



Don't Ever, Ever Doubt Resurrection Power



Coty Boileau (center) with mentors and PTF staff

Grad School is Good, Too

By Coty Boileau

I suppose I'm a little unusual among PTF graduates. I got as much out of the program after I finished as when I was going through it.

By God's great mercy, I made parole on my first try after serving 14 years on a conviction for two first-degree murders. I have no doubt that the success of PTF graduates who went before me weighed heavily

in the board's decision. For me, the value of the program was in reconnecting me to the values I'd grown up with and had fallen away from. I had finished high school at 18 and begun college when I went astray and landed in prison.

I wasn't in a good place when I volunteered for PTF three years before parole eligibility, but the support and love I met there helped me recover who I had been. After I finished, Scott McLean approached me about teaching computer and resume-

An Easter parable:

A fellow from Little Rock named Leroy had yearned for years to visit the Holy Land. At last the time was right.

Little Rock Leroy told his wife, Lizzie, it was time to go. She agreed. The next thing she said was, "And we should take my mother along."

"Oh," said Leroy.

Now they were three. Off they went to the Holy Land. On the first day, as they walked the cobbled streets of the Old City of Jerusalem, Little Rock Lizzie's mother suffered a massive heart attack and collapsed, and on that spot she died.

While Lizzie grieved back at the hotel, Leroy went off to see the undertaker.

"You've got two options," said the undertaker, Jeremiah, better known as Jerusalem Jerry. "You can bury her here in the the Holy Land for \$100 or you can ship the remains back to Little Rock for \$5,000."

"Ship her," said Leroy.

"Maybe you misunderstood," said Jerry. "For only \$100 you can bury her here in the sacred soil of the Holy City. It will cost you \$4,900 more to ship her back to Little Rock."

"Ship her," said Leroy.

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writing classes. I wasn't much interested but he kept insisting, smiling the whole time like he always does. I'm glad saying no wasn't an option because I found out that helping others who want to better

themselves felt pretty good. It turns out it was just the thing I needed.

I've been out for over a year now, working for a man who understands and staying active in my church in Heber Springs. God's mercies never fail.

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"But, one last time," Jerusalem Jerry protested, "\$100 for burial here in the Holy Land, \$5,000 to ship her back to Little Rock. Which one?"

"Look," said Little Rock Leroy, "2,000 years ago a fellow was buried here and three days later he walked out of his tomb. Now, ship her!"

The moral of this parable is: Never, ever, ever, underestimate resurrection power.

For a demonstration of it, you can visit the Holy Land during Easter season. Or you can visit Pathway to Freedom during our Resurrection Campaign. Resurrection takes place on an ongoing basis here at PTF as the Ho-

ly Spirit transforms men who were dead in their trespasses and sins into new creations in the Lord. Anyone who has the privilege of playing a part never doubts for an instant that he has witnessed resurrection. And a life transformed in prison translates into a better citizen on the outside and the renewing of our society.

The cost of sponsoring an inmate in our program for a year is \$2,500. A donation of just over \$200 a month allows us to shepherd a man down Resurrection Way. Through your generosity, we exceeded our goal of \$25,000 a year ago, finishing our campaign with \$33,000. We thank you and praise God!

With an average of 200 men participating in the program at any time and with no tax dollars involved, we

must not rest in our labors to raise the support that fuels these resurrections. Our goal this year is \$50,000.

On April 3 volunteers and supporters from around the state will gather here at the Hawkins Prison for Men in Wrightsville for a program including a meal with PTF Inmates. We will hear powerful resurrection stories. We are calling upon churches throughout Arkansas to join in by sponsoring one or two Inmates or contributing what you can to help us reach our goal. Please let us know if you, your church or organization will be able to participate in this event. We will start at 10-11:30 a.m. with testimonies, lunch, pictures and a tour. Everyone is welcome.

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Members of Group 27, with counselor Gerren Frazier, gather to celebrate completion of the pre-release phase on January 2.



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