



# Glenpool Prison Ministry

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## FINDING SUCCESS

We would like to share with our supporters another "success" story. Maria came to the Tulsa area in 2005 with her husband and young children. She came from a very dysfunctional family and began heavy drug use. It became necessary for her husband to keep her away from her children. In September 2006, Maria was arrested for possession of a controlled drug. Since this was her first offense, she received a 5 year suspended sentence and 80 work hours for the county. In March of 2008, she was again arrested for Grand Larceny. This time she was sentenced to a 6 year sentence in the Department of Corrections.

It was during her second time in David L. Moss (Tulsa County Jail) that she began attending the Christians Against Substance Abuse class I teach in the chapel. Since she had no family to visit her, I had opportunity to begin counseling with her prior to her move to Mabel Bassett Correctional Center at McLoud. After finishing CASA, Maria enrolled in other New Life Behavior classes. She took "Sense of Family", "Sense of Self", "Anger Management" and "The Seeker".

During her confinement at Mabel Bassett, she graduated from the Faith and Character program and worked in the bakery. I continued to counsel with her on a monthly basis. It was so encouraging to see her continue to have a change of attitude.

Maria was released from prison during March 2011. She first went to a half-way house and began looking for work. Being an ex-felon made it difficult for her to find a job. However, she was determined to find work. After many rejections, a major grocery firm gave her a chance. She was assigned to the bakery. She is now being trained as supervisor of the bakery department. Her next goal, after a year of work and staying drug free is to regain visiting privileges with her children.

We believe that people deserve a second chance. The opportunities to influence prisoners to turn their lives around are many. Let us pray that we offer the resources and encouragement to help inmates find success.

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As we begin the final month of 2011, we rejoice that 51 of our students have been baptized this year. It has been possible to touch over 800 different inmates with classes and correspondence courses. ***We do need more financial support for 2012 to carry out this mission in changing lives with a message of hope. Our correspondence course program allows us to reach many more students in correctional facilities. However, postage will increase and it is difficult to say "no" to inmates who want lessons that can change their life. We appreciate every congregation and individual who supports the ministry. Thank you so much!***