

Thus far, 2023 has been an exciting year for Less Than The Least Ministries and the men and women we serve in the Texas Department of Criminal Justice. In this issue:

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All of the details are in this month's issue of Inside and Out.



Mark your calendars and register for in-person volunteer training on July 23, 2023 at United City Church in Humble. If you'd like to explore ways to minister to prisoners in Texas and have never been trained, this is your chance. Or if you are already a volunteer and your retraining date is within the next few months, you should sign up now. Click on the button below for more information or to register.

[Register](#)



God Loves Laughter (and we could sure use it)

Featuring
Fred Klett

October 27, 2023
Details & Tickets



This fall we will be hosting a benefit at United City Church in Humble, Texas. We'll gather on Friday October 27th. Doors open for ticket holders at 6pm and at 5pm for our sponsors to attend a meet and greet. Coffee and desserts will be on sale in the lobby. The event, God Loves Laughter (and we could sure use it), will feature the family-friendly comedy of Fred Klett.

Fred Klett, based out of Wauwatosa, Wisconsin has crafted his sterling reputation from decades of stand-up comedy. He is known for a clean style, original material, zany outlooks, impeccable timing, unique delivery and belly laughs, Fred is a sought-after comedian that can entertain across all demographics. He has had over 65 million views on YouTube alone, generating hundreds of thousands of likes and tens of thousands of responses. A sampling of 500 responses indicated 20% were from outside the USA, representing 30 countries. Fred also has numerous television credits: Showtime, A&E, NBC Friday Night Video, ABC Nightship, Comedy Channel and Dry Bar Comedy. Fred's comedy has attained international status as his clean style and original material carry a universal appeal.

We hope that you will join us. We are offering tickets and sponsorships to our subscribers first. Just click the button below to get in on the fun before it sells out!

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Baptisms at Ramsey Español

February 18, 2023



Spanish Services Update

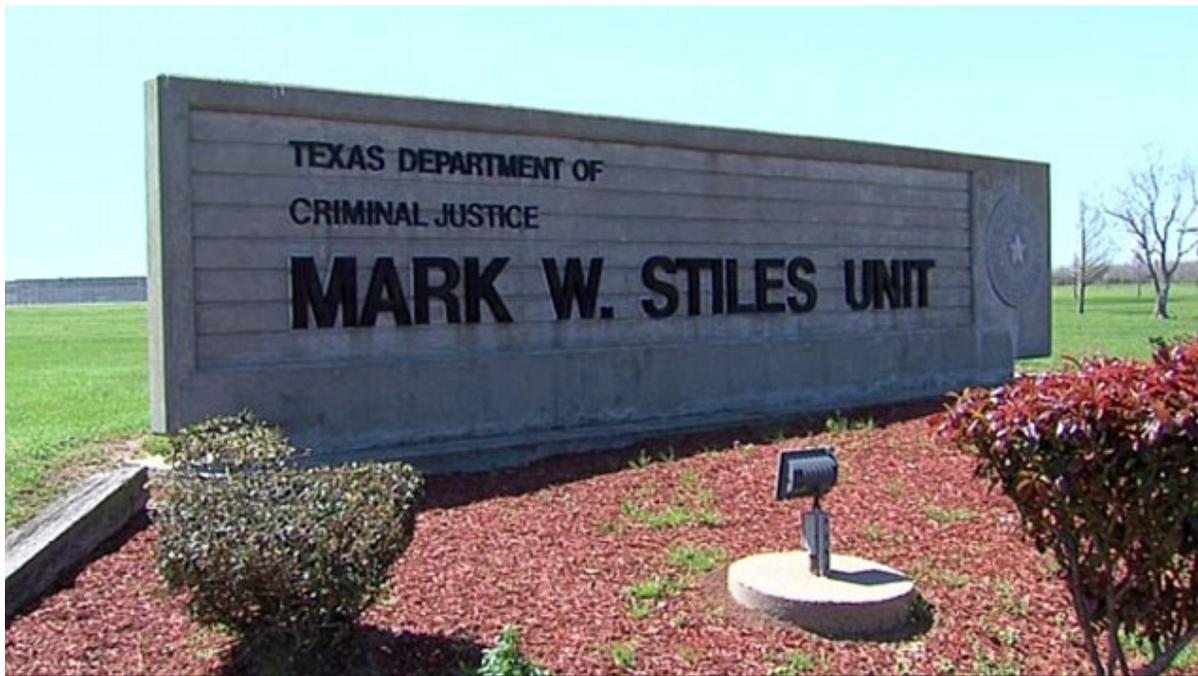
When we first got the opportunity to bring the gospel to the Spanish-speaking inmate population at Ramsey, we relied on God to lead the way. We had never led services in Spanish and didn't know how many, if any, of our volunteers could speak Spanish. But God! We now have volunteers from 4 different church partners bringing praise & worship and the gospel of Jesus at 5 different services in two units every month. As you see above, we held baptisms at the Ramsey Español service and have held communion there. United City Church has stepped up and is responding to the PALs prayer requests we receive from those services.

