesus is the Key Ministries is a nonprofit corporation, and is sustained and fueled solely by our donors. Please pray and consider becoming a donor to help assist and further Gods work within the jail and prison system. Below is an example of what your funds could assist and accomplish within the ministry, whether on a one time basis, or as a monthly supporter.

**\$50 = 50 copies of "My Heart, Christ's Home"**

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