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Dear Prison Ministry Volunteer,

I want to take this opportunity to invite you to a very important meeting at my office on Thursday, June 19th, from 2pm-3pm. This meeting will focus on “The Beautiful Gate Ministry” and how it is addressing the needs of those who are re-entering our community after a term of state or federal incarceration. Moreover, this meeting will provide an opportunity for you to hear directly from the administrator of “The Beautiful Gate Ministry” and possibly identify how you can collaboratively serve in order to meet the needs of this vulnerable population. For example, if you are a licensed mental health counselor you may be able to donate a few hours of your time to “The Beautiful Gate Ministry” on a bi-monthly basis. I have enclosed a description of the types of services “The Beautiful Gate Ministry” provides, as well as a copy of its May 2014 newsletter for your review. At the June 19th meeting I will also discuss the establishment of a new Ex-Offender Mentorship Program that will be administered through “The Beautiful Gate Ministry” after the volunteers from various churches have received in-person training from the U.S. Bureau of Prisons on how to serve as mentors to ex-offenders.

I am hopeful that the June 19th meeting will serve as a catalyst for greater collaboration between the various prison ministries in this region, “The Beautiful Gate Ministry”, and my office in regard to meeting the practical needs of returning ex-offenders and the mandates of Matthew 25 to help those who are in need. Together we can equip the ex-offenders in our community to break the cycle of crime, poverty and self-degradation. If you are able to attend, please notify my assistant, Gloria Patton, at gpatton@usdoj.gov or 251-415-7112. I look forward to seeing you on June 19th, but in the meantime please take the opportunity to review the enclosed information.

Sincerely,

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