



STATE OF OKLAHOMA
OKLAHOMA DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS
DR. EDDIE WARRIOR CORRECTIONAL CENTER

To the Faith Based Community of Oklahoma:

As Warden of Eddie Warrior Correctional Center, my goal is that the female offenders who are housed here not only be "housed", but helped to leave as productive, responsible women. Oklahoma has the highest percentage of women incarcerated per capita than any other state. Both I and the Oklahoma Department of Corrections recognize that the instruction and inspiration inherent in religious programs and classes change offender's lives.

Eddie Warrior facilitates many faith based classes that specifically address the needs of incarcerated females. "Sexual Abuse Recovery", "Codependency", "Prep/Marriage Relationships", "Girl Scouts Beyond Bars", "Victory by Virtue", "Play Day", "Mom's Touch", "Parenting", "Battlefield of the Mind", "Substance Abuse Education", "New Life Behavior" and many others address anti-social values, beliefs and thinking, family relationships, substance abuse problems and other issues that lead to destructive behavior. By addressing these issues, we give female offenders the opportunity to change. EWCC facilitates many programs and classes that address criminogenic needs.

However, we do not have enough physical space to facilitate religious services and faith-based programs. Participation in these classes is voluntary and the offenders receive no time credit for attending them, but every class has a backlog list of at least 200 women! Due to the fact that offenders here serve approximately one to three years, some come and go without being able to take the classes they recognize they so badly need. We have the volunteers (500 of them), the materials (furnished by faith-based people) --- but we simply do not have the room to hold all these classes.

Eddie Warrior Chaplain McCollum and "Mission Builders", a church building organization have partnered together to gather funds for a new Religious Programs Building. I am fully supporting them in this endeavor and I am appealing to the Oklahoma Faith-based Community; people who care and who have partnered with the Oklahoma Department of Corrections so faithfully to help us build this badly needed Religious Programs Building that will not only house church services, but include four classrooms to allow space for classes that address real issues for female offenders.

Thank you for your faithfulness to and partnership with the Oklahoma Department of Corrections and Eddie Warrior Correctional Center.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Mike Mullin".

Mike Mullin, Warden