



**Chicagoland  
Prison  
Outreach**

# CPO MINISTRIES

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## BACK TO SCHOOL GIVEAWAY

THROUGH OUR PARTNERSHIP WITH ELIM CHRISTIAN SERVICES AND LOCAL CHURCHES, CPO WAS ABLE TO PROVIDE SCHOOL PACKS TO 622 CHILDREN! THAT IS 189 FAMILIES OF INMATES SERVICED!



MARSHALL MOSBY, EX - OFFENDER, PRAYS FOR CHILDREN AT AN ANGELS OF HOPE EVENT!

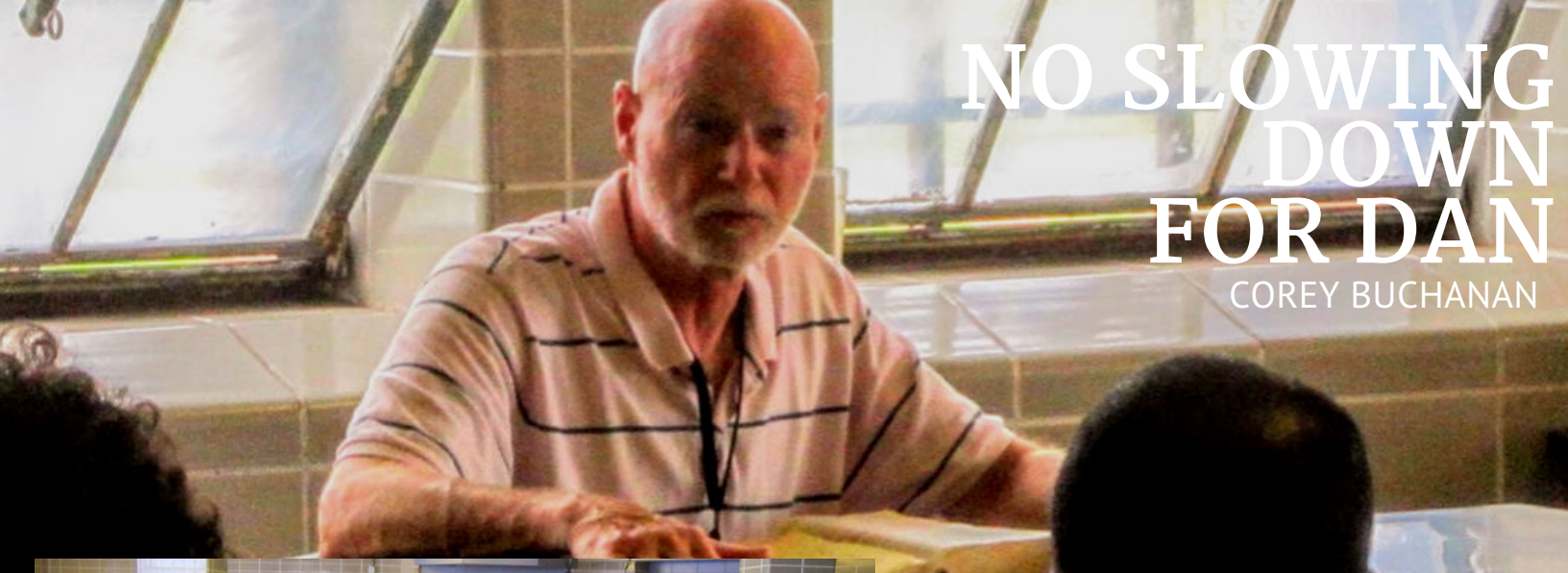
Marshall Mosby, an ex offender, came to CPO through our vocational trade program upon release from Cook County Department of Corrections. Marshall says, "As I attended these classes I began to build relationships with various team leaders and I enjoyed the fact that this was a Christian based organization that allowed me to strengthen my relationship with Christ. We not only learned the basic principles of carpentry but it was infused with the word of God and how ironic that Christ's earthly profession was that of a carpenter". Marshall had many challenges and transitions to overcome but through the grace of God and the discipleship with CPO staff, Marshall has not only continued his walk with the Lord Jesus but is now in a position to give back. Today Marshall has become involved in organizations like CPO and The Exodus Projects, an urban community development program, as a volunteer.

"IF IT HAD NOT BEEN FOR A PROGRAM LIKE CPO I PROBABLY WOULD BE DEAD BECAUSE MY ATTITUDE AND DISPOSITION WOULD HAVE LED ME BACK TO THE STREETS TO GANG BANG AND SELL DRUGS ALL THROUGHOUT THE CHICAGO HEIGHTS AND SURROUNDING SUBURBS".



# NO SLOWING DOWN FOR DAN

COREY BUCHANAN



Dan would be the first to tell you that he had no intentions of the ministry growing beyond two staff members; himself and Wendy Mis, CPO's first office administrator. But God had other plans. Twenty three years later with several staff members, CPO staff and volunteers are bringing the Gospel to three different institutions. There are many plans in a man's heart but it is the Lord who orders our steps.

After 29 years at Cook County Jail, the Lord was making it clear to Dan once again to be a catalyst in the expansion of CPO's ministry. In October 2016, Dan felt the call to Westville Correctional Facility and he along with one of CPO's Board Members launched a Life Learning Community at Westville. The Life Learning Program is CPO's oldest consistent ongoing ministry at the jail. The program is an intense discipleship program where inmates are exposed to daily expository bible teaching with a strong emphasis on application. The goal of the program is to return inmates back to the free world with a Christ-like character.



