

Name: Jessica

Where and/or how you are serving within PfP:

I Run and operate the inner workings of the Passion for Prison as well as going inside Hernando Correctional and Hillsborough Correctional each week. Once a month while teaming up with other ministries, I ride my 800 Suzuki Intruder motorcycle INSIDE the prisons throughout Florida.

How you came about being part of the ministry:

It was a God thing really, pretty much like an unplanned pregnancy. I volunteered to do the follow-up with The Bill Glass ministry back in 2002 and next thing I know their program had ended and PfP was born in 2003.

Your favorite part of the ministry:

Seeing the changed lives of those we shared Jesus Christ outside the prison in the free-world when we least expect it!

Your least favorite part of doing ministry:

Waiting to go through Clearance!

When and how did you come to know the Lord Jesus Christ?

Late one night in February 1991, in my bedroom, I asked Jesus Christ into my heart during a private prayer. He has never left me or forsaken me since! By the way, what denomination is a bedroom? Oh yeah, that's right, it's about a relationship not a membership.

Other Ministries you are involved in:

I ride my motorcycle INTO the prisons throughout Florida about once a month with The Bill Glass Champions for Life and Inmate Encounter and whenever we get the chance with Al Paquette Ministries and Prison Fellowship.

Favorite Scripture:

Romans 5:8 While I was in the mist of my sins Jesus loved me enough to die for me! Paraphrased of course! What it really means is while YOU were yet sinning Jesus loved YOU enough too! Go ahead look it up and see for yourself! It's true!

Favorite Pet:

None, I shun responsibility at all cost! I don't want anything that needs feed or watered, in fact getting a husband was pushing it. Ask him, he'll testify to it.

Favorite Food:

Potatoes and Pasta

Hobbies:

Talking! Oh yeah, and watching movies that have the Gospel message in them. But not talking during the movie!

Close Calls:

I had a Bull Shark come RIGHT AFTER ME! A friend had to get between me and the shark and hit him on the nose with his fins! We were able to crawl on to a coral reef that was sticking out of the water.

Born and Raised:

Born in 1966 in Titusville, PA and transplanted as a youngin' to Florida in 1975. I was raised in Shady Hill near the Pasco/Hernando County line and Born again in Tampa in 1991. Married in 2004 and now husband has the job of continuing to raise me out near Plant City.

Family Information:

Mother and father who've been married since 1965

One sister three years under me who is married with two teenage girls

One brother six years under me with a wonderful wife, new baby boy and a teenage daughter No

kids of our own unless you count over 3500 inmates that we love as our own!

What is your favorite thing to do on a rainy day?

Sleep!

Did you have a nickname in elementary school?

My parents used to call me Peanut

If you weren't in prison ministry, where would you be now?

No clue, because I have given my life to the Lord through this ministry. I gave up career of eleven year in electronics to do full-time mission work. Guess you could say I successfully crawled DOWN the corporate ladder.

What is your favorite time of day?

My favorite time of day is when my husband Scotty comes home to me.

What is your favorite place in the USA?

An open prison yard with good weather and great friends working together in the mission field!

What is your favorite vegetable?

Over cooked Can Peas with butter and lots of salt!

What is your favorite word & why?

Encouragement — I love to receive it as much as I love to give it! Encouragement can change lives, especially if we encourage others in the Lord Jesus Christ.

Do you have a "favorite Ministry Memory" - what is it?

While in Broward Correctional on July 19, 2003, or Homestead Correctional on October 4, 2003 when it rained while we were on the prison yard with our motorcycles. Lighting hit the transformer and they couldn't get the gate open for us to get the bikes out so we got to ride them through the hallways of the building.

Do you prefer tea or coffee?

Neither! Coke, with no ice please!

Do you prefer receiving email or a real letter?

I prefer emails from family and friends but I LOVE real letters from inmates, especially if they did any drawings. However I HATE to write so I personally appreciate our correspondents a tad bit more than the others on our team might.

Who is or was a favorite Bible teacher/preacher?

Pastor Ken Whitten Sr. Pastor at Idlewild Baptist Church and Charles Stanley of In Touch Ministries

Do you have a mentor and if so who is it?

I have many, but the top of the list are Jack "Murph the Surf" Murphy who taught me so much about what I know about prison ministry and Corrie ten Boom by way of her life's stories.

Anything else you'd like to tell us about yourself?

Plenty! Just ask and I'll fill ya in! I am an open book! But watch out because I can talk for three days straight without taking a breath!