

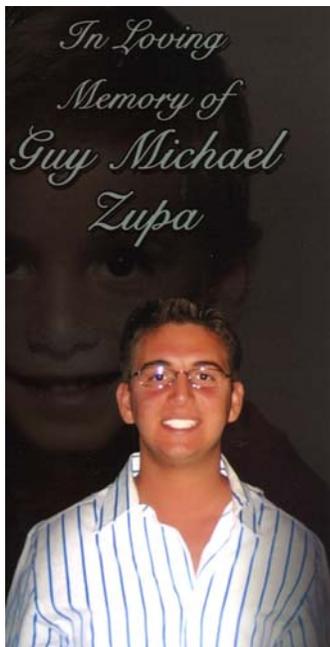
# EE PRISON MINISTRY

## GOD'S ETERNAL RIPPLE EFFECT

Hello Friends,

I just received a letter from a dear friend and I felt led to share it with you in honor of Guy Zupa, one of my spiritual children. Guy will always have a special place in my heart and ministry.

Guy introduced me to several of his friends through whom our ministry has been able to provide spiritual guidance to their families as they adjust and cope with their loved one's incarceration.

EE Prison Ministry has a very special place in my heart.

I have been a friend of

Art and his family for over 20 years.

I was teaching high school Spanish when I first met Art. His daughter Alex was being home schooled and I got a call that she needed some tutoring. Soon after that I translated some material for EE. My sons were 5 & 7 and wanted to meet Art. I always jumped at the opportunity to have my sons meet a "Servant". We always kept in touch, and Art was great about coming to the school I was teaching at to share the gospel. Even during his breaks, I would catch him home and he never said no to the opportunity. Art has never changed and

our family always respected him and his passion for souls.

In 2006 the Holy Spirit prompted him to call me. He said the Lord laid me on his heart. I couldn't believe it, His timing is always perfect. I shared with Art that my son wasn't making the best choices and I was struggling with that. The first thing he said was "God is after his heart" I said, "I know". Art offered to meet with him if he was willing. My son Guy said yes. We met at a local restaurant where we ate and the two talked for three hours. Towards the end, right in the middle of the restaurant my 20 year old son broke

down and repented of his sins and invited Jesus into His heart. That was on April 11, 2006.

On April 11, 2008, my son took his life. I will never know why. But I do KNOW he is in heaven. In Philippians Paul said, "The things which he had suffered were for the furtherance of the gospel", at Guy's funeral over 40 people raised their hands for salvation. Art took the time to meet with my son because he was led by the Spirit. I have the peace that I will join my son in heaven. For this I am eternally grateful and will continue to support this ministry.

Abiding In Him,  
Maria Zupa

## Maria's surprise birthday gift

Six years after Guy's passing Mari remains a faithful supporter and advocate to our outreach to the incarcerated families. Shortly, after she wrote the above letter she emailed me a special note about a special "All God" moment. She gave me permission to share it with you. . .

I was leaving the Christian Book Store where I bought a Bible for a friend. I was driving slowly past Publix and I saw a blue helium balloon floating in the air that said, "HAPPY BIRTHDAY!" I smiled and said "that's from GUY."

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## Maria's surprise birthday gift cont'd. . .

As I continued driving through the parking lot, it starts to lower and fly in my direction. For a second, I thought of jumping out and grabbing it, but I didn't. The plastic weight of the balloon hits my windshield; I was in complete awe!! I then proceeded to drive towards the exit of the shopping center and I said, "God if this is from Guy, let it come back to me". I then make a right hand turn, which puts me at the back entrance of Publix when I spotted the balloon again. I said out loud, "God please bring it back to me, bring it to me." The balloon makes its way towards the dumpster where I see a stack of wood crates and think to myself, "I WILL CLIMB UP THERE TO CATCH IT." Within seconds, the balloon slowly lowers down right in front of me, all I had to do was reach out my hand and there it was; my birthday balloon from GUY !!!!!



YOU'RE AN AMAZING GOD!!



## A Note from Art

Hello Friends,

Over the years, the increase in demand for spiritual guidance to the incarcerated families has caused us to expand our outreach and assistance into the communities and homes to where the incarcerated will return.

