



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

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

Fall 2015

KERYX of MARQUETTE

*Keryx is a Greek word meaning "herald". In the ancient world, a herald was one sent by his master to proclaim in public the master's message. He dared not change the announcement because it was not his own. His responsibility was only to proclaim it accurately. That is how Paul understood his gospel ministry.*

*We, in Keryx, 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 18, if you come to the closing OR mail or bring to Prince of Peace Church on M-28 in Harvey before Saturday, October 17.**

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### Thank you Chaplain Tom Prisk

We know that Chaplain Tom works hard to make our weekend in the prison possible. We asked the Chaplain why he is willing to invest time and energy into this ministry. He responded that the Keryx weekend changes lives. After a weekend, he has more men interested in attending the Christian services. Beyond that, men come to him and explain that they have experienced God during the weekend, a life changing encounter. Thank you, Tom, for being part of the Keryx team.

### Note from Keryx 43 Rector

Well, Keryx 43 is history, or in the books as the saying goes. Every Keryx I serve on seems like it is always better than the last one, but I believe that it only seems that way because I forget how great the last one was. One of the best things about serving on Keryx is getting to meet new brothers in Christ. And the next best thing is getting to work along side the many volunteers, both inside and out, that God provides to put on these Keryx weekends. I would like to thank all of the team members once again for saying "yes" to the call of God: "Whom shall I send? And who will go for us?" You all have the heart of a servant. And a special thanks to all who come to the prison for serenade and closing. The serenade is such a powerful time of the weekend. The love of God is so evident during this time. And I hear about and see the heartfelt smiles for years to come about the "angel voices." Yes, sometimes I don't think I realize how much of an impact we are making for the kingdom of God at Marquette Branch Prison, but we are. I know from Scripture that it is God's will that none should perish, but that all should come to repentance. So every life that God touches with His love, through your acts of kindness is a life saved. I am reminded of the poem by C. T. Studd: "Only one life twill soon be past, only what's done for Christ will last." God willing, I hope to serve on many more Keryx teams with ya all. Serving God together, Pete Corkin, Rector

### Keryx Website

The Keryx website has been updated. Check it out: [MarquetteKeryx.org](http://MarquetteKeryx.org). You can read the current newsletter, past newsletters, team meetings, volunteer opportunities, and more. We welcome suggestions for what should be included in the website.

### 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 thank Lake Superior Christian Church, a faithful, regular contributor to the Keryx ministry. Prince of Peace Lutheran Church supports us in many ways. They generously allow us to hold team meeting in their church and provide space for the team to gather during the Keryx weekend. 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.**

### 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)

### 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

### Letters from a Former Keryx Participants

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

I recall a few years ago feeling the loneliest I have ever been. I found myself in a situation I had never imagined in the part of the state I had never imagined with people I had never imagined. "How did I—a man who "knew" the Bible and Christianity SO well—get myself into this predicament?" kept running over and over in my mind. I was lost and confused. I had such "head knowledge" and this wasn't how things were supposed to happen.

Upon my arrival at MBP, I looked into every Christian meeting I could attend. Apparently, I thought I knew it all but had missed something—whatever that was. I remember signing up for my Keryx weekend without a clue as to what it was all about. None of the other inmates would give me a hint.

It was at my Keryx when I saw volunteers DEMONSTRATE God's love for me. These men and women came from walks of life where they could easily "look down" on the prisoner. We had done this to ourselves, after all. But they didn't pass judgment; they didn't just have "head knowledge;" they had encountered the Real, Risen Christ in their lives and were compelled to share it with me and the other men at MBP.

It was that weekend that I, too, had encountered our God on a personal level. He wasn't Someone to read about and talk about, but to live for, to experience, and to love.

I thank the volunteers and the men of MBP with whom I was able to grow in my love and devotion to Our Lord. I am now discussing many of the same life lessons with my two young sons. I have been able to show them a different father than they knew before he went to prison. A father who loves them like the Father loves them. A father who LIVES a practical faith, not just one that exists as head knowledge.

Thank you all for your love and support,  
David

And then, here is part of a letter from a former Keryx participant:

Dear Friends of Marquette Branch Prison,

At church last Sunday we sang, "Shout to the North" and it stirred up many emotions, remembering Keryx and Ichthos, and the many times we sang our hearts out. I am so thankful to have been blessed to get to know all of you on a spiritual level. My faith grew because of you. . .

I continue to pray for all of you as you minister God's word.

Have a blessed Keryx weekend.

Mike

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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 Keryx weekend is October 15-18, 2015**

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 Serenade and Closing** for Keryx 44 or 45, please bring your driver’s license or other official picture ID with you to the front desk on **Saturday, October 17, 2015 and/or April 16, 2016 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, October 18, 2015 and/or April 17, 2016 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 Martha Hayward at 906-475-7582 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.

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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 15 or 16 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!**