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# Bring My Soul Out of Prison

To make the inmate, regardless of his past, aware of the gospel

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**It's** a while since I came to know this husband and wife juggernauts from Houston. It was more than 32 years ago when inmate Madden first attended our Bible class. The Couple wanted to write and encourage someone in prison. Since then they've taken in two ex-offenders. This Madden continued to do his time. He was a fixture in our groups and his conduct was exemplary among inmates. The female I connected the couple with lived with them upon release, became their adopted daughter; and she's married with children. They're proud of her. In the meantime, Madden would lose loved one after loved one. I thought he'd benefit from the couple's mentoring. It went beyond that: they wrote, visited and supported him. Years went by and Madden was finally released. He accepted the invitation to live with the couple. When I saw him at home, he called the couple "Mom" and "Pop" and they beamed with pride on how well he was doing. HOPE always looks forward while FAITH stands in the present as confidence that all will work out. In this case it did.



This is a story of hope: pictured above is Lynn Berry, his wife and the man Lynn mentored for several years, Eric. He's the one with the beard. Lynn Berry, no stranger to this ministry, wanted to be involved with ministry in a real way. For years, a group from his congregation visited the prisons and regularly Lynn came with me to the Ferguson unit. Still wanting to do more Lynn became a mentor and was paired with one of the men who attended the Goree unit Sunday service, Eric. Brother Clyde and I conducted the service and Eric was at nearly every assembly. His growth and hunger for more was evident. Lynn and Eric were connected and he had Eric read books; memorize verses; do math assignments; know history; and he dug into Eric's personal life. All of which Eric needed. He did the assignments and listened closely to Lynn's life advice. He helped Eric become a well-rounded person. He stayed with Erick when he was denied parole several times; through family struggles; and the difficulty of prison life. He work was to prepare this eager soul to thrive in prison and out. The picture above is the results of years of work. Hope started this relationship so this is a hope story. (virus condition has prevented Eric from assembly as of yet; but we hope to pass him off to people a lot like Lynn)