



*"...I was sick, and ye visited me: I was in prison, and ye came unto me." – Matthew 25:36*

**A VOICE FOR THE INCARCERATED AND A CATALYST FOR PRISON REFORM.**

## One That Sticketh Closer Than A Brother

"It's always a pleasure to come and be able to do this. This is my seventh year and it's been such a joy. We were on block 3-2 and the men's block. I've been on the men's block for a few years now and it's always such a gift. They are so polite, and on their best behavior. They are truly being respectful, polite and grateful. Everybody was just waiting for us to get there.

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## In Need of A Mentor More Than A Lawyer

A troubled and concerned widowed lady contacted Justice & Mercy seeking advice for her nephew who was in a Florida prison.

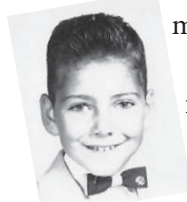
Dr. Tom Zeager, Justice & Mercy's co-founder and president, being well schooled in discernment concerning such matters offered to help answer the question of whether she should assist with hiring an attorney in the efforts of getting her nephew released from prison.

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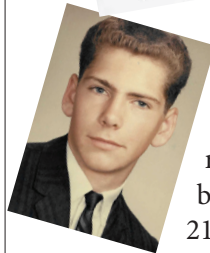


## Who is Kerby Keller?

"I grew up on a dairy farm in the Lititz/Manheim area of Lancaster County, Pennsylvania. I am the oldest of one brother and three sisters. Our family attended church in Lititz weekly. I worked for my family and learned a good work ethic and morals as a youngster. My father and mother died in 2015 and 2016...Have many great memories of family.



Six months after high school I enlisted in the Marine Corps for four years. Served in many locations such as Parris Island, South Carolina, Camp LeJeune, North Carolina, Okinawa, Vietnam, and Guantanamo Bay, Cuba. Was honorably discharged in 1969.



Upon returning home from the Marines I found all my friends married with children. I went to work for PP&L for a couple of years but was making very poor choices in making new friends. Between the years of 1972 and 1979 the poor choice of friends resulted in my becoming involved in criminal activity resulting in being placed at the federal prison camp Allenwood, Pennsylvania for 21 months.



It was over this time that an old high school friend visited me and asked, "Have you ever thought about giving your life over to God?" He planted a seed. I started thinking about how I needed to change my life. I did disassociate from those poor choice of friends, but I failed to include God.

I met my wife Barbara in January 1981. We soon married and had a son. Again I did not include God in the marriage. In the Spring of 1984 we moved to a farm in the Conestoga, Pennsylvania area. In addition to farming I did some small

real estate development projects. Barbara took a job in food service at Millersville University.

I then learned that Barbara had been unfaithful during one of her trips to visit her parents in Pittsburgh. The marriage started deteriorating after that. In May of 1989 Barbara said she was leaving the marriage and moving to her parents house in Pittsburgh, leaving our son with me till later. In early June a moving truck came to take her things to Pittsburgh. Later that day my son and I called her parents to see if she had gotten there okay. Her parents knew nothing of her moving to live with them. We did not know where she went.

As days went on I became very depressed. On the morning of June 20, 1989 after being gone a couple of weeks Barbara called. Said she was living with a neighbor man and still working at the university. She wanted to come talk to me after she finished work that day. Soon after she called the neighbor man called and said he also wanted to come talk to me that evening.

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## Randy Boston

### Wrongfully Convicted

On August 31, 2022, Randy Boston, pastor of Bible Baptist Church of Shickshinny, Pennsylvania, was falsely accused and wrongfully convicted of molesting a child in 2007 while employed as a teacher at West Chester Christian School (WCCS). Randy left WCCS in 2008. During the fifteen years since the alleged molestation, most of those who had worked at the school during 2007 had moved away, retired, or were in ill health, making witnesses from the school and who knew Randy scarce.

### The Trial

From the beginning, the accusation was riddled with confusion concerning the years, times, places, and details fluctuating. Randy did not even know the accuser, which compounded the confusion even more. During the trial, deceptive testimony about Randy and the school in general was given. The judge thought the innocence of Randy's thinking as he presented it on the stand was an embarrassment. It was difficult to mount a defense when the accuser was

not legally required by Pennsylvania law to present witnesses, evidence, or even factual statements. At the judge's direction, the guilty verdict was delivered based on the accuser's word and not based on evidence or facts.

