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Yes! I will partner with you in declaring that families need assistance, spreading the good news, and preparing the next generation to reach and restore healthy relationships among our families.

Please find my . . .

1. One Time Gift \$ _____
2. Monthly Gift I want to be part of the Stones Builder that is used to sustain the work of Living Stones in the Big Bend region. Here is my first monthly gift of \$ _____.
3. Please give me a call. I'd like to talk with you about how I can help financially. Phone # (_____) _____.

ask the Expert >>>

Q: *What is the greatest sin?*

A: *The greatest sin is pride.*

Matthew 23:2-12

Satan's sin was pride. Pride states "I can do better than God," which is what Satan thought he could do.

Secondly, pride leads to the sin of rebellion, which in turns conflict with what God plans for us. "God resists the proud, but gives grace to the humble" —James 4:6.

Thirdly, our pride leads us not to learn or receive from God or man. Jesus said, "we must become as little children" (Matthew 18:3,4).

Other verses: Psalm 59:12;
Proverbs 8:13; 16: 18; 29:23

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Living Stones International A Quarterly Insight into "Building True Relationships"

the **stone** builders

Children of Inmates

**LIVING STONES HITS THE MARK
WITH A NEW PROGRAM**



simplifying The Facts:

Some interesting statistics on the vital role of fathers:

- ⇒ 63% of youth suicides are from fatherless homes
- ⇒ 90% homeless & runaway children from fatherless homes
- ⇒ 85% of children exhibiting behavioral disorders come from fatherless homes
- ⇒ 80% of rapists motivated with displaced anger come from fatherless homes
- ⇒ 71% of high school dropouts come from fatherless homes
- ⇒ 75% of adolescent patients in chemical abuse centers come from fatherless homes
- ⇒ 70% of juveniles in state-operated institutions come from fatherless homes



Pastors Gary & Josephine Montgomery

As lively stones, are built up a spiritual house, a holy priesthood, to offer up spiritual sacrifices, acceptable to God by Jesus Christ. 1 Peter 2:4

A message from the Founders. . .

Living Stones' first bonding visit was at Lowell's state prison, a new experience for us. It was a female prison. We observed how the inmates responded to their children. The aim of the staff and the volunteers was to make sure inmates were behaving as moms. It is important for children to bond with their moms. The statistic floating that seventy percent of inmates' children will follow them to prison is what Living Stones is trying to reduce by implementing our new program called Children of Inmates.

This bonding experience will help the inmate and child build, restore, and strengthen their relationship together. The child does better in school, graduate high school, and makes plans for technical school or college. Inmates

reduce their disciplinary reports (DRs) and set goals for their release from prison, thereby reducing their recidivism rate. It's been proven for five years in the South Florida area.

To make this program more effective and reach more children, Living Stones is hosting Koffee Klatches. We held our first one August 17th and it was very successful. Many of our partners, donors, interns, and volunteers came to hear about this program. Desserts were awesome.

We are looking for others to step forward to host a Koffee Klatch for Living Stones—call the office to set a date, (850) 765-0320 or email either Pastor Gary or Elder Josephine at info@welivingstones.org.

TIPS FOR VOLUNTEERS. . .

- Be enthusiastic, there's always some looking
- Arrange to bring others with you when you serve
- Keep a smile, it always dresses up your outlook
- Your attitude determines your altitude
- If you treasure your work, invest in it
- If it's raining on someone's parade, hold the umbrella
- Remember it's not about me, but to whom we serve



Leon Regional Juvenile Detention Center

Helping our at-risk youth is immeasurable. It proves that there are youth wanting discipline and challenges beyond what others may believe about them. Even though their environment may try to dictate particular responses, working with our youth changes their attitude about making better choices.

Living Stones is looking for more volunteers to serve our youth at the Detention Center. Want to know more about this program, please call our office (850) 765-0320 and sign up to help our youth with new and exciting opportunities.



Children of Inmates' Program

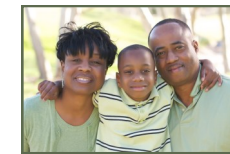
helps children first & caregivers & inmates

Living Stones' Ministry becomes a Community Based Care Coordinator Center



Inmates' concerns:

"How will my children know me I left when they were so young?" "How do I speak with them and about what?" Concerns like these are the reasons we meet with inmates weekly before the visit overcoming these fears. Talking and discussing fears before the bonding visit makes a smoother visit between parent and child.



Caregivers wishers:

"My son or daughter will find prison fun." "I've moved on with my life, why does my son or daughter need to be involved with their dad." Questions like these may not appear important, but our program provides needs assessments, as well as assist the caregiver with answers to their own fears.

Living Stones' desires:

- Children to be successful & productive in their own lives.
- Children finishing school, enter college, trade school, or military.
- Caregivers have the necessary resources for their own success and productivity.
- Inmates to bond with their children, reduce their recidivism rates and disciplinary reports, as well as help them obtain jobs and start their own businesses.

It's all about the children. . .

Our programs, although assisting the inmate and caregiver, is aimed is helping their children. We work with finding their need, assigning mentors, helping with homework and school, as well as be there for them whenever needs arise.

Children will overcome the statistic that they will follow their incarcerated parent to prison. A five track record has been established in the South Florida area. Children are important and need the boundaries and discipline that comes with training and excellent parenting skills.

Living Stones provides these programs & services:

Big Bend Fatherhood Initiative & Teen Dad Program

Transforming Prison Ministry & Children of Inmates

Marriage Really Works for singles, dating couples, as well as newly and seasoned married couples, and even for those divorced and widowed