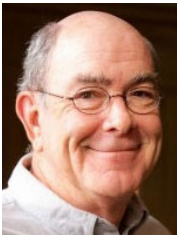




Fall Issue



A message from Dean Bucalos, Executive Director of MB3

Autumn has arrived after an extremely hot month of September. Cool crisp mornings. Halloween decorations. Squirrels gathering and collecting. Leaves turning. The fall season is a time of transition that is at once visible and stunning. We see change occurring right before our eyes.

Like the fall season, the work of MB3 that you make possible sees change occurring in the lives of those incarcerated and recently released from incarceration right before our eyes. Movement from confinement to freedom. From dependence to independence. From dreaming to living out those dreams. In many ways, seeing the dramatic changes in people's lives is much the same miracle as witnessing the turning of leaves from green to gold, red, orange, brown and yellow. God's hand is in both processes. MB3 has a privileged role in this miracle of transformation because we have wonderful partners who believe such transformation is not only possible but also necessary in lives that have been broken and often misguided.

As you put on that favorite sweater and breathe deeply the sharp, fresh evening air and marvel at the beauty of God's creation, please give thanks that you make possible the transformation of the lives of so many through your kind and generous support of MB3.

Rev. Caitlin Simpson called to serve as Pastor/Mentor Coordinator



After a long search process that attracted numerous qualified candidates, MB3 has called Rev. Caitlin Simpson to serve as the new Pastor of our congregation, New Life in Christ Christian Church, which is located

inside Dismas Charities-Diersen, a women's detention facility in Louisville, Kentucky. Rev. Simpson will also take responsibility as MB3's Mentor Coordinator overseeing a growing mentor volunteer program. A graduate of the University of Kentucky and Louisville Presbyterian Theological Seminary, Caitlin was ordained in the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) and has a commitment to social justice and working with people who have experienced trauma in their lives. She most recently served as associate pastor on the staff of First Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) in Louisville. Rev. Simpson will begin on November 12th when she will be installed as the church's new pastor. MB3 is delighted to have her join its work and ministry.

Save the Date: **The Reveal 2020**



MB3's annual fundraiser dinner and celebration, **The Reveal**, will take place on **Friday, April 24, 2020 at The Table in Louisville**. Always a wonderful evening of joy and gratitude, we invite you to save this date now on your calendar hoping

that you can attend. The Table is a non-profit located in the Portland neighborhood that serves delicious, locally grown, fresh food and operates under a pay-what-you-can model. MB3 is pleased to continue its relationship with this community partner.

"I am beyond excited for the opportunity to serve alongside the members of New Life in Christ Christian Church. I can't wait to get to know the stories of the members and to seek together both healing and comfort in times of uncertainty and fear. While I know the reality of trauma exists, I also know that building and maintaining a supportive community is essential and embrace the opportunity to join NLIC's community."

Rev. Caitlin Simpson

MB3 Produces Mentor Training Videos

This summer, board members Mark Johnson and Dr. Jennifer Ortiz volunteered to work with MB3's volunteer communications director, Mike Nabicht, to create training videos for MB3's mentoring program. These high quality instructional videos are designed to train mentors across the Commonwealth of Kentucky. Accessible through a passcode, MB3 hopes to make these videos available to potential mentors who are unable to attend an in-person training in either Louisville or Lexington. Many of those who are recently released from incarceration whom MB3 serves return to their communities in more rural parts of the Commonwealth. These videos will make possible the training of mentors in those communities. We are grateful to Mike for overseeing the production of these videos and to Mark and Jennifer for sharing their expertise and time.

What you are doing is working! Charlotte's story...



Mentors (l-r) Dona Renfro, LaVece Hughes, Shirley Cook with Charlotte Stewart (2nd from left)

We met Charlotte at Dismas Charities-Diersen. She faithfully attended our weekly worship services hosted by New Life in Christ Christian Church and participated in our life skills re-entry class, where she learned about the benefit of working with an MB3 mentoring group. We are proud of Charlotte and the positive steps she has taken since her release from incarceration.

In her own words....

MB3 has been a blessing to me. It has helped me to reach my goals, to get a job and to help others in my job. By keeping my goals, caring and supporting others, you have given me hope. Just knowing that I have someone to depend on has been a great helping hand to me. Being with MB3 is the best decision that I have ever made.

- Charlotte Stewart

MB3 Partners with U of L KENT SCHOOL OF SOCIAL WORK



This school year, MB3 is partnering with U of L's Kent School of Social Work by hosting a master's level practicum student. Maria Trevizo began her practicum with MB3 on August 27th and has hit the ground running providing case management for the residents at Dismas Charities-Diersen. She works over 16 hours a week for MB3. Maria completed MB3's mentoring training and is being supervised by Dr. Judy Heitzman and Dr. Stephanie Prost. She is dedicated to and enthusiastic about the tasks she has been assigned. MB3 is fortunate to have Maria working with us and providing quality case management.



What you have just read by one of our returning citizens happened because of people who support us either by volunteering or making a contribution. Please take a moment now to make a one-time gift or set up a monthly contribution to MB3. It will make a difference. On behalf of all we serve, thank you!

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or Donor and help change lives.*

Other Ways To Support MB3

- Shop on **Amazon Smile** and set MB3 as the non-profit to receive a percent of your purchases from Amazon.
- Create a **Facebook fundraiser** for MB3 in honor of special events such as your birthday.
- Have a lasting impact on MB3 with a **Monthly Recurring Donation** by checking the recurring donation box when you make your donation.

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