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The following was written by a past resident, Ricky Boose when he was here at JITW in November 2006:



First I would like to thank and praise the Lord for all that He has done for me. I came to know the Lord at the young age of 17 1/2. The Lord saved me, and filled me with the Holy Ghost the last year of high school. I married and began to live the life of a Christian, but then I started hanging around with the wrong people, going out to the club. I stopped praying, and reading the Word of the Lord, and before long I started to use drugs, lie to my wife that I was going to work, but I was going to party. Then I started to get in trouble, using drugs was the way of life to me. And then I got locked up in Cook County Jail and I thought I was in hell. While playing cards, they called for those who wanted to go to church to line up, I quit playing cards and went to church, and that is where the Lord started dealing with me about getting my life back in order. They asked if anyone wanted to pray, so I stood up and they prayed for me, and I repented for my sins, and God Almighty came back into my life. I know that I'm not a slave to sin anymore because the Word of God says in 2 Corinthians 5, that if any man be in Christ he is a new creature, old things are passed away, behold all things are become new. No matter what the devil brings to my mind, I know that the Lord is able to keep me, if I want to be kept. God wants me to know that Isaiah 46:9 says to remember the former things of old: for I am God, and there is none else; I am God, and there is none like Me.

- Ricky Boose

Ricky now writes the following in May 2015:

I just want to thank God for all that He has done for us (me). The Lord brought me a long way. I just look back over my life and all that God has done. He saved me and gave me a new life in Christ Jesus. I am now on staff at Danville Rescue Mission where I cook, teach classes and am on the worship team. I am attending World Shaking Faith Ministries Church with my wife. I am going to be ordained May 17th through Danville Rescue Mission a part of a discipleship program. I have a new family and a wife, friends with meaningful relationships. God has given me a lot of positive people in my life! God has restored what the enemy had taken away. He continues to bless me and my family. I thank you all for your help and support in my long walk with Christ.

God bless you all and may He keep you in His perfect peace. Philippians 1:6 "Being confident of this very thing, that he which hath begun a good work in you will perform it until the day of Jesus Christ."

Sincerely,

Ricky Boose

We love Ricky and are so proud of him! Please continue to pray for Ricky as well as all the residents at JITW (past and present) – John 10:10 says, "The thief cometh not, but for to steal, and to kill, and to destroy: I am come that they might have life, and that they might have it more abundantly." We are believing that each man will take hold of that LIFE that JESUS came to give them and walk it out.



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GUEST SPEAKER: PETE LEONARD

In 2007 Social Entrepreneur Pete Leonard blended Passion, and Purpose in the founding of Second Chance Coffee Co.; Passion for roasting and distributing truly exceptional coffee and the Purpose of offering a way to help to transform the lives of post-prison people.

To enable the company to accomplish the mission of employing post-prison people in jobs that otherwise require two years of apprenticeship, Pete needed to invent a new commercial-scale roasting machine. That work took 18 months to invent the "Bean Master 5000", but the company was able to begin roasting and distributing coffee commercially in June of 2009. Shortly thereafter, it adopted the brand name "I Have a Bean." The business model is simple: Meticulously select beans from the top 1% of coffee in the world and then roast and deliver that coffee within hours of it being ordered.

For a felon, employment is just one of the keys to gaining a new life. While the purpose of the company addresses this part of the issue head-on, I Have a Bean knows that this group of people often needs more help than can be provided by a typical employer. The majority of people leaving prison did not finish high school and have little legitimate work experience. Many have drug abuse or psychological problems that must be treated before they are able to hold a regular job. I Have a Bean also works with post-prison support organizations that provide the help that it cannot. These organizations share Pete's values and provide counseling, mentoring, and life skills training. I Have a Bean helps complete the picture by offering a fresh start through gainful employment, job training and a great work environment.

Although living the white-knuckled roller-coaster ride that often comes from heeding Gods challenging call Pete's message brings a message full of hope, challenge and humor

The company's "Dream Statement" sums it all up: "As a company and as human beings, our dream today is that men and women will not be preemptively judged by the errors of their past but will be known instead by the present evidence of the content of their character. Through the quality of our product, the dedication of our employees and the passion with which we carry out our work we live in evidence of the powerful reality of redemption."

**IT'S GOING TO BE AN EXCITING EVENING; YOU DON'T WANT TO MISS! SEATING IS LIMITED - ADULTS ONLY
RESERVATIONS MUST BE MADE BY MONDAY, AUGUST 24, 2015**



Scott Krile, Dennis Daniel, Paul Cowley, and Bill Scott at the RENEW 2015 Summit for Correctional Ministry Volunteers and Professionals at Wheaton College.



1st Presbyterian Church in Champaign has chosen JITWPM for their raindrop project this year. They have taken the lead to replace the addition to the kitchen.



JITWPM annual Women's Volunteer Chaplain meeting.



MaryAnn Bridges explaining the protocol for the women who are volunteer chaplains at the Champaign County Jail.

Jesus is the Way Prison Ministry Needs

Box Fans

6 Matching Lawn Chairs

Weed Eaters

Small Lamps

Alarm Clocks

60 Watt Light Bulbs

Twin Blade Disposable Razors

Ibuprofen

Large Trash Bags (39 gal.)

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Founder
Jesse Mathes (1942-2008)



Executive Director
Dennis Daniel

Assistant Aftercare Director
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In Loving Memory of
Diane Henderson

July 18, 1939 – June 13, 2015



Diane Henderson left this earth on Saturday June 13, 2015 @ 2:08 pm to spend eternity with her Lord and Savior. Diane will be missed by her family and all who knew her. She loved the Lord and was always sharing her love for Him with others. Diane volunteered many, many hours at Jesus is the Way Prison Ministry to help with the monthly newsletters. She was always willing to help and to pray for others. Her husband John is a board member of JITWPM and a very active volunteer chaplain in the local jails and State of Illinois prisons as well as all of the other volunteering he does around JITWPM. Diane always brought a smile to our faces with her humor and straightforwardness.