There are approximately 2 million people incarcerated in the U.S. Over 1.5 million children in the US have a parent serving a sentence in a state or federal prison. The average age of children with an incarcerated parent is eight years old. 75 % of incarcerated women are mothers. However, since 2011, the statistic of those incarcerated is on the decline compared to those being released;

*The number releases from state and federal prisons (688,384) exceeded the number of admissions 668,800. \*\**

In 2013 EEPM was able to impact over 7,000 families of the incarcerated. We reached over 5,600 men and women with the gospel through in-prison worship services; discipled over 1,000 inmates through correspondence Bible studies; traveled thousands of miles across the United States and equipped over 600 of those imprisoned with the tools to effectively share their faith on the compounds with their peers and personally with their families.

Please be in prayer with us and our increased outreach and support to the incarcerated families. We will always have prisoners and we will always have family members who appeal to God on their behalf; sometimes I feel as though we are direct answers to the prayers of the prisoner's loved ones. Consequently, we must go. And, with your continued help we will!

\*\* Ref: U.S. Department of Justice - Office of Justice Programs - Bureau of Justice Statistics

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## Banquet & Baskets

Our heartfelt thanks to Charlie Ward and everyone who made our “2014 Pressing on Towards the Goal” Banquet a great event!

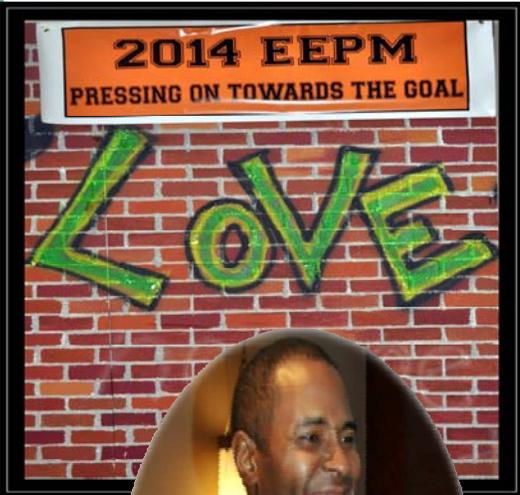
It was definitely an inspiring evening at the Hyatt Ballroom in March as those in attendance raised 38% of our annual goal in gifts and pledges. We are praising God for this awesome fundraising beginning! Now, please pray with us as we seek God for other fundraising opportunities and as we await new and renewed partnerships from new and past supporters.

Along with the monies raised, 85 children of local inmates were sponsored to receive an Easter basket that included the gospel message and lots of other goodies!

(See more pictures from the banquet on our Facebook page)



“The baskets were wonderful, and my granddaughters LOVED them....especially the Kids EE Cube! Thank you for helping the Bradenton Moms & their babies to feel better. “



***Our supporters are absolutely the best!***



## Reunited and it feels SO GOOD!

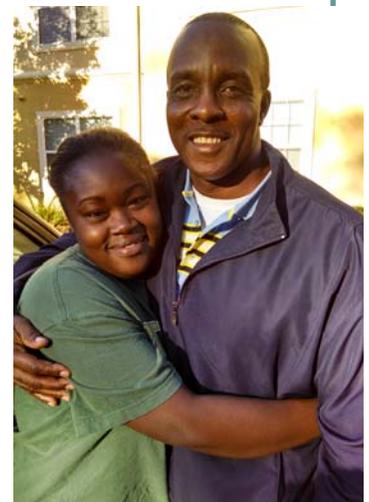
We rejoice in welcoming home Adam Jolly!

After 22 years of incarceration, Adam has returned home to reunite with his daughter and family. While in prison, Adam was instrumental in facilitating four levels of EE.

At his release hearing, Adam shared with me that before the judge released him, he read aloud a letter that we had written on Adam’s behalf and said that this letter helped him finalize his decision to release Adam.

We rejoiced with Adam at our banquet and had

an opportunity to spend some personal time together. We are in touch with Adam and have plans to assist him in the start up of EE in his church on the East Coast of Florida. Please keep him in prayer as he adjusts to his new life on the outside.





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MAY	
May 9—12	Ministry in Maine
May 14—19	Ministry in New York Prisons
May 20	FCCC Volunteer Steering Committee Meeting— Arcadia, FL
May 26	MEMORIAL DAY
May 31	Child Evangelism Fellowship SYF Workshop— Warrenton, MO
JUNE & JULY	
June 22	Pulpit ministry at FCCC
June 28—July 3	EE Intern'l Summit—Lake Tahoe
July 6	Worship services at Loma Rica Community Church
July 7—9	California prison ministry