

## **PRISON MINISTRY REPORT – 2007**

Last year was a rather busy year. I completed my 8<sup>th</sup> year mentoring EFM at Eastern Oregon Correctional Institution in Pendleton in May. Two men graduated. We had started with three in the fourth year class, but he was transferred out to another prison during the year. This coming year I will have two classes – one of seven men which includes Years Three and Four, and a class of six men beginning Year One.

I am happy to report that I received a call from a former inmate who was in my very first EFM class at EOCI and went on to graduate from the four year program. He has since been released from prison and is doing very well. When he first began the class, several guards and prison officials asked me what I was teaching him, because he had changed so much since becoming involved in the EFM class. He went from someone with a chip on his shoulder to being very open and respectful of everyone.

Last year I used the first \$4,000 of the \$12,000 Roanridge Grant which we had received. In addition, I received a \$1200 donation from the Diocese of Oregon's Prison Ministry Fund. Many thanks goes out to Deacon Tom English who works in the Diocese of Oregon's prison ministry field.

I continue to do monthly communion services at Eastern Oregon Correctional Institution, averaging 20 men each service, and at Two Rivers Correctional Facility in Umatilla. In addition, I serve on the Walk to Emmaus team at Washington State Penitentiary in Walla Walla three times a year, and this past year I have gone to Antenum View Correctional Facility in Yakima once a month with a friend to visit his brother and take communion to any inmates there wishing to receive.

Last December, Phyllis and I did our fifth annual Christmas Day service at EOCI, and on Easter Sunday we did our second annual Easter service there.

In His Service,  
Doug Jerome