One of the inmates who was released from Westville prison sent us a message saying "Love you Dan. The impact you and your ministry made in my life the eight months I was on the life learning dorm has made me a better man of Christ!" We pray for Dan as the Lord continues to use him to expand our ministry. There is no slowing down for him. Please join us in continual prayer for CPO's ministry in Westville Correctional Facility.

## FROM THE DIRECTOR'S DESK

### DAN SWETS



As I get older I have less and less tolerance for the extremes when it comes to weather, so after a string of 90+ degree days I am grateful for some cool, refreshing temperatures. I appreciate the change of seasons – in weather and in life.

CPO is going through a change of season at this time, and I am finding it refreshing, too. I have been the Executive Director at Chicagoland Prison Outreach since it was founded back in 1994. I am so blessed to see – and have been a part of – what God has done through the ministry of CPO over the past 23 years.

One shining example of the work of God's Word and Spirit through CPO is a young man named Corey Buchanan. Many of you know him and have heard his testimony. Corey surrendered his life to Christ while in the Life Learning Program at Cook County Jail almost 20 years ago. In 2004, he joined the staff of CPO as a Chaplain at the Cook County Boot Camp. He has since taken on the role of Associate Director for the ministry while continuing his responsibilities as Chaplain.

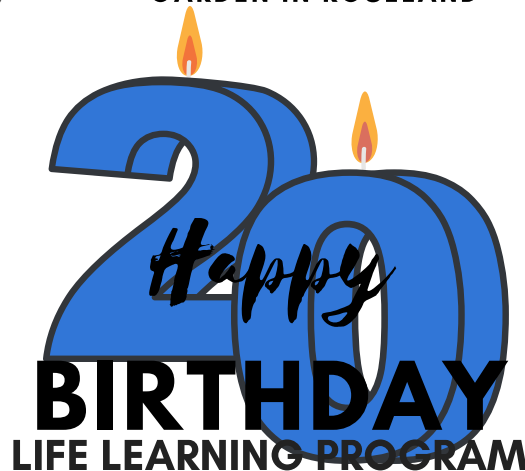
As I said above, seasons change. As of January, 2018 Corey will take on the position of Executive Director. I will not be retiring or even cutting back on my responsibilities with CPO, however my role will change – as will Corey's. More authority and responsibility will shift to Corey who is younger and better able to see and address opportunities and utilize technology and other resources in this season of growth and expansion to which God has clearly called us.

I will continue (and even expand, God willing) my "hands on" ministry at Westville Prison and elsewhere. I will also be available to Corey for input or assistance whenever he decides he wants or needs it. And you all will continue to see me and/or hear from me from time to time.

I look forward to the great things that God has planned for CPO. Please join us in prayer for the wisdom and courage to move forward faithfully in the power and grace of the Lord Jesus Christ.



COREY AND DAN AT OUR URBAN GARDEN IN ROSELAND





# ANGELS OF HOPE

SEEKING TO BE THE HANDS AND FEET OF JESUS

## OFFERING HOPE TO INMATES AND THEIR FAMILIES YEAR ROUND!

Partnering with local churches to identify, assess and address the needs of families of inmates at their request, Angels of Hope provides meals, gifts and hope to families during the holiday seasons. Angels of Hope also trains volunteers to make weekly visits delivering bodes of food for the purpose of creating strong relationships with the families. Within these weekly visits our volunteers will disciple, minister to and encourage the families in a God honoring way. It is through these strong bonds that our volunteers have made families will gain a renewed sense of hope and faith in our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ and experience a meaningful connection with the Body of Christ



PLEASE JOIN US IN PRAYER AS WE ARE THANKFUL FOR



THANK GOD FOR ALL OF OUR CHAPLAINS AND VOLUNTEERS THAT SERVE IN THE JAILS, PRISONS AND DETENTION CENTERS.

THANK GOD FOR EVERY INMATE WE HAVE CONNECTED WITH.

THANK GOD FOR THE EX - OFFENDERS IN OUR VOCATIONAL TRAINING PROGRAM AND THEIR COMPLETION WITH EMPLOYMENT.

THANK GOD FOR OUR DONORS, AS YOUR SUPPORT HELP US CONTINUE TO MINISTER TO INMATES AND THEIR FAMILIES.

THANK GOD FOR OUR ANGELS OF HOPE OUTREACH AS WE ARE ABLE TO BE A BLESSING TO HUNDREDS OF FAMILIES ALL YEAR ROUND.

PLEASE PRAY ABOUT SUPPORTING OUR ANGELS OF HOPE PROGRAM AND COME PARTNER WITH US TO MAKE A DIFFERENCE TO INCARCERATED MEN AND WOMEN!

## WHO WE ARE

- CPO IS UNCOMPROMISINGLY AND UNAPOLOGETICALLY A CHRIST CENTERED, GOSPEL ORIENTED MINISTRY.
- WE ARE DEDICATED TO THE PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD OF GOD, THE ADVANCEMENT OF HIS KINGDOM AND THE GLORY OF HIS NAME. ALL OF OUR PRACTICAL PROGRAMS ARE BUILT ON THAT FOUNDATION AND DESIGNED TO FULFILL THAT PURPOSE.
- WE ARE A RELATIONAL, HOLISTIC MINISTRY TO THE INCARCERATED, THE FORMERLY INCARCERATED AND THEIR FAMILIES.



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