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Dear Tree,

I trust all is as well as can be in your universe. Hopefully you'll perceive the beauty of the enclosed AR Campaign. I should have included you in the CC-list of luminaries mailed out last week, especially considering you started this cycle with me 36 years ago at DVI.

Last August (2020), I received an honorary transfer to a lower custody facility and I was able to bring along my Scientology Locker full of CD Lectures, DVD's, Books, Courses, etc., as I plan to continue ennobling feral folk here as well  as soon as everything returns to normal.

My Elderly Parole Hearing is scheduled sometime in 2023 (I think), after 25 years in exile. I sure would like some auditing before that scheduled inquisition. Perhaps you know someone willing to work with me in here on confronting my past ARC breaks? Or better yet, a team of someones willing to conduct workshops in our chapel on a regular basis. If you're able to alert others this opportunity exists, I expect interest in help will manifest.

Please share my 5-25-21 Greetings to others in your zone of influence. I absolutely need to expand my comm-lines out there to assist my acclimation to that "civilization". I will ack all introductions.

All the best to you.

Be Blessed.

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See Enclosures

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SCIENTOLOGY PRISON OUTREACH
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SOMETHING CAN BE DONE ABOUT IT!

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Greetings.

As the COVID chaos calms and we return to normal, our tech. suggests we apply the Emergency Formula to expand and survive as an entity. In this instance it is appropriate to review our successes:

- After six years documenting the creation of a Scientology Prison Outreach (SPO) at Mule Creek State Prison on 'A' Facility, we achieved many certificates for students completing courses they were introduced to in our chapel classroom. Consequently, the prison administration witnessed the positive impact our Scientology studies had on individual prisoners.
- As an expansion of our SPO study group ambition, Clearwater, FL Volunteer Ministers began offering the 19-Title VM curriculum to SPO student alum and other aspiring prisoners at several prisons in several states. There are now well over 200 certificates awarded from that program, and a number of prisoners who have completed the entire 19-Title VM curriculum.

Now, considering the attached articles regarding Kenya, and the Hernando County inmates, along with the above SPO/Clearwater VM stats, it is obvious that there is interest in the rehabilitative value of LRH tech., both by Inmates and Volunteers.

With that as a stable datum, I appeal to Volunteers within the Scientology community to help habilitate individuals who will someday return to your neighborhood. There is currently a lot of attention on Criminal Justice Reform, and the rehabilitative programs necessary for its success. This is the ideal opportunity for Volunteers to apply for and receive official approval to enter prisons and sponsor study groups while delivering seminar-workshops.

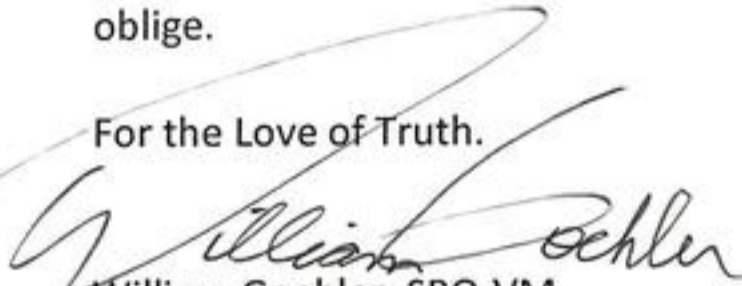
In my particular zone of influence, I've recently introduced a proposal to facilitate the following study groups: CRIMINON / TWTH / Truth About Drugs / VM curriculum, per LRH's How to Open a Group Manual. Each of these are distinctly independent rehab study groups separate from our SPO religious study groups.

In another zone, one of our SPO alum is working on establishing another SPO study group at one of the prison facilities at Soledad, CA, and he is also looking for volunteers who are willing to deliver seminar-workshops. Though^{he} is able to facilitate his own group with the study material he has collected, it is prudent for COS to have appointed monitors to help ensure KSW standards are upheld. There simply must be local Scientologists who would be willing to maintain COMM-lines and/or enter their local prison to manage prisoner study groups – for the sake of future neighbors. All within the infinite is symbiotic. Let us all serve the greatest good toward the greatest number of dynamics.



A civilization without insanity, without criminals and without war, where the able can prosper and honest beings can have rights, and where Man is free to rise to greater heights, are the aims of Scientology. This Prison Outreach desperately needs to alert everyone in the Scientology universe that this opportunity exists in prisons and jails for them to make an impact in prisoner's lives. Please help alert others and encourage them to establish their own study groups inside their local jails and prisons. Provide them a copy of our Strategic Administrative Scale and watch the impact of noblesse oblige.

For the Love of Truth.



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Scientology Volunteer Minister Brings New Hope to Kenya Inmates

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Without much fanfare, a prison in Siaya, Kenya, is investing in the future of inmates, using the Scientology Volunteer Ministers program.

Staff at the Siaya GK (Government of Kenya) Prison swear by the Volunteer Ministers program. Since they began training as Volunteer Ministers, they have seen remarkable change.

