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## Park Cities Presbyterian Hosts Urban Ministry Conference

Park Cities Presbyterian sponsors eight urban ministries. Adult Rehabilitation Ministry (ARM) and Restoration Outreach of Dallas (ROD) are two of the eight ministries. Park Cities Presbyterian recently sponsored a conference, Friday through Sunday, January 23-25, 2009. At the conference, each of the eight ministries was highlighted. This celebration included a banquet on Friday where approximately 400 members attended. The Program Director for ARM and former ARM client, Jerry Porter, presented his testimony of recovery and deliverance to an enthusiastic audience. On Saturday, a workshop was held. This workshop included a panel discussion where all eight of the program directors offered overviews.



Obie Bussey, Executive Director of ROD, presented an overview of ROD and announced the procedures for church members to volunteer. On Sunday, Butch McCaslin and Obie Bussey attended the Sunday School. Each man shared an overview of the ROD and ARM programs. Additionally, each ministry was featured at all three worship services. The Golden Gate Missionary Baptist Church Choir continued the celebration at the 6:00 pm worship hour.

There will be a bus tour for all members to visit each of the eight ministries. The tour will stop at ROD and ARM February 7<sup>th</sup>, 2009 between 10:30 am and 11:00 am.

## ARM Graduation

ROD and ARM held graduation on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday in January. There were eight (8) men and 1 (one) woman. Two of the men were ROD clients. These men completed ROD while at Hutchins. They were picked up by ROD staff and delivered to the ARM program. We are pleased to announce that the two men, Randy Gavin and Lawrence Blakes, completed the six (6) month graduation requirement for ARM. Randy began working at Pilgrim Pride as a maintenance technician and has moved to Aftercare in the ARM program. Lawrence is seeking employment at this time. Please remember both men in your prayers.

## ROD Mentoring Program Kick-off



ROD ministries hosted their first mentor workshop, January 17<sup>th</sup>, 2009. Fifteen (15) men attended the workshop and mentorship training at the Hutchins and Dawson State Jails. They will be walking along side the men when they are released from prison. ROD has twenty-five (25) faithful volunteers who go into the Hutchins prison weekly. Five (5) men go into Dawson State Jail every Tuesday between 10:30 am and noon. Twenty (20) men go to the Hutchins State Jail every Wednesday night between 6:30 pm and 8:30 pm. ROD ministers up to fifty (50) men at Dawson and one-hundred-fifty (150) men at Hutchins.

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# Volunteer Opportunities

- ✚ Mentoring opportunities, looking for mentors. Someone who would:
  - Meet one time with the men while in prison,
  - Call them once a week,
  - Meet with them after release twice a month.
- ✚ Volunteers to go into the prison.
  - Dawson State Jail every Tuesday 10:30 am to noon,
  - Hutchins State Jail every Wednesday night 6:30 pm – 8:30 pm.
- ✚ Volunteer Coordinator
- ✚ Mentor Coordinator
- ✚ Volunteer administrative assistant that will work six to eight hours a week doing general office duties.
- ✚ Disciplers – Upon release each man needs to be "walked with" in and through the trials of daily life, supported by God's Word and the Body of Christ.
- ✚ Clothing, personal items.
- ✚ Please contact us to see how God's call upon your life may be met through service to the lost and the least.



# Upcoming Events

- Mentor Training;
- PCPC Bus Tour;
- ???.