If you can speak Spanish and want to join in left us know!

Stiles Mobile Ministry Plus

In May, we ran a campaign to raise funds for the Stile Mobile Ministry. The chaplains at Stiles began this ministry five years ago to bring the gospel to the men at Stiles who are physically unable to attend church either because of disabilities or because they are segregated from the general population. The equipment they've been using is old and breaking down. Our goal was to replace it with new, functional equipment to keep them going. We are excited to tell you that you have achieved the goal, raising over \$1,800.

And now for the plus. By partnering with other people interested in helping the Stiles unit, we are going to be donating over \$19,000 in new equipment for their Chapel of Hope! We've just submitted the paperwork for this donation and are hopeful that the equipment will be purchased and installed before the end of the year.



THE DAVID GUNTER

HEART OF A SERVANT

Again this year we asked chaplains in regions I and III of the Texas Department of Criminal Justice to nominate inmates who have a heart for serving that resembles David Gunter's heart for service. We asked that they meet this criteria:

- 1) The inmate should have a clean disciplinary record during the past year
- 2) The inmate must serve the chaplaincy department in a formal or informal capacity patiently and selflessly
- 3) The service should consistently demonstrate God's unconditional love without regard for the past sins of their fellow inmates or perceived wrongs of the staff
- 4) The inmate must be of good reputation with the inmate population and unit staff.

We are excited to announce the winners. Lance Fleming of the Oliver J. Bell Unit in Cleveland, Texas, nominated by Chaplain Mary Berry and Raymar Ford from the C.T. Terrell unit in Rosharon, Texas, nominated by Chaplain Dianna Edwards are this year's recipients. The men have received signed copies of the certificates below



Fully stocked supply closet.

Plane State Indigent Supply Program



Supplies being distributed by chapel worker

Always a need

One of the programs of Less Than The Least Ministries is our Indigent Hygiene Supplies program which provides basic hygiene items to indigent inmates free of charge by partnering with unit chaplains. The state of Texas only provides a minimal amount of hygiene items to Texas inmates: five to seven very small bars of soap (about half the size of the typical hotel bar of soap) per week and one small tube of toothpaste per quarter. With the provided soap an inmate must not only care for their body, but also clean any personal dishes, cups, spoons, and wash any personal undergarments or socks. Texas does not provide deodorant nor shampoo. Since the prison units

are generally only air conditioned in employee office spaces, you can imagine the issues without sufficient soap and no deodorant. A lack of shampoo makes it especially difficult for the incarcerated women. Keeping oneself clean is a nearly impossible task. Offenders work in prison without pay in a variety of support jobs such as farm work, cooking and laundry. They also contribute to the production of everything from making clothes and shoes to mattresses, furniture and more. Some inmates have families who can provide money to spend at the unit commissary (up to \$105 per month) where they can purchase these items. However, a growing number do not. Without this program to supply chaplains with these items for free, these indigent inmates are forced to either endure or resort to “side hustles” that are either violations of the rules or, in some cases, illegal in order to meet these basic needs. Such behaviors are counter to any rehabilitative opportunities that may exist, tending to encourage the same choices that landed many of them in prison in the first place. We need your help to continue providing these supplies. Please click the button below if you can help!

I want to help!



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