It began over a year ago when Scientology Volunteer Minister Daniel Okello held his first seminar for 200 inmates. Okello covered two chapters—"Honesty and Integrity (<https://www.volunteerministers.org/training/integrity/overview.html>)" and "How to Resolve Conflicts (<https://www.volunteerministers.org/training/conflicts/overview.html>)"—from the *Scientology Handbook* (<http://www.scientologyhandbook.org/>), the textbook for the program based on the works of Scientology Founder L. Ron Hubbard.

Something I'd tried to put into motion here in California's penal colonies since 2014; is rather applauded in Africa. All the while American prison systems produce psych patients and 75% of the population are prescribed psychotropics.

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A Volunteer Minister trains prison personnel and inmates at the Siaya Prison in Kenya. © 2019 Church of Scientology International. All Rights Reserved.

"At the start of the seminar the prisoners looked depressed," says Okello, who noted the inmates began smiling and laughing as they realized how they had ended up in jail and what they could do about it. The prison commander asked Okello to come back to train the prison officers and deliver the program to 300 more inmates.

Soon, officers established their own Volunteer Minister (VM) group, trained on the courses and began helping the inmates with the material they learned. This included treating the inmates with dignity and upgrading the environment with cleanups.

In March, when Siaya GK Prison held an Open Day—when officials visit and prisoners are free to interact with them and with family members—the prison commander addressed the Siaya County Commissioner, high court judges, police commanders, and other senior government officials attending, and introduced them to the Volunteer Ministers program and the results it accomplished. He described the role of the Volunteer Minister and the partnership between the program and the prison. The commander attributed the prison's turnaround to the training of prison officers and inmates that began five months earlier. The High Court Registrar confirmed his claims, saying that for the previous three months, there was not a single case of recidivism (someone released from the prison being rearrested).

The program continues, with prison officials providing personal help to inmates based on the skills they have learned.

In a seminar to launch the program for 2019, the Siaya Prison VMs trained inmates on how to give Scientology Assists (<https://www.scientology.org/courses/assists/overview.html>) to each other. An assist is a technique developed by Mr. Hubbard that speeds healing by addressing the spiritual factors in stress and trauma. They reached out to a dozen new inmates who were injured while committing the crimes that resulted in their incarceration—two of them were recuperating from gunshot wounds. All twelve experienced relief from the assists. Okello met with the Siaya VM group leaders who agreed to hold monthly clinics at the prison where they will provide assists and use Scientology VM technology to counsel the inmates.

Okello discovered the Volunteer Ministers program online in 2011 and he and his wife trained on all 19 VM courses (<https://www.scientology.org/courses/>) and began delivering seminars. He has established dozens of Volunteer Ministers study groups in Kenya and has started delivering the program in Uganda. Members train on these courses and provide personal help and seminars in their communities.

The Church of Scientology Volunteer Minister (<http://www.volunteerministers.org>) program is a religious social service created in the mid-1970s. Anyone of any culture or creed may train as a Volunteer Minister and use these tools to help their families and communities.



A PRISON THAT HELPS

Tackling Drugs from Within

by James C. Lynch

It began in the most unlikely of places. In a hair salon in Central Florida, a chance conversation led to the implementation—and continuing success—of the Truth About Drugs program in a Florida prison.

The hair stylist: a mother and an active volunteer with the Foundation for a Drug-Free World.

Her client: Alexis Trevino, assistant warden of the Hernando County Correctional Institution for women.

The topic: Drugs and youth, a discussion that often leads to mothers—many of whom Trevino had in her charge for drug-related offenses at the low-to-medium security prison.

Aware of the destruction drugs can wreak on the young and the not-so-young, the stylist, a Scientologist, is passionate on the subject and volunteers in schools, churches and other institutions, spreading the message of the Truth About Drugs program. (See "Striking a Balance," p. 32.)

Trevino, intrigued with the description of the program, left the salon with a DVD about it.

"WE NEED THIS PROGRAM"

Not long after, Trevino and her educational director, Andre Buford, were attending a meeting of the Hernando County School Board where the Truth About Drugs program—a combination of videos, booklets and lesson plans about what drugs do to the body and mind—was discussed.

Buford remembers the day. "Fifteen minutes into the meeting," he said, "I passed a note to the assistant warden saying, 'We need this program.'"

Buford knew that his inmates would identify with the program, an in-your-face approach that shows through real-life experiences what drugs can do to a person, as well as their dire implications for the user's family and friends.

"That's what the youth of today need," he said. "They need to know what they are doing to themselves and how their family is going to feel. They need to know that by using drugs they are destroying their own families, and drugs are something they should not do."

“TELL THEM THE TRUTH”

When Buford, a former middle school principal and lifelong educator, brought the program materials to the prison, he met with a number of inmates and asked, “What can we do to reach out to your families, your sons and daughters, your nieces and nephews, your friends—what can we do to educate them or redirect them to a life without drugs?”

In unison they answered, “We need to tell them the truth.”

Buford said, “Well, I have a program to do just that.” And so the Truth About Drugs program was incorporated in the institution’s educational curriculum.

What began as a pilot program involving 14 women has resulted in over 440 graduates to date.

