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#### Our Mission:

Our Mission: "Ministering through the heart of Jesus to the broken hearts of those impacted by the criminal justice system, both those incarcerated and re-entering and their families."



Kingsway Outreach

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# Changes

Kingsway is going through many changes the last couple of years. Volunteers have changed and the needs of the ministry have changed. More funds are needed for re-entry because the needs are greater in this area. Kingsway is also planning for leadership change in the future. Transitions are part of the changes that must be considered. These times require great consideration of all aspects of Kingsway Outreach. The hard places we have experienced the last couple of years have become stepping stones and monuments of divine and heavenly things.

Board Members at Kingsway Strategic Planning Meeting 2021

## Kingsway Programs 2021

#### The Apple Tree Project:

365 Children were given Christmas gifts.

#### Inmate Christmas Programs:

6,000 Inmates were given Christmas gifts.

### Re-Entry Program:

200 + Kingsway helped with re-entry needs included in this were Housing, Phones, Transportation Cost, Medical, Insurance, Electric, Household Items, Food, Clothing and ID's etc.

100 + Kingsway helped the families of inmates with various needs such as Housing, Phones, Food, Clothing, Hygiene Products and Household Needs.

#### Inside Ministry

100 Birthday Cards sent out monthly to Inmates

**1,800 Holiday Cards** sent out Valentines, Easter, Thanksgiving plus 6,000 for Christmas

**Devotionals Sent** to Correctional Centers that were not allowing inside services.

#### Weekly Services Inside Prison:

Services were held in some Correctional Centers that were opened

#### House of Restoration Fellowship

Services are held weekly at 2211 South Main Street Harrisonburg, Va.

Must be 18 years or older to attend



# **Ministry Needs**

Contributors and volunteers helps us meet these needs. Sometimes the needs are greater than the resources so remember us in prayer.

Jesus would want all to be served, pray and see what he would have you to do. Remember this, those who deserve love the least need it the most.

Love without Judgment is what Kingsway does in service to the Lord through caring for his people.



Louise Jennings Receiving Prize for Full Board Member Participation 2021

#### Help Kingsway Make the Great Community Give the Best One Yet!

Kingsway Prison & Family Outreach is taking part in our community's day of giving - an opportunity to unite around causes we believe in & help nonprofit organizations.

We need your help! Please help us reach our goal of \$11,000! Tell your friends and family about the important work we do and ask them to join us in making a difference.

Get ready to give! On April 20<sup>th</sup>, visit greatcommunitygive.org and make a donation to Kingsway. All giving ends at 8 PM on April 20, make sure to get your gift in on time!

If you have any questions or would like more information, let us know. Contact Kingsway at 540-433-5658 or info@kingswayoutreach.org.



# Quicksand of Substance Abuse

Quicksand could anything better describe the progress of a man or woman from the first swallow of liquor or drugs to the final drowning in it? One starts off moderately, but before long—like the person in quicksand—they are no longer walking on solid ground. Soon they find them selves alone and further involved in the substance of choice.

They tell their selves I am in control. Soon they start casting off things and people around them thinking they are the source of the problem. The reality is the abuse is not being addressed.

Then panic strikes as they see they are sliding deeper and deeper into the substance abuse.

It doesn't take long for them to realize who is really in control.

Turning your life around is crying out to God and saying this is to big for me to handle.

There is no temptation taken you but such as is common to man; I Corinthians 10:13

Help Kingsway turn people in a different direction.



#### Words for the Discouraged Encourager

Galatians 6:9 "And let us not be weary in well doing: for in due season we shall reap, if we faint not."

It had been many years of faithful correspondence from one of Kingsway's dedicated Encouragers. No response. Yet, even though the Encourager couldn't send many letters with so little to write about, she did continue to send cards during the holidays as well as just "Thinking of You" cards. Then it happened. Suddenly, with no explanation, this inmate with a life sentence wrote a letter to her Encourager for the first time. It had been five years.

When asked the reason her determination and persistence, she sent this:

The Gravity of Joy

by A. Gorrell's

Do Do not be afraid to tell someone that their life is worth living. Do not imagine that you have something more important to do than this.

Do not imagine that there are more intellectual, deeper tasks.

Do this as much as possible.

Look people in the eyes and tell them that they matter, that their life is worth living.

So many times volunteers in the Kingsway office hear an Encourager say, "I have written but there has been no response." We hope this story will inspire you to "keep on, keeping on" whatever way you can. The lack of response may be as simple as the inmate cannot afford the stamp, or as serious as the inmate has decided God did not want them in His kingdom. Your card or letter can make a difference.

# Spring Is God's Renewal



We hear the birds singing their spring songs and praising God, so should we. We have come through some hard times these past two years and it appears as if there is light at the end of the tunnel. That light that we see is the light of Jesus our Savior and Redeemer. We are being restored by His love every day. If Corinthians 5:17, "Therefore if any man be in Christ, he is a new creature; old things are passed away; behold, all things are become new.

Good things are happening at Kingsway Prison and Family Outreach. New Fellowships are being formed. Mothers of those who are on the inside of gated walls are getting together to be able to voice their concerns and fears and have fellowship together. To be able to know that they have a safe place to come to. There is more coming; we just have to be patient.

We are an Easter people. We believe in resurrection and restoration. We believe God created us for a purpose according to His plan. His timing is impeccable and it seems this year might be that time! Praise God!!

#### Vicki Barb





Bonnie Runion, Volunteer Data Entry



Pam Presgrave, Volumber Data Entry



Mary Earman Coordinates Immate Birthday Card Program

#### Louise's Corner



It is just amazing what God is doing now at Kingsway. On March 22 we had a Meet and Greet for Mothers of Inmates with 12 attending. Joan Ford has agreed to facilitate a monthly gathering for these mothers. Unless you have been there you never realize the anguish these

mothers go through. They wonder where they went wrong and how they can help without being an enabler. Hopefully through fellowshipping together they can find peace of knowing God is in control and they don't have to feel guilty.

On Sunday's the Fellowship Gatherings are having from 15 to 20 attending. Harvey Senger is leading the gathering with Don and Carleen Loveless doing the music. There is time of reflection and **Testimonies**. The Fellowship Gathering is for anyone over age 18. These programs are just the start of what Kingsway can do with our added space.

Our Thursday night group has returned since Covid, and we will be looking for groups to help us with meals one again. Kingsway volunteers will be returning to Augusta Correctional Center to do Church Services on Friday nights starting April 8th...

We have several new volunteers waiting for training to be allowed to help with these services. Please continue to pray for us as we move forward.



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The Banner welcomes your comments, suggestions, and questions.

Is there something of interest you would like to know about?

Let us know.

Also remember, the Banner is a means of raising funds to carry on the work at Kingsway.

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