



Dear Michael G Maness,

I'm writing to thank you for supporting our work, and asking for you to continue to do so. I'll tell you why. It's hard for me to convey to you how much we need your support if this miraculous movement of our God is to continue. For the first time in our 12-year history, we now have two campuses: our first campus, for men, is now 12 years in operation, and has graduated over 200 Field Ministers who are now serving in teams in 42 men's Texas prisons. The second campus is for the women in our Texas prisons who also want to become Field Ministers and serve in the women's prisons. We now have a second campus to staff, equip, and continually operate. Our historic first class of women in the Heart of Texas Foundation College of Ministry have just become sophomores, and we are so grateful.

For over twelve years we have been allowed to give this powerful theological training to men, and now we have the full support of the State of Texas to give that same training to women in the Texas prison system. It's more than incredible. It is a true gift from our God.

This year, the Heart of Texas Foundation College of Ministry is now providing, at no charge to any inmate, 40 academic courses at the men's Memorial Unit and 10 courses at the women's Hobby Unit. That makes 50 individual courses we will provide for over 200 men and women with extremely long prison sentences who are our students. We have a continuing need for hundreds of textbooks to support the academic courses in both campuses as well as library books, paper, pencils, supplies, computers, tables, chairs, and equipment. Our faculty not only have the highest academic qualifications and capabilities, they each have proven ministry experience. They are pastors, nurses, teachers, engineers, business people, and academicians who love the Lord, love our team, love our students, love their families, and love the church. They prepare well and challenge our students to do the same. Your financial gift goes directly to this work, these necessary elements to fulfilling our mission to prepare men and women to serve as Field Ministers.

The State of Texas is unique in all the world in accommodating this approach to prisoner rehabilitation. The Heart of Texas Foundation College of Ministry is allowed to offer a Christ-centered course of study to long-term prisoners that results in the creation of the first men and women "Field Ministers" in world prison history. What we are doing is unequalled anywhere in the world.

Why do we admit only men and women with the longest sentences in Texas prisons? Because when they graduate from our program, they still have to serve out their long sentences, only now they serve those long years as Field Ministers. They turn their long sentences into a way to bless others and to change the prisons for the better. They are equipped to give spiritual help through their Christ-centered training with us. They become spiritual first-responders.

We need you and thank God for you.

In Christ whom we serve,