

Discipleship Challenge

The 4x25 plan (4 Challenges for our 25th Year!) to grow your faith and our church.

Growth Verse

*But to all who did receive Him,
He gave them the right to be children of God,
to those who believe in His name, who were born,
not of blood, or of the will of the flesh,
or of the will of man, but of God.*

John 1:12-13

Seed Sowers



RICK SHARKEY
LOUISIANA PRISON CHAPLIN

In Matthew 25:36, Jesus says, "I was in prison and you visited Me." That is exactly what our Seed Sower does with prisoners in the Louisiana State Penitentiary. With more than 6,000 prisoners and covering 18,000 acres, the Louisiana State Penitentiary is the nation's largest maximum security prison. It is bordered on three sides by the Mississippi River. Most prisoners there have been sentenced to life in prison for terrible crimes.

But here's some better news. The prison also has a Baptist church; prisoners arrive wearing shackles. There's also a Bible college operated by New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary and, yes, that's one of the six seminaries our church supports through the Cooperative Program.

The person in this prison we want to pray for today is one of the Baptist chaplains named Rick Sharkey. He teaches the Bible and disciples the prisoners who become followers of Christ. But he does not preach because he wants the prisoners to do the preaching. We know that Rick's ministry is both very difficult and very rewarding.

Rick is one of the more than 3,000 chaplains endorsed by our North American Mission Board, which our church also supports through the Cooperative Program. Let's pray for Rick over the next two weeks.

Branching Out

Who will you invite to Church??

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____
5. _____

Seed Fund

Monthly Family Goal: \$ _____

Given to date: \$ _____

CHURCH PROGRESS:

Goal: \$25,000

Given to date: \$ _____

% collected: _____

