

PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

NEWSLETTER APRIL 2015



Charlie Edwards, housed @JCMD, Awaiting trial... Charlie is a mentee that is now making a difference where he is. see pg..2



Emily has been our "poster child" for mentee's. You Go Girl! See Emily's story on Page 4



At long last: "Our Board.." Pg. 5



Steve & Andrew Wagner, a mentee that Steve began working with on the inside... Great Job Steve! Andrew's story: Pg.4

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A Long Awaited Day: Goodbye secular world....



No Foolin'
April 1st is known to the secular world as: "April fool's day."
But this April 1st was a monumental day for P.O.T.W.
Darryll's much anticipated Dream for many years was to launch into full time ministry. The Lord has provided that for us.
And..Go ministries has donated an office to P.O.T.W. for a year, all expenses paid...





Charlie has an amazing disposition for a man that is facing a murder trial. What's the reason? Christ! Charlie's mother Carol, began coming to our Thursday Night "Suport Group" at S.E. in April of "14." For the first few weeks she attended, she sat silently, fighting back tears. When she finally mustered up enough strength to share Charlie's story, she was able to find acceptance and support from so many in the group. Darryll & Steve began working with Charlie, visiting, writing and showing him unconditional love. Today, Charlie still awaits trial, but has flourished where he has been planted. Steve visits weekly, doing Bible studies with Charlie and encouraging him. Charlie now is beginning to lead, disciple, direct and point men to Christ. What a blessing! Only Christ can conform a heart to His image... Charlie is soon to approach trial date and will need our prayers and support. His mother, Carol will as well. She is an amazing woman and brings real hope to the support group weekly.

"The God who made the world and all that is within it is the Lord of Heaven and Earth and does not live in temples built with human hands. Neither is worshipped with men's hands, as though He needed anything, seeing He gives to all life, and breath, and all things." Acts 17:24-25

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Proclamation of the Word Ministry is now a member of the "National Christian Foundation" and has a ministry page set up for donations or simple viewing, in the event that a donor is seeking this type of ministry for funding.

Also; Proclamation of the word ministry is a member of the "Greater Louisville re-entry task force." In February of this year, we were asked to assist an inner city group to set up a "prison support group" for families of the incarcerated. It was a pleasure to assist in this area. It was our hope to combine the groups, but this did not seem to be the direction the Lord was leading us in after we considered the dynamics of such. Thanks be unto the Lord for directing this ministry, keeping us from the wrong paths and wrong directives.

In March, we began a campaign for donations. The flyer to which we posted on FB proved to be successful for a few donations. Please view it and pass on the information to anyone that you may know willing to do any type of ministry donations. Thank you.....

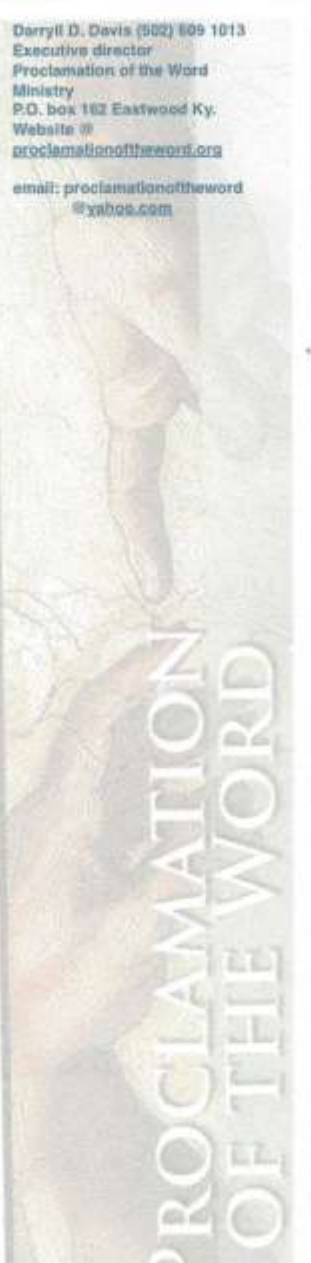


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- 2. Unique tax benefit:** If your donated vehicle meets established criteria and you become a donor participant, your tax deduction will most likely equal the vehicle's fair market value.
If other items such as furniture, office supplies, etc are donated, you estimate the cost and IRS allows the deduction.
Proclamation of the Word Ministry provides you with all necessary documents to receive your tax deduction, including a letter of acknowledgement and IRS Form 1098c, if required by the IRS.
- 3. Local benefit:** Donating a vehicle or other items to P.O.T.W. gives you the opportunity to help individuals right here in Kentucky. We would like to make opportunities available to mentees that are transitioning out of prison. With your donation, P.O.T.W. has the capacity to help those of whom are trying to a build new lives.





