



**Keryx Prison Ministry  
P.O. Box 1042  
Marquette, MI 49855**

*Matthew 25:36  
"I was in prison  
and you visited me."*

Fall 2013

KERYX of MARQUETTE

*K eryx is a Greek word meaning "herald". I n the ancient world, a herald was one sent by his master to proclaim in public the master's message. H e dared not change the announcement because it was not his own. H e is responsible only to proclaim it accurately. That is how Paul understood his gospel ministry. We, in K eryx, as Paul, are mere servants proclaiming our Master's Good News*



**AGAPE/PALANCA LETTER WRITING INSTRUCTIONS**

**Please note** that all agape/palanca must be written expressions on paper, only, and with **NO stickers of any kind** on them. Please address your letters, "Dear Brother in Christ," and write of your support and God's love for the candidates. Palanca will NOT be received by the candidates until **AFTER** the Keryx.

**Do not include any identifying information such as your last name, address, phone number, etc. Use only your first name - no exceptions.**

All agape for each individual prisoner will be placed in one large envelope and mailed at the end of the weekend. Therefore, do NOT put your letters in envelopes. All letters are read by our volunteers for acceptability and are again screened by Department of Corrections personnel after their arrival at the prison via U.S. Mail.

**Please bring your letters by Sunday, October 20th, if you come to the closing OR mail or bring to Prince of Peace Church on M-28 in Harvey before Saturday, October 19th.**

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## Thank you Chaplain Tom Prisk

Dear Chaplain Tom,

Thank you, Tom, for selecting candidates for Keryx #40 and doing the necessary paper work to get permission for us to hold the Keryx weekend. We are so grateful for all you do to prepare and support the Keryx program. Thank you also for filling out the necessary paperwork to qualify for more Jesus Calling devotional books. Although these are given free of charge to prisons, they could not be made available to the prisoners unless you sign and submit the application form. We appreciated your presence at the "One Day with God" camp. Thank you for all you do to make it possible for us to minister to the men at Marquette Branch Prison.

The Keryx Volunteers

## Note from Keryx 39 Rector

I want to express my heartfelt thanks and gratitude for the commitment and support of the whole community during the last Keryx weekend. Our Lord Jesus blessed all of us so richly. I will never cease to be amazed at how he brings together such a diverse group of men and works a miracle of love among us. I stand in awe of his majesty and the trust that he has in us to reveal his love for our brothers in prison. What an honor it is to serve such a great Lord!!

As we look forward to the upcoming Keryx weekend, let us keep Dale, our brothers and sisters, and all of our new candidates lifted up to God in prayer. Jesus asks us to be his hands, his feet and his voice to the poor and the broken so that they too may come to know his boundless compassion and mercy. Praise God for such a wonderful calling ...for the privilege of being present together when he fills the prison chapel with his Spirit and anoints each of us with his love. I really look forward to seeing all of you at the serenade.

Thank you and God's grace and blessing be with you.

Roger Tembrell

## Keryx Website

Keryx is in the progress of creating a website: Marquette Keryx.org. Currently there is little available but it is a work in progress. We welcome suggestions for what should be included in the website.

## Sample Palanca

Dear Brother-in-Christ,

My prayers are with you as you continue your 4<sup>th</sup> day journey, walking humbly with Christ. May you remember the feeling of God's loving presence throughout the Keryx and may you bring that to others as well. I remember how powerful my own weekend experience was. Since then, I've found that regular grouping, daily prayer and devotions, and consistent examination of conscience practices keep me faithful in my walk. I hope that you will also walk forward, confident as a child of God and desiring to serve as you are called, where you are called.

Your sister/brother-in-Christ,

First name

## MANY THANKS!

Thank you to all those churches and individuals who have so generously supported the Marquette Area Keryx Prison Ministry, financially and through your prayers. We would especially like to recognize the Diocese of Marquette through St. Peter's Cathedral, Faith Lutheran Church of Ishpeming, Lake Superior Christian Church, and Prince of Peace Lutheran Church. We also want to thank our many donors and especially the team members who contribute so generously by giving both time and money. We thank God for your faithfulness as you help us bring the Good News to those incarcerated at Marquette Branch Prison. If you or your church family would like to help defray the costs of putting on a weekend or the costs to print or mail the newsletter, please send a check made payable to "Keryx Prison Ministry", and mail to P.O. Box 1042, Marquette, MI, 49855. Your donation is a tax-deductible contribution under IRS tax code 501 (c)(3). Thank you.

