

## Dear brothers and sisters in Christ

I want to share with you something that happened about four months ago.

You may have noticed, if you ever visit my website, that my concert schedule has had less and less dates on the Calendar page with each passing year. I could go into the details of how hard I have personally tried to book concerts myself for the past 11 years, how many booking agents haven't worked out, how many churches haven't called me back, etc...

but I will spare you all of that.

I will just tell you that, about 4 months ago, I was having a "come to Jesus" conversation with God..."GOD! WHAT is going on? WHAT am I supposed to do?? WHAT am I not seeing??? By the end of this year, I will have had 6 paying concerts FOR THE WHOLE YEAR!!!!"

In the midst of my endless rant came a sweet memory, as if God was saying, "Remember the joy and grace I gave you when you ministered in the prisons?" I was taken aback, first of all, at the fact that He didn't rant back at me. But, certainly, at the sprig of hope and joy that sprung up immediately in my exasperated heart. Could it BE, that, in the midst of my carnal-minded rant, God was offering me a divine directive?? Well, four months and MUCH prayer, consideration, scripture, and Godly advice later, I have allowed myself to be

## turned in the direction of full-time prison ministry.

It gives my heart GREAT JOY to have been "moved" by God's reminder of the joy, love, and grace that HE put in my heart for the inmates in prison.

The most prominent memory of singing in prison is a concert I was giving to a room full of about three to four hundred men. I was right in the middle of singing to the background track of a medley of the hymns, "Nothing but the Blood of Jesus/Are you Washed in the Blood", when God asked me, "Would you like to see how I see these men?" I was shocked to find myself in the middle of singing a song AND conversing with God! Of course my reply to Him was "yes"...And, the very next instant, my eyes were opened, for a split second, to see a room full of little boys. I started to burst out crying, but held all of my feelings back, so I could finish the song. But, I have never been afraid to sing in ANY prison, since that experience. And, the Love of God for these people has gone deeper and deeper into my heart since that day.

My heart warms at the thought of the many, many opportunities awaiting me, to go into these places in The Name of Jesus Christ.

But, I also realize that I cannot do it alone.

That is why I have written you this honest letter...To ask you if you might take some time to pray, and see if it seems like The Father would have you offer support in any way, towards my being afforded to go into these places that most people do not go. It goes without saying, that I would not be paid by any prison, to go in and sing and minister the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

And, so, when He brought this memory back to me the way He did, my reply was, "Yes! I remember!!" Then, "Well, I'd have to write a letter to my brothers and sisters in Christ, and ask for support." To which He did not reply, as if to silently say, "You're on the right track!"

So, this is my first time to do this, in my whole life. I have, personally, been adamantly against it in the past...maybe because of my pride...but, God has given me the grace to ask, now. So, if you've ever wished you could go into prisons and minister God's Gospel of Grace, and have not been able to.....

"Here am I, send me."

well as a link to the page at the end of this letter.

What I am telling people, is that the "official kick-off date"for receiving contributions/donations toward this mission, is January 1, 2016.

Along with the page will come access to a practical list of my monthly financial needs, so that you will know where the money is going.

Also, I am currently actively pursuing connection with prison Wardens and Chaplains, in order to form relationship with them, so that, hopefully, I will be trusted and allowed to come into their prisons and sing/minister the Gospel of Jesus Christ. I am also open to networking with other ministries that go into the prisons.

So, THANK YOU! for taking the time to read this letter, and, please, whether you can contribute financially, or not, please do lift me up to The Father in prayer, for provision, protection, connection, strength, and effectiveness.

Thank you so much for being there, and may God bless you! Sincerely Trusting Jesus,

Kelly Willard

<u>Willing Heart Ministries</u> Ephesians 2:8,9 1 Corinthians 13

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In this link is also a list of my monthly financial needs.

Thank You for your Support



## My Music

I'll take this opportunity to announce to you that I have recently recorded a CD of "piano only" versions of 11 of my songs. It is very peaceful, and lends itself to times of prayer, study, worship, reading, drawing/painting, and just about anything else you'd want to use it for! It is titled, "I Stand In You"

It is available to the public through iTunes, and you can find it on the Store page on my website; <a href="http://kellywillard.com/store/">http://kellywillard.com/store/</a>

All CD's and Digital Music are available on my web site <a href="http://www.kellvwillard.com/store">http://www.kellvwillard.com/store</a>

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