My name is Andrew Wagner. I was brought up in a single household with my dad and my older brother. My mom left when I was little and I didn't get to see her much because of the hold addiction had on her life. We moved around alot but everywhere we ended up, my father always made a way to provide for us. I started smoking cigarettes at the age of nine and the early habit turned into a chain of addictions for me. I was always trying to hang with my older brother and do what he did. I started smoking weed at age eleven, never thinking that decision would have a major effect down the road. I hung around negative people and always got negative results. My addiction to marijuana eventually led to other harder drugs, and I was breaking into cars and steeling to get it. I was in and out of juvenile detention and was tired of failing drug tests, so I started drinking. This was my road to nowhere because I liked it so much that I would bring it to school, or I'd just leave early and go get it. I dropped out of school and didn't have any type of plan for my life, it was basically a big party that only stopped when I passed out. I had close friends pass away from this disease but I didn't care. I would get a job and lose it because I would drink all night and expect to be up for work in the morning. Nothing was going right for me but it was fine as

long as I had a buzz. I decided to leave and start over in a new area and that's what I did. Not even 1 week later I was wanted for 1st degree robbery, 1st degree burglary and kidnapping. After a few weeks of running I was arrested and awaiting trial, but I wasn't mad cause I knew what I was doing was wrong and I needed a change. I had no idea what I was doing, but God did!! I started going to church to pass off drugs and tobacco and chapel service was the only way to do it.. funny how God works in a situation like this, but he did. A guy by the name of brother Fred came in with this love I've never seen before and gave me a Hope for something better. I began to read the Bible and when the spirit drew me to my knees I knew it because I gave up and asked Christ to change my life. If he did it for these other x- convicts he could do it for me. And he did! My prison term was a perfect time to grow in the lord .I had great brother's who brought me - up that I'm so grateful for. I had help through my mentor, Billy Oliver, who discipled me in the word, and great support through letters of encouragement from Darryll Davis and Steve Hirschauer with proclamation of the word! These guys took me on as a mentee and assisted me when I got out with a job, clothes and the help of finding a Church as well. With Christ in my life and good brothers like the ones I have, I don't fear going back to prison anymore. I have been blessed beyond measure and I can truly say that I'm free today. I've still had some hard trials and temptations to deal with, but I know where, and who I can turn to when trouble comes. To God be the glory, He changed my heart and showed me what life in Christ is all about. Hallelujah!!!

A Mother's Love.....

The following letter was written by a friend, a sister, a sponsor of P.O.T.W. and a believer in what we do. Darlene was one of the 1st members of our Thursday night "support group" for family members of the incarcerated," held at S.E. Christian (Blankenbaker campus). I so recall the day she walked into the room. The pain she carried for her "little girl," the fear, the dread of "what's next" and the uncharted waters of a "prison support group" were all worn on her sleeve.

Throughout a Southeast teaching segment, Darlene shared the following letter to Emily with Kyle Ideman, Kyle used this letter in a book he wrote on prayer.

Dear Emily

Monday is your 24th birthday and you are celebrating in prison. How did we get from a happy, fun-loving, wonderful little girl to this.

I admit, I was living in an idealistic world with no understanding of addiction. I will never forget our first rehab session when you were 15. I listened to the cycle of alcoholism/addiction and thought "how ridiculous."



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When we got to the car, you said, "that is exactly how it is with me." Wow! Needless to say I learned a lot about addiction as you went through EVERY phase: theft, death of a friend, police, overdose, multiple rehabs, methadone, suboxone, more treatment, hospitals, jail, prison. It has been so heartbreaking to see my lovely daughter fall victim to this unimaginable nightmare.

Each rehab session I sat with other shell-shocked parents commiserating on how to deal with this horrible disease. But it took a re-awakening of my faith to truly turn this nightmare over to God.

While I never would wish this experience on anyone, I do want to thank you for teaching me humility, empathy, understanding and how to have a true relationship with God. I want to thank you for showing me the hurt in the world and the helplessness of homeless addicts. Thank you for making me understand that material things are not important at all.

1. I thank God every day that he has allowed you to be in rehab and prison for the last year and five months. I truly believe if you had not been given this opportunity to stay clean, you would not be here. I pray every day for God to give you the strength to beat this addiction and for you to continue to strengthen your relationship with God who can make all things right.

Love,
Mom

I wrote this while Emily was in prison. She was released four months ago and with the help of Proclamation of the Word, she was placed in a Christian halfway house and given the weekly support of a mentor. Emily was re-baptized and is now two years and eight months sober. Praise God.

The Board



At long last, we have the board in place and each are working diligently to find their niche, utilizing skill sets and gifts. Though board positions have been meted out, finding a harmonious flow with one another becomes the paradigm.

Needs such as: "Committee's," "direction" and "decisions" for P.O.T.W. are the theme of meetings thus far... Blessed with a great team....

Faith Builder

At the close of our Sept. newsletter, was the following prayer requests:

- Finances to cover Darryll's income to launch into full ministry
- Non-profit status to be approved!
- Church and Corporate sponsorship for everyday expences.
- Our board to begin assembling and assisting in direction for the ministry.

Every one of these petitions have been answered in the most unique ways.

We would like to thank each of you that have prayed and stood with us....

Thank you for your prayers and contributions to this Ministry.

All donors will be given full access to quarterly, or yearly expenditures upon request, that the integrity of Proclamation of the Word Ministry shall maintain total financial accountability.

Prayer requests:

- Those awaiting trial
- Familes of the incarcerated
- Mentee's awaiting parole bd. decisions
- Mentee's preparing to transition out of prison.
- Restoration of marriages, families, jobs & lives.

Ministry needs:

Discerning of direction from the Lord.

- Grant decision from Carson Myre Charitable foundation.
- Development of program for children of mentee's.
- Volunteers/mentors (male & female).
- Counselors needed.



Watch for our next quarterly newsletter. New stories, new directions and new opportunities.

In His amazing Grace

The staff @ P.O.T.W.