



Santa had to work but he found us



Even COVID couldn't turn off the Christmas cheer at PTF

Say hello to Ramone Woodall

Ramone Woodalll, our newest program counselor, worked in the psychiatric field as both an inpatient and outpatient counselor for 20 years. His experience ranges from working as a mental health paraprofessional with at-risk adolescents and children and their families to working as a case manager with homeless adults as a representative for the purpose of obtaining supplemental Social Security and disability income. He worked for the Arkansas



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Department of Corrections for five years, primarily as a training instructor, re-entry facilitator, management-level trainer and briefly as a correction officer. He is founder and lead pastor of New Nation Church.

By Scott McLean

I would like to thank everyone who gave generously in celebrating the birth of our Savior with a special meal to our members during Christmas. Due to COVID, we were unable to present our annual family banquet on the unit, but your generous gift brought many smiles and appreciation to our members. The PTF Board of Directors along with our superintendent of the Wrightsville Complex, Deangelo Earl, and **Deputy Wardens Linda Louis** and Linda Dykes added a special touch to the celebration with their presence and service by serving the meal to our members.

What a resounding display of servanthood and depiction of what the spirit of Christmas is all about, "The spirit of giving!" We rejoice in God's gift to the world, His son, Jesus, the Savior of the world! PTF will forever be a place that proclaims this gift of hope, love and redemption to those we serve. We are grateful for our partnership with the Department of Corrections and Supt. Earl and his team at the Wrightsville Complex for their ongoing support.

I made the right call when I came to PTF

By Rodney Kirkpatrick

Leading up to my incarceration, I was using drugs and alcohol to numb my pain from an unstable childhood. Growing up I was moved from town to town and school to school by my mom moving from man to man. I got involved with drugs at a young age. To me drugs were an escape from reality. I decided to join the Army once I graduated High School. I continued to abuse drugs and alcohol while in the Army. Drugs led me to making decisions that I would later be arrested for and sentenced to 20 years in the Dept. of Corrections.

After being incarcerated for 10 years I made a decision that little did I know would be the most important decision in my life. I joined a program called Pathway to Freedom. It was definitely a culture shock at first. I was greeted with the most hospitality that I'd ever experienced in my life. The staff at PTF was so willing to help me



Rodney Kirkpatrick receives some well-deserved recognition

work through my issues that it made it so easy to overcome my demons. I chose to accept Christ and allow Him to lead me through my troubles. I eventually was given the chance to work for Scott and little did I know that I would be challenged in so many different ways. I was assigned to a group called Restorative Council and given the chance to help my fellow inmates. I was a Leader in the Program and had numerous people coming to me for advice.

Once I was released from prison, I was assigned a mentor named Micheal Springer. He was also a former Army guy that had been through the program. After calling him and talking for a few minutes, I knew that I would be fine with this guy's help. We met for lunch a couple times and talked about finding a job and getting my life back on track. I am able to call or text him at any time and just talk. He has been the person, outside the family, that has been involved in me reentering society as a successful citizen.



Group 33 with counselor Jon Justice



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