### Randy Boston's Unjust Sentence

After 29 years of ministry at WCCS, eight years of ministry at another Christian school, and five years of faithfully pastoring, Randy is serving a 20 – 40 year sentence in state prison.

The family has filed an appeal and is praying for the miracle that will make this right again. The miracle-working God can change this all in a moment if He chooses and free this godly man who has sacrificially served the Lord for so long.

### Randy's Family, Legal Fees, and Request for Prayer & Support

Randy, his wife and their four adult children love the Lord and trust God to act on their behalf. The cost of Randy's defense has depleted his life savings and retirement fund as well as his ability to provide for his wife of 41 years. His children are doing their best to keep the fami-

ly afloat, but the funds needed for future legal costs seem insurmountable. The family covets the prayers of the saints.

To make a proper defense in the Randy Boston case, will cost anywhere between \$50,000 - \$200,000. We currently have an attorney who would take the case for re-sentencing at \$200,000.

Please pray about contributing to this case and others like it. Randy's family cannot face this alone. Any contributions made through Justice & Mercy will receive a tax-deductible receipt. Please include your name, address, phone number and email and a note as to how you learned about the Randy Boston case.

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## Voice from Inside: Ben Klinger

*In the fall issue Justice & Mercy introduced 31 year old Ben Klinger who has spent the last 12 years of his adult life incarcerated at SCI Albion State Prison, near Erie, Pennsylvania – 320 miles away from his family and any remaining friends. The following letter is from Ben.*

February 7, 2024

I am someone who generally does better when I'm jogging toward something vs. standing guard over an

achieved goal. I want there to be a "Greater Later" even on this side of heaven. I am grateful for where I am but I need things to strive toward. What I'm focused on achieving now is getting a Peer Assistant job.

There is this class I'm in called "Co-Occurring Outpatient Group". It is a voluntary Drug and Alcohol treatment course. If I complete this kind of course, I will qualify to be a Peer Assistant for any such class. A Peer Assistant (PA) is a Job for stand out, responsible, trusted inmates.

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PAs aid in teaching classes with the teaching staff and social workers. It represents an opportunity to expand and further my ministry efforts with people and situations that I wouldn't otherwise be able to do. Focusing on the Lord Jesus and what I can do to serve HIS kingdom is what drives me forward every day.

This PA position is a very difficult Job to obtain. I took a class last year called "Character Development" and the teacher appreciated my view on what character, principles and integrity are to the point where she insisted I be a PA in her next class. This is a great opportunity. If she hires me on as a PA, I'll then be available to any other instructors who need a PA for their groups/classes in similar areas of treatment/study. I'd like to qualify to help Drug/Alcohol classes and the only requisite is that I complete this Drug & Alcohol course and this Co-Occurring course I'm in will open that door. Even more important is that completing it will give me the ability to submit an official request for my contact visitation to be restored, so this is all pretty important to me. I have learned that having this "Greater Later" mentality has really helped me to remain grounded and focused on what matters most, it allows me to see the bigger picture and continue to make strides to improve my effectiveness as a representation of God's love to others who may have never of seen it. Right now, getting visitation reinstated and being hired on as Peer Assistant are my current goals towards that end, please pray for me to be blessed with success on these.

I know that I shouldn't get too far ahead of myself because anything can happen in here on any given day and I don't have the job yet, but things are looking promising, and I am cautiously optimistic that I will be hired on as a PA for her next character development class. I'll keep you updated on this for sure.

Please continue to pray for me, God is always in control and HIS will WILL be done. Your prayers serve as a light in the darkness. Knowing you are praying for me gives me hope and fills my cup, thank you for reading my letter and may God bless you.

Your friend,  
- Ben



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Now this neighbor man was a friend and he and his sons often helped me with harvests on the farm. Not wanting my son to be subject to the meeting he went to my parents house late that afternoon.

Barbara came to the farm that evening after work and we started talking, with me asking why she lied?"

During a heated argument and blinded by emotion, Kerby shot his wife Barbara - something he deeply regrets.

