

Friends, I just got this from Suzii Paynter. Thanks Suzii ... great news!



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I had some very encouraging news yesterday. After meeting with Rep Otto's office (chair of the appropriations corrections subcommittee) I was told that Chaplaincy had been restored to \$9.1M - same as current biennium. I had her double check figures and notes from Wednesday's workgroup meeting and she called me back to personally confirm. These numbers were for the House budget, which is where the real work of hashing out the details are taking place. The whole session is not over and these numbers have not been published yet, but I am so so so so excited - in a very reserved way of course!

I know that Rep Otto received personal visits and calls from folks involved in prison ministry speaking on behalf of chaplaincy. I also know that the tireless efforts of all the folks who have supported chaplaincy and all the reporters who have covered the story have helped monumentally!

Thanks be to God for this good news. We will remain diligent and grateful to Him for the way in which the Holy Spirit is moving the hearts of so many for this ministry.

Grace in all corners,

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This is incredibly great news ... heartwarming, to say the least.

Pass on to all of your pockets of networks ... but know that it is the first for several final and crucial stages. This was the first major hurdle to climb, and you all – with several others – have played crucial role in that. Thanks again for Suzii Paynter of the CLC, Bee Moorehead of Texas Impact, and Jennifer Carr Allmon of Catholic Conference – the three angels in Austin – as well as Frank Graham of Chapel of Hope and Emmett Solomon for their mighty efforts.

Truly, without so many doing so much, we would not have come this far. **TEAM = Together Everyone Achieves More** ... hopefully, more good news will come as the arduous process continues. Pass this on to your network too ... while it might be a little pre-mature, think about sending a note to Suzii ... a key angel in this process. And it is NOT pre-mature to thank *your* legislator in advance, too ... hint, hint.

Sincerely, Mike

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