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## December 2009, a brief review of the year

### The point of Christmas is Jesus Christ.

*"The Spirit of the Lord is on me, because he has anointed me to preach good news to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim freedom for the prisoners and recovery of sight for the blind, to release the oppressed, to proclaim the year of the Lord's favor.*

*Luke 4: 19 - 20*

### The point of the ministry of Free Inside is the men and women we reach each week.

**Listen to the longing of their hearts as they tell us what they want from Alpha.**

- "I want to learn about Jesus who died for my sin. *Why did He do that?*"
- "I want to get closer to God"
- "I want to turn my life over to God."
- "I want a stronger foundation for my beliefs, *Alpha has given me that*"
- "I came to learn about the Christian faith, *I now have a solid faith.*"
- "I learned I need Jesus and cannot get through life on my own"

**Please pray that God would answer and give them the desires of their hearts.**

### The point of the ministry of Free Inside is training New Volunteers

**We held 2 one day training seminars for prospective new volunteers during 2009, 6 of those who attended decided to join one of our teams.**

### Dorene, one of these new volunteers, shares her experience

Our church announced a meeting for those interested in prison ministry, my husband and I decided to go and find out more. It was a real stretch of faith that took me out of my comfort zone. My expectations, were that we were going into a situation with men who were hardened and unpredictable. I wasn't too sure about their sincerity or our safety. After our first meeting I was really comfortable and looking forward to the next week. Nine weeks later I can say I really enjoy Alpha in prison. The men are humble, wanting to grow in their faith, and truly grateful we come each week.

I am blessed by hearing them talk about how God has used their time in prison to change their hearts and futures. I am encouraged listening to their discussions as they share with each other how to respond to their struggles in prison life with a truly Christian attitude and faith in Jesus.

I believe we strengthen each other's faith as we to each other, sharing how God has helped us in different life situations. I have been encouraged in my own life struggles as much as I have tried to encourage them.

***I find myself growing in Christian love for them as I pray for them during the week.***

**The point of prayer** is to ask God to open the hearts and minds of those in prison to receive the love and mercy of Jesus Christ' who came into our world and experience to die for our sin.

**For Example:** Only the power of the Holy Spirit can break the generational chains that bind the life of a young woman who sobbed as told the group at York C. I. the story of her family. Her grandmother had her mother in York C I, her mother had her in York and she gave birth to a daughter 2 months previously in York.

**The point of giving** is to help in making sure that this Christian outreach to those in prison is able to continue week by week.

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