## "One Day With God" Camp

On July 27 Forgiven Ministries brought a one day camp into Level I at Marquette Branch Prison. Children( with parent or guardian) were bussed from downstate and were given an opportunity to spend one day in the prison with their dads, a day of fun, forgiveness, and reconciliation. Keryx was instrumental in helping recruit volunteers who accompanied the children, served as mentors, helped with games, crafts and food. The Keryx Board sent out sixty five letters to Keryx volunteers asking them to commit to the one day event. Twenty six volunteers responded and were blessed by participating in this incredible day of healing, tears, joy, and love. The Keryx program also contributed financially through the chaplain's fund to support the continuation of this ministry. A huge THANK YOU to all who participated and supported the "One Day with God" camp. The camp will be held again next summer. Keep this ministry in prayer and plan to participate next summer.

## Letter from a Former Keryx Participant

Dear Friends,

Before I came to Marquette, I thought I had a genuine relationship with Christ. But when I attended Keryx #33, it did not take me long at all to realize how short I had come to that reality. I was full of non-forgiveness and totally dependent on my works, my performance, and my earning power to make me a good person. My Keryx weekend showed me that it was the Grace of God and His love for me that matters most, and that I needed to burn all of my not forgiving and move forth in love.

Thank you for being there,

With love,

Juan

## Help save postage

Thank you to those who have agreed to receive the Keryx Newsletter electronically. It's not too late! If you are willing to get your newsletter on line, email Martha Hayward at

[marthaannahayward@gmail.com](mailto:marthaannahayward@gmail.com)

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## DO YOU HEAR GOD CALLING?

**Is God calling you to visit and serve Him by bearing Christ as a committed volunteer to inmates in the Keryx Prison Ministry at Marquette Branch Prison?**

If so, we invite you to join the "active" Keryx Prison Ministry faith community, which holds Keryx weekends and weekly and monthly reunions in the Trustee Chapel at Marquette Branch Prison (more info. below). For more information about this opportunity to serve, call one of the board members.

**Please answer God's call!  
The next Keryx weekend is April 24-27, 2014**

Please note that the spring Keryx weekend is later in April than usual. It is usually the third weekend in April but that is Easter weekend so we moved it to the last weekend in April. If you are already a **certified volunteer** (have been through the volunteer training program and have participated in a volunteer activity within the past 12 months and have filled out a volunteer application within the past year), have made a 3-day Weekend on the outside and wish to participate in the **Keryx #40 Serenade and Closing**, please bring your driver's license or other official picture ID with you to the front desk on **Saturday, April 26th, at 3:30 p.m. (no earlier as you will be asked to drive out off the prison property)** for the 4:00 p.m. Serenade, and on **Sunday, April 27th, at 12:30 p.m. (no earlier for the same reason)** for the closing. If you are a certified volunteer, it is still necessary for you to reapply as a volunteer each year. There are two forms that must be filled out and submitted to the prison front desk at least a month prior to the date you plan to attend a prison program. If you have not filled out these forms in the past year, you should call the front desk to check the date on the back of your card. Just a reminder that a handshake is the only contact allowed.

Anyone who is not a certified volunteer but feels God's calling to become one, please contact one of the board members listed in this newsletter. It is necessary for volunteers to be active to keep their volunteer status current by either serving on Keryx weekend teams and attending a minimum of one Monday night Prayer & Share session per month, and/or by attending Serenades, Closings, and occasional third Saturday afternoon reunions. If you are not certain your volunteer status is current, please call the prison and check before coming.

There are many ways to support the Keryx Team. Consider getting your volunteer card and attending Serenades and Closings, pray for the team and prisoners attending the weekend, provide and/or help serve food for the evening and (early) morning meetings at Prince of Peace Church (please call Paula Matchett at 906-458-2035 to sign up for food options).

### PLEASE NOTE: ADDITIONAL VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

In addition to the Monday evening (7:00 p.m.) Keryx Alumni Prayer & Share, and the Third Saturday (1:30 p.m.) Alumni Reunion, there are several opportunities to volunteer at Marquette Branch Prison in the Trustee Division (either male or female welcome): Saturday services are held at 5:35 p.m. (Protestant) and 7:15 p.m. (Catholic) and Sunday services are at 5:30 p.m. and 7:15 p.m. (Protestant). Ichthos Fellowship is on Tuesday evenings at 7:15 p.m. Volunteers should be **at the front desk** 20 minutes prior.

### MARQUETTE AREA KERYX BOARD

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Donations of **home-baked** cookies are gratefully accepted for Keryx weekends. We would like to bring as many dozen cookies as possible into the prison as a gift to the corrections officers who go out of their way to allow us to come into the prison on these weekends. Please help us out by dropping off your cookies (in disposable packaging please) on Thursday or Friday, October 17 or 18, at Prince of Peace Church in Harvey. Thank you for your generosity!

If you have any comments, suggestions or item contributions for this newsletter, please let me know: Judy Fladung at 249-3052 or Martha Hayward at 475-7582.



**Prayer coverage is a vital part of the weekend. Please make a concerted effort to circulate and return (by email is fine) the prayer vigil enclosed in this newsletter.**

**This is something that EVERYONE can do!**

**Hearts are softened and God's power works through your prayers!**