

The Jesus Infusion at Florida Women's Reception Center

A Year in Review

-Looking Back at 2022-

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An update of good news from the desk of Nicole Dyson, Founder of The Jesus Infusion,
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In 2022, The Jesus Infusion spent a total of
1,298 volunteer hours
in the Florida Women's Reception Center.

Due to the dedication of those serving
within the confinements and restriction
of incarceration, we totaled
210 services and visits,
which ultimately led to
809 salvations and 512 baptisms.



This is good news!

Baptisms

The Jesus Infusion (TJI) offers baptisms quarterly to all inmates at FWRC.

In 2022, we baptized 512 women!

To enhance the walk of faith within each inmate, TJI offers mandatory baptism classes prior to baptisms. Doing this allows the women to thoroughly understand what baptism is and what it truly means.

As you can see from the pictures, this portion of the TJI ministry truly has been a time of emotional celebration and soul restoration!



*"Go, therefore, and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit"
Matthew 28 19-20*



Baptisms



Reentry



"America is the land of the second chance - and when the gates of the prison open, the path ahead should lead to a better life."

Reentry is the process by which inmates who have been released from incarceration, return to the community. Many types of programs have been implemented with the goal of reducing recidivism (the tendency of a convicted criminal to reoffend) and have been found to be effective for this purpose.



In 2022, Nicole Dyson received the Reentry Award from the Florida Council on Crime and Delinquency. She also received Volunteer of the Year Award from the Florida Women's Reception Center.



The Jesus Infusion is a women's prison ministry; this is where we meet and create relationships with the women, so that we can help them reenter society. We strive to **continue** to foster those friendships with these women once they have been released. These relationships are imperative for the women (many of them mothers) to succeed beyond the confinement of rigorous security, limited basic amenities, and restricted contact with family and support.

The Jesus Infusion has given just over \$11,000 towards the reentry of many of the inmates. This has covered transitional/housing fees, clothing, hygiene, transportation, help with probation fees, and the list goes on.



We help women who desire a better and different life than what they came from. Since 2012, Nicole Dyson personally keeps in touch with hundreds of women that have been released from jails and prison, continuing their friendship.



SSCI (Short Sentenced Program)

"In the middle of a difficulty, lies opportunity."

The SSCI, also known as Short Sentence program is a program the Department of Corrections created to reduce the recidivism rate. This is a program where women who have 24 months or less of a prison sentence enter, and are personally mentored by handpicked inmates who have served a lengthy sentence. These mentors are vetted by the department of corrections and help facilitate an array of classes to these women, who are coming and expected to be released quickly. The mentees, as we refer to them, are also kept separate from the general population. The Florida Women's Reception Center is the only women's prison in the state of Florida that has this program.

Nicole Dyson has become very involved with the SSCI program at FWRC, with both the mentors and the mentees. In this program, she is personally available to all 34 mentors as a group or to meet with them individually. Since Nicole is not staff or an inmate, and because she is present at the prison so often, they are able to speak to her unlike anyone else in the prison. With Nicole's guidance, the inmates have a better knowledge with their positions and responsibilities having over 300 mentees that are assigned to them.

This program gives the inmates a place to be heard, and to talk out things that may be overwhelming them, or just needing a little direction. In some aspects, she is a liaison between the mentors and staff.

*What are the 3 A's of mentorship?
Availability, Active listening, and Analysis.*



SSCI (Short Sentenced Program)

Nicole has also provided the mentors in the SSCI program 27 Mentors/Pen Pals on the outside that are personal friends of hers that she trust to speak the truth and encourage the women, as well as visiting them from time to time. (Please see Mentor/Pen Pal description).

Due to their workload with the mentees, we provide some “away time” from the mentees to avoid burnout or being overwhelmed. These pictures are of two different luncheons that we catered for the mentors. We created an environment for them to feel “human”, (their words). Occasions for them to be together and have fun creates unity; which improves the efficacy of the program.

The mentees come to Randy and Nicole’s services, groups and classes (they are different in nature) to learn, grow and heal. This is also the place where they get to know them so that they can help them in reentry. As of now, Nicole has 48 mentees that have graduated that she keeps in touch with; guiding them, praying for them and encouraging them. They are staying sober, working, and getting their children back! All of these mentees have access to Nicole once they are released from prison, where they continue the relationship of trust and integrity that began inside of the razor wire.



Destiny Community Church

Nicole Dyson introduced Destiny Community Church to the Florida Women's Reception Center. DCC is also where she and her husband, Randy attend church in Newberry. Destiny Community Church live streams both of their church services every Sunday morning into the Chapel at FWRC.

To make this happen, Destiny Community Church purchased and installed \$9000 of equipment to upgrade the church experience in the Chapel. The 9am service is for the SSCI program and the 10:30am service is for the general population of FWRC. This is by far the largest turn out of any program at FWRC!

Every Sunday morning there are on average 250 women coming into the Chapel for this service. The Senior Pastor, Rocky McKinley personally speaks to the women watching at FWRC. He greets them just as he greets his live audience sitting in the church.

Live stream began in April, Easter Sunday.

In just eight months, there have been 655 salvations!



Destiny Community Church

As shown in the pictures, Randy and Nicole Dyson, along with other members of Destiny Community Church, came into the prison facility and steam cleaned just over 3,000 square feet of carpet in the entire Chapel.

In its lifetime, the FWRC Chapel had never been cleaned! The water dumped out from the steam cleaning was Crayon black! The refurbishment of the Chapel was much needed, and the women were so appreciative!





