

SERVING

AMBASSADOR of HOPE

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Pat Bass knows that as Christ followers, our hope is in the Lord Jesus. But how many of us share this wonderful hope with others. Pat prayed for five years that God would use her for His glory. Little did she know that He could use her—with all her brokenness—to serve Him in dark places. God gave her a heart for broken and scarred women. She heard the Lord say, *"Meet them where they are, show them My love, and teach them My Word."* And so her jail ministry began.

Every Monday morning, Pat meets 8 to 14 ladies in a cell block at the Chesapeake City Jail. God always shows up, and He uses her to love them and teach them His Word. Each of these women is precious to Pat. They've developed a bond that is beyond anything Pat could have imagined. God has ordained each moment as she faithfully carries out His plan.

One Monday, after they opened in prayer, the women could hardly wait to share some good news. That Sunday, they had a church service! Pat was astounded. How do you have church in jail? To honor God, they had prayer, worship, Scripture readings, and then gave an offering! Pat understood all but the



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offering. How could they take an offering when they had nothing to give? They explained that they had written down the names of all the ladies in the cell block (about 80 names) and put them in a cup. They then pulled out one name each and gave the offering—something from their canteen—to that person. Pat was so moved—and what a testimony to everyone on the cell block!

You may think this story is all about Pat, but she'll be the first one to tell you, it's all about a loving God who shines His light in a dark place and brings hope. Pat is simply His ambassador. She leaves more blessed than words can express. Now, every Sunday when she prepares to go to church at KPC, she smiles knowing that "church" is going on in cell block 4C.

Hallelujah