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## RESOURCE CONNECTION

### MERCY HEART RESOURCE DIRECTORY

A guide to important organizations in Fort Worth/Tarrant County. From crisis to financial counseling. There are organizations willing to help.  
**\$15.00 TARRANT COUNTY**  
**\$ 5.00 JOHNSON COUNTY**  
**\$ 5.00 PALO PINTO/PARKER COUNTY**

overcome prison related social stigmas?

This is a true story of survival, courage, and hope. Ann Edenfield's world came crashing down on her with the arrest of her husband and his 15-year prison sentence, leaving her to face a nightmare that no one could prepare her for.  
**\$15.00**



**FAMILY ARRESTED**  
What do you do when a loved one is arrested? How do you make bail?

What is a visit to prison like, and what do you need to do before you can visit? What financial challenges will be encountered, and how do you



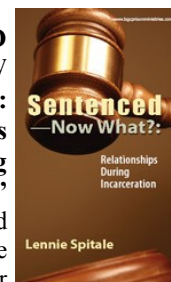
**"HELP! My Loved One Is In Jail. What Do I Do Now?"** Written by a former inmate, this practical booklet is for those who

are experiencing the incarceration of a loved one. It walks individuals and families through the typical experience associated with this traumatic event. This

booklet serves as a guide to highlight the various emotional responses, legal proceedings and actions needed for thoughtful consideration as one embarks upon this painful journey. **\$ 2.00**

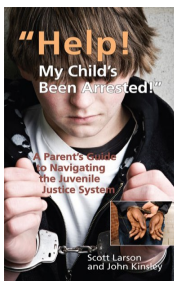
### "SENTENCED — NOW WHAT?: Relationships During Incarceration"

This second booklet in the Institute for Prison Ministries Library is designed to help individuals and families with the second phase of the incarceration journey--sentencing and what follows. It acts as a roadmap to answer questions such as: Where will your loved one go after being sentenced? What should you expect after he or she is behind



bars? How do you communicate with your loved one who is now in jail? **\$ 2.00**

**"HELP! My Child's Been Arrested!"** A Parent's Guide to Navigating the Juvenile Justice System. This third booklet in the Institute for Prison Ministries Library is designed to be a type of "first-aid" kit for parents who have experienced the arrest of a child. It will help you navigate through this difficult journey. In it you'll learn: What happens after your child has been arrested? How to understand the juvenile justice system? What happens after your child returns home? Resources and testimonies of those who have been on this journey. **\$ 2.00**



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# MORNING BY MORNING

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**Fort Worth**—Roger Hollar, Pastor/Director  
South Haltom Community Church  
817-514-0290  
**Weatherford**—John Gordon, Director  
Center of Hope 817-441-7477  
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**Bedford**—Stephen Drake, Director  
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## ONE BOY AND A BLANKET



Roger Hollar  
Executive Director/Pastor

Sometime ago I read about a boy in Philadelphia who was struck by the need of homeless people for blankets. He set out in his neighborhood asking his neighbors for blankets. Someone gave him one. The next neighbor gave another. Then another. It eventually grew into a worldwide organization giving blankets to the homeless.

In 1993, a few men and women in our church who had gone into prisons asked a simple question, "Who is ministering to families of inmates; those left behind when a loved one is incarcerated?" Out of that question came a resolve to touch the heart of these families. Like the tenacious boy who went house to house collecting blankets to give to the homeless a hand full of burdened church members of Glenview Baptist Church set out to become the answer to their own question. Starting in 1995 Mercy Heart began with just a few families. Fifteen years later it has become a ministry impacting hundreds of lives every year and equipping people to serve a lost and hurting world. It is a ministry inspiring hope for those families in the crisis of incarceration.

Mercy Heart now serves five cities through local churches: Bedford, Burleson, Haltom City, Haslet and Weatherford. Mercy heart has also started other ministries to support families of inmates: Family Relief Outreach (community emergency assistance), Mountain Movers (addiction recovery group), and Legacy Day with Dad/Day with Mom (in-prison ministry to reconnect families). In 2009 we added Re-entry and Family Support Services (family case management guiding ex-offenders and their families through successful re-entry).

One boy. One burden for the homeless. One unique ministry.

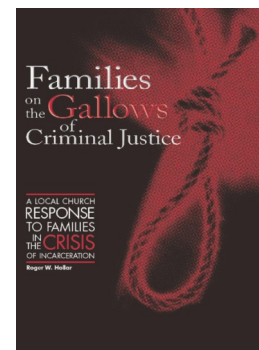
One church. One burden for families of inmates. The power of ministry continues.

