

**Transforming Jail
Ministries**
June, 2011 Newsletter



Worship Team of the Month

Women's Aglow

We are pleased to announce that our Aglow Jail Ministry Team is celebrating its 25th year of service to the incarcerated women of the Hamilton County Justice Center. An interdenominational team of Christian women sponsored by Aglow International, the team's primary mission is to bring the love of Jesus to those who are broken or hurting.

As one team member puts it, "So many of the women to whom we minister feel not only unloved, but also unlovable. They know they've messed up and they think God is mad at them. Of course, nothing could be further from the truth. We remind the women that they are not only loved, but also cherished... and that nothing – absolutely nothing – can separate them from the love God has for them, as revealed in Christ Jesus. We explain that there is a heavy price for sin, but that Jesus already paid that price on the cross. When the women really begin to understand and appreciate what Jesus did for them personally, and how very much he loves them, everything changes. They realize that God doesn't want them to live in guilt or shame anymore, but to be free... and once God has forgiven them, he wants them to forgive themselves and others, and embark on a whole new life... a life with Jesus at their side 24/7. And as they get to know Jesus and develop a personal relationship with him, they begin to trust him, and find the courage they need to put away lying and begin to walk in truth. We hear so many testimonies from women whose sentences have either been dropped or greatly reduced once they have stepped out in faith, spoken the truth, repented of their wrongdoing, and put their trust in God to work things out."

The team's service always begins with praise and worship that sets the atmosphere for everything that is to follow. Whether the music is contemporary or traditional, it always is selected after prayer and contains something to lift the women's spirits and give them hope.

Next there is always a lesson based on God's Word that is inspired by the Holy Spirit and given by one of the team members. Each member of the team has her own unique set of spiritual gifts and often very entertaining style of teaching, so no two lessons are ever alike. The goal, however, is always the same... to use the Word of God to equip the women with the tools they need to make real and lasting changes to their lives.

The service is never ended until each woman is given the chance to accept Jesus as her personal Lord and Savior. Individual prayer is always available at the end for anyone who desires it.

Over time, various aspects of the ministry have changed and leaders have come and gone, but one thing has remained the same... the Aglow Jail Ministry Team belongs to Jesus... and to Jesus alone. To Him be all the honor and the glory.



Members of the Aglow Jail Ministry Team on May 11, 2011
Emmie Newton, Claudia Finkler, Barb Kitko, Deb Lanier, Susan Deye, and Cathie Kelley
Not pictured: Marjeane Sallada, Sue Brashears, and Robin High

What is Aglow International?

Aglow International is an interdenominational organization of Christian women and men that began in 1967 with four women who expressed a desire to meet together as Christians without denominational boundaries. Today, Aglow spans the globe and is established in 172 nations on 6 continents. An estimated 200,000 women and men meet together each month through local Aglow fellowships, and the various community outreach programs they sponsor help approximately 17 million individuals a year. Visit us at - www.aglow.org

Worship Team & Adult Jail Chaplaincy Meetings

Tuesday, June 14th

5:30-6:45 pm ~ Adult Jail Chaplaincy Meeting

7:00-8:30 pm ~ Worship Team Meeting

Location: Christian Life Center, 509 Roney Lane, 45244~ Hosted by: Claudia Finkler, Aglow

Thursday, June 16th

7:00-8:30 pm ~ Worship Team Meeting

Location: Lincoln Heights Missionary Baptist, 9991 Wayne Ave., 45215 ~ Hosted by: Steve Brown

Saturday, June 18th

8:00-9:15 am ~ Adult Jail Chaplaincy Meeting

9:30-11:00 am ~ Worship Team Meeting

SAVE THE DATE

Volunteer Appreciation Picnic

Saturday, Sept. 24th

2—4 pm

Gower Park

10990 Thornview Dr., Sharonville 45241