“We wanted to reach the habitual drug abuser first and use that person’s experiences to reach others who used drugs, as well as inmates who were imprisoned for non-drug-related offenses,” Buford said. “Then the habitual user would give examples of what her life on drugs was like.”

He cited a methamphetamine user who suffered severe burns after a meth lab explosion. When she awoke in the hospital, she was still high from the drug and didn’t become aware of the burns until later. To show others in the Truth About Drugs class what had happened, she rolled up her pant legs to reveal scars from the explosion.

Another inmate who had formerly used drugs cried in recounting her experiences, telling classmates, “I saw myself, what I looked like, what I was doing to others. It broke my heart.”

“THIS MATERIAL SHOULD BE A REQUIREMENT”

The lesson plans, Buford said, generated extensive, thoughtful feedback from the inmates. Their homework consisted of reviewing each day’s class discussion and coming the next day with their own summary of the important points and, most significantly, how they could apply it to their own life.

Buford achieved such positive results with the materials, he wrote to the Foundation for a Drug-Free World that “This material should be a requirement in every public, charter and private school across the nation.”

Due to turnover in the prison population, the usual 13-week length of the Truth About Drugs program was compressed to eight. Soon inmates themselves led the program, passing on the message to other inmates.

Buford said, “I’d get a person to lead the class who was open to talking about her own addiction and be respectful of others’ opinions, but at the same time, keep the program moving in the right direction.”

He said many inmates were on their way to halfway houses and work-release, so he wanted them to be exposed to the Truth About Drugs. “I wanted it to be passed on,” he said.



Since Andre Buford implemented the Truth about Drugs program in the Hernando Correctional Institute in 2010, more than 440 inmates have graduated.

Many of the women shared his view. As one said to Buford, “This is not strictly about us, it’s for others. It’s for other inmates and their families.”

One inmate wrote that the program “gave me knowledge. It gave me understanding.” Completion of the program, she said, “will allow me to remain drug-free and my children will now have a mother who is no longer addicted to drugs.”

According to Buford, the program became a positive force inside the gray-walled compound. On weekends, women gathered to talk about what they had learned, what it meant for

them and how they wanted to pass the information on to their sons and daughters.

CONTINUING SUCCESS

Buford has left the Florida penal system and is now executive director of a Tampa-based nonprofit that helps individuals and families. He recalled the sharp difference between the despair Hernando inmates exhibited when entering prison and their smiles at Truth About Drugs graduation ceremonies. Noting that he or an assistant warden would be on hand to congratulate the graduates, he described those events. “We give them the graduation certificate along with a ceremonial cake as a treat to show we are proud of them,” he said. “The graduates then say a few words about the Truth About Drugs program and how it impacted their lives inside the prison and how it will change their lives when they are released.”

As a sign of mutual respect, Buford said, staff members ask the inmates how they can make the program better.

What started with Buford has grown under his successor, Donna Crawley, who currently supervises an average of 35 inmates on the program.

A newsletter compiled by Crawley, “Testimonials from the Inside,” contains moving personal stories of prisoners who have completed the program and changed their lives for the better. “The program is one that the inmates are eager to attend thanks to the dedication of the program administrators and the support of the sponsors that assist us,” Crawley said. “We can’t say enough how much we do appreciate what they do for the program’s success.”

According to its website, Hernando Correctional Institution offers character-based programs as a means of reducing recidivism and disciplinary infractions, providing a positive environment to inmates committed to inner transformation.

The facility is one example of many that demonstrate how, by arming people with factual information about drugs and their effects, the Truth About Drugs program empowers them to live drug-free lives and equips them with tools to help family and friends do the same. ■

STRATEGIC ADMINISTRATIVE SCALE

- GOALS:** To Establish SPO within DOC via RLUIPA, toward developing A-R-C + U of Scn. Tech.
- PURPOSE:** Duplicate SPO's: Develop curriculum and acquire materials, e.g. DVD's, CD's, Textbooks, and Handbooks with firm lend/return policy securing group material.
- POLICY:** D.S.W. (HCOPL 2765)
- PLANS:** Acknowledge Ability of Responsibility with floor-time presentations, (WINS), demonstrations by any student/member at their respective gradient.
- PROGRAMS:** Develop group cohesion with gradient tech., beginning with prerequisite BSM/LSFL course, followed by Scn. Handbooklet by topic, "Practical Exercise," with or without corresponding textbook, (listed by gradient). TR pairing, Personal Efficiency/Life Improvement courses, etc., DVD viewing, Extension courses.
- PROJECTS:**
- 1) Understand what is expected in study material.
 - 2) Demonstrations in group, i.e. floor-time presentations.
 - 3) WIN cognitions-applicability in life.
- ORDERS:** Nurture personal WIN's per individual gradient in accord with KSW.
- IDEAL SCENES:** SPO group of self-determined students demonstrating ARC understanding of Scn. Tech. applications at each individuals gradient, producing WIN reports PR.
- STATISTICS:** Exponential growth in number of SPO students demonstrating practical knowledge, substantiated by WIN reports and in-group demos, PE/LIC/Extension course completions.
- VALUABLE FINAL PRODUCTS:** Responsible, self-determined PT asset in Dynamic Exchange with optimum ARCU.

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