## NEW RESOURCES FOR CHURCHES

### Families on the Gallows of Criminal Justice

(A Local Church Response to Families in the Crisis of Incarceration)

Author: Roger W. Hollar



This is a complete manual for churches on doing ministry with at-risk families and children of inmates. It is the compilation of fifteen years experience. It includes Scriptural and social justification for such a ministry, step by step planning, organizational direction, enlistment advice, reporting and budgeting guidelines, supporting forms provided on CD, and a DVD testimonial presentation by volunteers and family members.

\$34.95 + \$4.00 S&H

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A LIFE THAT IS TOUCHED AND CHANGED



I found out about Mercy Heart when my husband who is in prison signed our children up for the Angel Tree. I went to the Angel Tree party with my kids and the people there were very friendly and nice. I decided to try Mercy Heart out and we have been here ever since.

Since attending Mercy Heart my family has grown spiritually and I have since been saved. Our kids look forward to every Thursday night with Mercy Heart. They help us feel welcomed in a society where people

look down on us for having a family member incarcerated. We never have to feel out of place with Mercy Heart. Mercy Heart is "Awesome".

Mercy Heart would be the best thing that ever happened for someone in my case. They are a blessing to us and for them I am always grateful. We love Mercy Heart. It would be a blessing to see the ministry grow.

Adrianna Cordona

RESTORATIVE JUSTICE & COMMUNITY MINISTRIES DAY



Restorative Justice Ministry Day

Sunday, February 21, 2010

Morning Services



Raising Awareness

Enlisting New Friends

Saying Thanks

Love God

Love Each Other

Serve The World

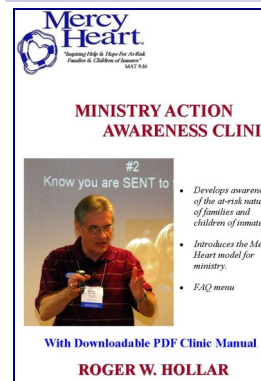
MERCY HEART RE-ENTRY AND FAMILY SERVICES



I am happy to announce that our new family case management program is off and running. This new branch of our Re-entry and Family Support Services is going to make a dynamic impact on the families of Mercy Heart. To close out 2009 we hosted a training for family case management and were able to include some of our ministry partners here in Tarrant County that also work with families and ex-offenders. The training, conducted by Family Justice from New York, was instrumental in our ability to outline exactly what family case management is and how to better implement it here at Mercy Heart. Currently we have started the identification and qualification process for several families for family case management. Also, we have made some contacts with people involved in the parole process in order to receive referrals for this program. I would also let you know that I would welcome any referrals that you might have. If you know of a family that has someone returning from prison or has recently been released and would benefit from family case management please let me know.

Families are part of the solution,  
Ryan Northcutt  
Family Case Manager  
ryan@mercyheart.org

NEW RESOURCES (continued from page 1)



Mercy Heart Ministry Action Clinic

(An awareness and education presentation on DVD)  
With Roger W. Hollar

This fifty minute DVD presentation provides an overview of the Mercy Heart Chapel Program. It will develop an awareness of the at-risk nature of families and children of inmates, introduce the Mercy Heart model for ministry, and answer questions about this ministry. It includes a menu of frequently asked questions, a downloadable clinic manual (PDF), and additional Mercy Heart video presentations.

\$12.95 + \$4.00 S&H

Purchase the manual and DVD together for \$39.95 plus \$5.00 S&H

LEGACY DAY WITH MOM — BURNET, TEXAS

Blessed and humbled – that is what we are. Our 2<sup>nd</sup> Legacy Day with Mom at the Halbert Unit in Burnet, Texas was a big success. The Chaplain had 18 inmates apply for this very special day and out of those 10 families were able to come which consisted of 12 children. We had husband's bring children, sisters bring nephews, grandmothers bring grandchildren, and we even had one elderly grandfather bring his grandchildren all the way from Corpus Christi. Some of these children had not seen their mother since she became incarcerated – what a blessing!

There were a lot of tears not only on the inmate and family side, but on ours – the volunteers. It is hard not to attend one of these when you see the emotions (good or bad) of these families. We become instantly attached to all of them.

During the day's activities the most favorite had to be, building a straw tower using only masking tape and straws. A parent and child would work closely together while using only one hand of their own.

We also gave an invitation at lunch time and we had 10 decisions made on this day (6 children, 2 caregivers, 2 inmates). Pray that they continue to walk with Lord. If you ever are interested in going please let us know – you will go in to bless someone, but you will come out being blessed. What an awesome God we serve.

Legacy Day Coordinator Karen Kinnaird