"While in the Lancaster County Prison for the first time in my life I sat and really thought about my life. I had never been at peace or fulfilled in my life. Always seeking something that seemed to be missing. The Chaplain at the time, David Meyer, spoke with me several times. On one occasion share the story of the prodigal son. I ask Chaplain Meyer to do a graveside memorial for Barbara with my family and my son, which he did.

I started taking some Bible study courses and soon realized there is a God and learned the Gospel plan of salvation. A friend sent me a Bible helps booklet on Jonah. In October 1989 I realized I was a Jonah and had been running from God for years. My whale's belly was the prison cell. I fell on my knees that night in my cell crying out to God, confessing and repenting of every sin I could remember, asking Jesus to come into my life as my Lord and Savior. A guard passing by the cell would stop and ask if i was okay? The next morning I was a new man; old things passed away, and all things became new! I was never more light of heart and more sure of my purpose in life. The burden had been lifted from my shoulders.

After being sentenced to life in prison without the possibility of parole and a 5 to 10 year sentence for shooting at the neighbor's truck I was sent to S.C.I. Dallas prison. It was here that I soon obtained a job in the prison wood shop learning the cabinet making trade and later teaching it to other men. Through this shop where I worked for 25 years I was able to share my talents by building items for several charities such as Bretheran Disaster Relief Auction, Support for Prison Ministry, Scranton Association for the blind, etc. Also I have taken classes from Luzerne County Community College eventually earning an associate degree in business administration and technology.

From the first Sunday here at Dallas I became a part of the Protestant Congregation. In July of 1992 Jim and Faye Myer along with Clinton and Barbara Rohrer attended my baptism in the chapel. I was ten when I became a member of the White Oak Church and remain so today. I became active in the church here at Dallas through the Mission Stewardship Committee and eventually was called as a deacon in the church. I remain chairman of the mission Committee for over 30 years now. I have lived 33 years here at Dallas being a living and walking testimony fort he Lord. I have completed all programs asked of me and some extra.

The victims in my case are my 41 year old son with whom I am blessed to have a loving relationship with. There is now a one year old grandson whom I hope to get to know elsewhere other than a prison setting. Also my 92 year old former mother-in-law who lives in Dallas Texas.



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It was neat today, we had a lot of time to pray, there were five of us so we split up. The great thing about five of us being on the block is that we had so much time to talk and pray and share hope.



An extensive body of research has found that incarcerated people who receive more visitors are less likely to return to jail after they are released compared to those who receive fewer or no visits. Other research points to better outcomes for families and better mental health for people in prison, as well as improved safety conditions within prisons.  
— From Pennsylvania Prison Society Supporter Update

And with one man, named Angel, specifically, we had a really great conversation. At the end he wanted to pray and ask Jesus into his heart. We prayed and I could just tell there was an anointing on his life that was being blocked by all of these hardships that he was going through.

And one thing that I try to encourage all of them with is to say, *“this isn’t wasted time for you. This is a time of preparation. Lean into what God is doing, because He’s preparing you for the next season.”*

— Debra Fileta

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## Need for a Mentor...

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He suggested that she take a trip to Florida along with an objective observer and someone he recommended, to visit with her nephew and talk to him.

Dr. Zeager also recommended visiting the owner of the company which her nephew had robbed. After meeting with the company’s owners who explained what happened, it became apparent that the foolish nephew needed a mentor more than an attorney.

Instead of hiring a lawyer, arrangements were made by the aunt for mentoring visits with the nephew.

Justice & Mercy continues in the quest to educate and help the “good people” understand that correction is more effective and produces better results than punishment.



Justice & Mercy, Inc. is a 501(c)(3) non profit, faith-based organization dedicated to ministering to and restoring both crime victims and offenders. We achieve these goals by educating and informing the public at-large, advocating cost-effective and practical reforms within the criminal justice system.

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## Aging in Prison: Caring for Elderly Inmates

Whether we like it or not, aging is an unavoidable fact of life. Likewise, out of sight and out of mind is America’s aging prison population. In 2018 The Pew Charitable Trusts reported, “one group in prisons is surging: older individuals. From 1999 to 2016, the number of people 55 or older in state and federal prisons increased 280 percent.” Over 11% of inmates in Pennsylvania prisons are over the age of 55.

As the median age of inmates in our jails and prisons steadily increases and the incidence of chronic illness and disabilities grows ever larger, the issue of how best to manage services and care for older inmates and those with chronic and terminal illnesses becomes more prominent.

