## **FAITHFUL**

Matt 25:21



Chaplain Sandy Sebesta

Seated in the middle surrounded by Grads and Team member of CA Aglow Prison Ministry

We are delighted to have Sandra Sebesta as one of our highlights at the Retreat this year! She is known and loved by Aglow Prison Ministry team members & Grads as "Chaplain Sandy".

In 1990 Sandy joined us as a volunteer on one of the first Aglow teams going into jails and the women's prison CCWF in Chowchilla. She served several years on Aglow Prison Ministry California State Board while pursuing God's call into full-time ministry. She started Seminary in 1993 earning a MA in Theology and was ordained by Foursquare Church. Before her present assignment as Chaplain at VSP, Sandy was a faithful Volunteer Chaplain at Merced County Jail & Juvenile Hall where she led some of our "active grads" to Jesus Christ. She continued volunteering in CCWF and by then also VSPW. Later in 2005, God promoted her to full-time Chaplain at Ventura County Youth Correctional Facility. This was a female institution in southern Calif. for ages 14-25, except for 89 young men. When the Lord brought her back to VSPW as Chaplain in 2008 it fulfilled a promise she felt the Lord had spoken to her in 1993.

In Sept. 2012 the women began to leave VSPW and men began to come. In Jan. 2013 the last woman left and the prison became VSP, a men's prison of 3000. She did truly grieve the loss of the women, and even went through the stages of grief, but she is believing a vision God had given her that revival would come to VSPW.

Through her visible love for Jesus and inspiration of the Holy Spirit, she has helped many women and now men discover how the redeeming power of God will change their lives. You will want to hear the Word God has put in her heart for us today!

Continue reading below for a testimony of three women who were incarcerated in VSPW and are now out. They knew Chaplain Sandy on the inside and now are encouraged by Aglow Prison Ministry and Chaplain Sandy



## Sisters Sowing the Word Prison to Praise





Faith



Cheauvon



Viola

Faith, Cheauvon and Viola were incarcerated in Valley State Prison for Women, the largest women's prison in the world located right here in the California Central Valley. When they were in VSPW they had a huge impact for Christ on the other women there. And they knew when they got out and returned to their communities they would be doing things together for Christ on the 'Outside'. These are Aglow Prison Ministry Women!

These precious and dynamic women have started a unique ministry called <u>Sister's Sowing the Word Ministries</u>. This Ministry is a Radio Blog. All three Women have a unique calling on their lives and bring a different flavor to the group and have one thing in common, and that is "Sisterhood" and the body of Christ united as one.

1 John 4:11 says, "Beloved, if God so loved us, we ought also to love one another. No man hath seen God at any time. If we love one another, God dwelleth in us, and His love is perfected in us"

They wrote: "All of us were incarcerate Women at VSPW. We met and became friends at the Prison Church and did a lot of activities and attended Bible Studies faithfully. Later after we returned home to our families, we stayed in touch with each other. It was Cheauvon who started out with the vision of how we could reach others to show what God has done in our life and she got together with Viola and Faith on a conference call and together it became a reality. Our first show was in Nov 2012 and every Friday since we have been doing a Radio Blog on the air live from 8:30-9:00pm. We also have a page on Face Book so that we can reach even more people encouraging them that God changes lives! See below to listen in!!

1) Email: cheauvon.brown@gmail.com

2) Face Book: Cheauvon Latrice Brown

3) Call in to listen: toll free at 347-539-5577

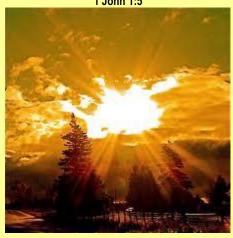
4) Google: Sisters Sowing the Word Radio Blog and listen online.



Dear Friends of CA Aglow Prison Ministry. If you would like to come to our Retreat see flier below. You can register online at <a href="www.aglow-prisonministry.org">www.aglow-prisonministry.org</a>. Time is flying by so get your spot today! Blessings and prayers to you all! Hope to see you in June! Jill Meskimen President

California Aglow Prison/Jail Ministry 22<sup>nd</sup> Annual Retreat ~ June 28 – June 30, 2013 "GOD IS LIGHT"

> AND THERE IS NO DARKNESS IN HIM 1 John 1:5



## **Light overpowers darkness!**

Come Join Us

As we celebrate how God's Glorious Light shines through us in a dark world!

The cost of the retreat includes 2 nights lodging and 5 meals - 2 breakfasts, 1 lunch and 2 dinners. Everyone will have their own bed and the price varies based on the type of room. The maximum capacity at the Conference Center is 138 so get your reservations in early. You may check out the Evergreen Conference Center and their lodging at: <a href="https://www.eccoyosemite.com">www.eccoyosemite.com</a> HOWEVER, all reservations and requests are to be directed to us.

Dormitory – twin bunk beds \$155.00 46 maximum capacity
Quad room – 4 twins \$180.00 48 maximum capacity
Double Room – full & twin \$195.00 44 maximum capacity

Non-refundable Deposit of \$50.00 will hold your spot.

Mail payment to: Aglow Prison Ministry, 19778 Sweetwater Trail, Redding, CA 96003

Or go online to pay with a credit card www.aglow-prisonministry

Balance due before: June 15, 2013

Questions or Special Needs?

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