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Are You PASSIONATE

About SECOND CHANCES???

Have you ever made a bad decision or a poor choice? And have you ever been given a **SECOND CHANCE** – the chance to make things right and to start afresh? Doesn't that just bring you **JOY**? And yet many men and women in prison believe that they are *UNWORTHY* of forgiveness or of ever having a second chance in their lives. But we at GraceInside know that is simply *NOT TRUE!* Every person God creates is dearly LOVED, PRECIOUS and deserves a **SECOND CHANCE!**

This is why we have **33 Chaplains** working at all **42 Virginia state correctional facilities**, ministering to approximately **24,000 incarcerated women and men**. Regardless of what they have done, our Chaplains are there to treat them with love, care, dignity and respect – and to share the **Good News** of **SECOND CHANCES!**

However, our Chaplains depend on **YOU** to enable their important work. And **SUMMER** is a ***LEAN*** time for churches, charities and non-profits. Giving declines, and in our case it sometimes becomes challenging to meet our monthly Chaplain payroll. ***This year in particular***, we know that **inflation** and the staggering prices of ***gas***, ***groceries*** and just about ***EVERYTHING*** make it challenging for all of us to pay our bills and to meet our expenses and obligations. It seems that there is ***very LITTLE*** **left over to** ***GIVE*** – even to worthy causes that we believe in!

However, everything depends on whether or not you are **PASSIONATE** about second chances and prison chaplaincy. Remember, **Jesus** said: "Where your ***TREASURE*** is, there will your ***HEART*** be also" (Matthew 6:21). The question is this: Do you TREASURE these incarcerated men and women? Do you have a HEART for them? Are you ***PASSIONATE*** about them learning about God's **GRACE** and about ***SECOND CHANCES???***

Our word **"PASSION"** comes from the Greek word *"pascho"*, which means "to experience a sensation or impression (usually painful), to feel, to suffer, to be vexed." Remember that Christ's powerful love and suffering for US was called His "Passion." Do **YOU** feel ***PAIN*** and ***SUFFERING*** for incarcerated women and men, and are you ***VEXED*** that they don't know the Good News of God's grace and about **SECOND CHANCES?**

So the main question is: ***ARE YOU PASSIONATE???*** Are you passionate enough to give a **MAJOR**, sacrificial summer gift (or perhaps a ***MONTHLY*** *gift*) to help sustain our vitally important ministry? Are you ***PASSIONATE*** enough to help us accomplish ***"the impossible"*** between now and Labor Day??? From **July 1st to Labor Day (September 5th)**, we at GraceInside believe that God's people will help us raise **$50,000** to support our faithful, dedicated Chaplains in their work. That's a little over **NINE WEEKS** – just over **TWO MONTHS** – or a total of **67 DAYS**. We are challenging YOU to be a part of this ***MIRACLE*** – this ***SUMMER OF PASSION!!!***

Remember, Jesus said: "I was in prison and you came to me" (Matthew 25:31). Thank you for heeding His words, for caring, for loving and for being ***PASSIONATE!***

Yours in Christ Jesus,

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