Aging inmates experience loss of vision, hearing, impaired mobility and dementia which require increased medical care. Elderly, chronically ill, and terminally ill inmates require specialized treatment from specially trained staff.

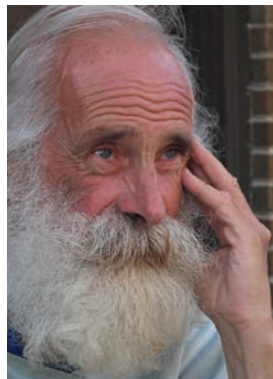


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Pew Trusts reports, that within the Federal Bureau of Prisons, institutions with the highest percentages of aging individuals spent five times more per inmate on medical care—and 14 times more per inmate on medication—than those with the lowest percentages.



A recent online NPR podcast titled, The U.S. Prison Population is Rapidly Graying shines a light on the graying prison population and the challenges this presents.





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*...so a man sharpeneth the countenance of his friend.”– Proverbs 27:17*

We find the most powerful example of mercy illustrated during the crucifixion of Jesus.

*“Then said Jesus, Father, forgive them; for they know not what they do.”*

– Luke 23:34.

**On the Thursday** before Easter Sunday Justice & Mercy's 'circle of friends' paused their busy schedules to allow the light of Christ to shine throughout the Lancaster County Prison with each friendly, face-to-face encounter, a chocolate cross and a beautiful greeting card with the printed lyrics of 'Because He Lives' for encouragement. Smiles begot smiles, names exchanged, and even a special, long forgotten face was recognized and baptism remembered during the annual Justice & Mercy Easter Celebration - Chocolate Cross Day at Lancaster County Prison!



*“For if ye forgive men their trespasses, your heavenly Father will also forgive you:”*

– Matthew 6:14

A heartfelt thank you to each and every person who through prayer, participation, and support, contribute to the uplifting and sharpening countenance of an inmate in need. It is our prayer that the Lord bless you richly.

— Justice & Mercy

**Kerby Keller**

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I am now filing an application to the Pennsylvania Board of Pardons to have my sentence commuted from life in prison to life on parole. I am humbly seeking your support in this pursuit by asking you to write a letter to the Pennsylvania Board of Pardons on my behalf.

Send your letters to Justice & Mercy,

“Thank you for your consideration and may the Lord be with you.”

–Kerby Keller

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**A MAN OF TRUTH**

Kerby is a new man – one of principle, truth, and righteous living. He has a personal relationship with the heavenly Father, which helps to keep him on the right path.

To this day Kerby maintains many good and healthy relationships with friends and family. Justice & Mercy has received approximately 75 letters from the Manheim community, residents who live in Kerby's neighborhood, as well as from incarcerated individuals who know Kerby personally. Each one vouch that he is indeed a changed man and plead for his commutation and return to society.

**Reasons why Kerby Keller should be Released:**

- A. Potentially to save Pennsylvania taxpayers around \$500,000 - \$1 million**
- B. He is a changed man who would be a benefit to his community**
- C. It provides proof that the Pennsylvania Department of Corrections was and can be successful in the restoration of character**
- D. Now a 77 year old senior citizen the community is ready to welcome Kerby home**
- E. To restore the father-son relationship with Kerby Jr. and for Kerby Jr.'s children to get to know their grandfather.**

Please consider writing a letter to the Parole Board asking for Kerby's release. Your letter needs to include the date, your first and last name, your signature, phone number and email address.

Questions? Contact Dr. Zeager at (717) 808-9890 or [tzhz@ptd.net](mailto:tzhz@ptd.net).

Dr. Tom Zeager  
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*“Do justly and love mercy” – Micah 6:8*



# MATTHEW 25:36 PROJECT

Core principle embodied in Jesus' answer to the question, "Rabbi, what is the greatest Commandment of all?"

"And he answering said, Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy strength, and with all thy mind; and thy neighbour as thyself."  
- Luke 10:27

Justice & Mercy is here to help shepherd inmates and their families through the criminal justice system.



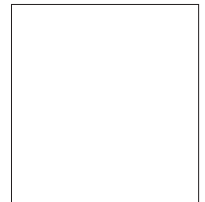
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- Philippians 2:3