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Subject: Prison Chapels

Dear Dr. Wilson:

I am pleased to learn of the partnership venture between World Mission Builders and the Oklahoma Department of Corrections to build a chapel at the Dr. Eddie W. Warrior Correctional Center in Taft, OK. This minimum-security facility was opened in 1989 and houses an average of 670 female prisoners. It specializes in academic education, vocational training, prison industry, and substance abuse counseling and treatment.

I am amazed that such a correctional facility has no chapel where the women can worship, meditate, and conduct religious programs such as Bible studies and seminars. American Rehabilitation Ministries (ARM) has engaged in a wide range of prison ministries for 36 years, in the USA and six foreign countries, and we have discovered that such faith based programs dramatically decrease depression and the rate of recidivism.

The lack of space available in prison facilities for faith based programming is not a new occurrence. The fact that Justin Jones, Director of the Oklahoma Department of Corrections, wants to work with World Mission Builders to provide a chapel for these women is a big step in the right direction. I pray this dream will soon become reality so mothers, daughters and sisters in this prison can be transformed from crime to Christ.

I am offering my full support to World Mission Builders and am in hopes that chapels will be built in other Oklahoma prisons as well. I am willing to help in any way possible, including assistance in raising necessary funding. I envision Oklahoma leading the way, and Christians and Churches in other states following Oklahoma's example, until chapels are constructed in prisons all across this great nation. Thousands will be won for Christ.

I have met many Christian men and women in the field of corrections. Some are correctional officers, superintendents, wardens, and even state directors. But state and national policies and procedures have handcuffed them. They are limited in what they can accomplish. God has provided, through the Oklahoma Department of Corrections, an opportunity for the Church to do something really great for Oklahoma, and our nation.

Saved to serve the Savior,

Joe R. Garman, ARM President