The Ronald McDonald House

The Jesus Infusion partnered with the Ronald McDonald House in Gainesville. Nicole Dyson met the Director, Sherry Houston at a women's event. Upon talking about each other's ministries/jobs, Nicole saw a place where the women at FWRC could serve the families at the RMH.





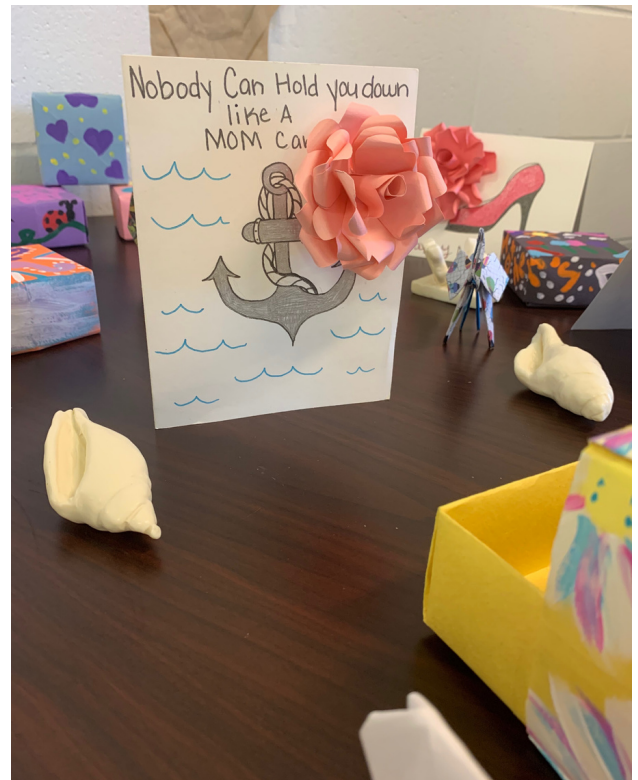
The program at FWRC called Crafts with Convictions began to sew and knit quilts and blankets, bibs, and premie hats for the babies as you can see in the picture. (Sherry Houston on the left)



Sherry came into the prison with Nicole to pick up all of the items that the women made for the babies in the hospital and their families residing at the house. Sherry then shared with the women that unfortunately sometimes the babies would pass away and all the parents would have left of their child was the blanket and little knit hat that the women made. What an honor that is for the women and giving them purpose that they made a difference in some small way!



The other pictures you see is the women in the Therapeutic Art Department at FWRC making Mother's Day and Father's Day cards for the parents living at the Ronald McDonald House who are going through a really tough time in their lives with their child sick in the hospital. The art department also made special signs with the names of each family for their doors at the RMH for a little personal touch to their rooms.



Supply Contribution

*“Service to others
is the rent you pay
for your room here
on earth.”*

The Jesus Infusion has provided supplies needed to decorate the Chapel for the Passover Meal, literally transforming the Chapel into an intimate setting for this fellowship.

The inmates made paper chandeliers dressed the tables, made a beautiful back drop and seating cards for the volunteers and inmates.

For Christmas plays and programs, TJI supplied decorations, costumes and music needed to make it a wholesome experience.

Other supplies that were provided to the women of the FWRC, include microwaves in the Visitation Park, Bibles, cases of water for other volunteers, and over 1,000 composition notebooks for journals and classes taken through the SSCI program.



Supply Contribution





Mentoring/ Pen-Pal Program

Over the years, in the Florida Women's Reception Center, The Jesus Infusion has provided female mentors on the outside to email, visit, and encourage women on the inside. These mentors are a part of The Jesus Infusion program and are personal friends of ours that we trust to the women that we love and serve inside the razor wire. There are over 70 mentors.

The testimonies and stories coming from this program are both beautiful and encouraging; ranging from taking them into their home upon release when she had no place to go, to adopting the children out of an unsafe home that they were left in upon the mother's incarceration. If you think that's inspiring, imagine a mentor that lives in Central Florida driving to the Panhandle to attend a High School graduation representing the mother who is incarcerated, taking pictures of her daughter walking the stage and emailing them to the mother- Priceless!

The stories are countless and I could write a book of good news just based on the Mentor/Pen Pal program alone!



All of us at The Jesus Infusion want to thank our monthly mission partners, prayer partners, Mentor/Pen Pals, the Department of Corrections and its staff.

We recognize none of this would be possible without your loyal support of our ministry and vision!



Our Mission

We are “investors”.

TJI invests in women incarcerated by developing a personal, trusting relationship with them; a friendship. Once this relationship has been established, we walk with these women out of brokenness and into healing that creates change. Change of heart, change of mind and change of behavior. Correction is better received through healthy relationships.

As a former inmate myself, over 22 years ago, I know all too well about condemning myself: self condemnation. Human nature has to get beyond a point of condemnation to begin healing before change can take place.

I'll ask the women in my services, classes and groups, “Aren't you tired of walking around condemning yourself, being angry, being bitter, finding no peace and not knowing how to communicate your feelings”? Their answer is always, “YES!”

This is where we begin a relationship with these women, where they feel heard, and it's where we begin to see change!



*You kissed my heart with forgiveness, in spite of all I've done.
You've healed me inside and out from every disease.
You've rescued me from hell and saved my life.
You've crowned me with love and mercy.
You satisfy my every desire with good things.
You've supercharged my life so that I can soar again
Like a flying eagle in the sky!*
Psalm 103:3-5
[The Passion Translation]