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to the Ohio Parole Board and Governor Mike DeWine:

I was recently informed that Kevin Keif would be seeking clemency. I am writing this letter to describe the positive interactions I had with Mr. Keith during my time volunteering at Trumbull Correctional Institution.

I am a retired psychologist, as well as an elder of the United Methodist Church. I distinctly recall Mr. Keith from the Kairos Program and from Kevin's own program.

Mr. Keith encouraged me to facilitate a Christian Counseling Program. It was run through his Christian Organization called Word Masters and it was available to all the inmates. I counseled a large number of inmates through the program.

I witnessed Kevin Keif have a positive impact on the other prisoners. Mr. Keif organized a motivational program for several other inmates. For that program Mr. Keith brought in several outsiders who had volunteered working with the inmates, as part of a recognition and thank you to the volunteers. Mr. Keith had about a dozen inmates serving cake to us volunteers to show us appreciation for what we had done. This program was done regularly and there would be from 10-30 volunteers invited to each event.

I have worked with many inmates in my time with Kairos. Mr. Keif stands out because of his selfless passion.

I hope you consider the positive impact Mr. Keith could have outside the prison walls.

Thank you for your attention.

Sincerely,

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P.S. If you have any questions, please call.

My cell is 1-440-522-1646

December 20, 2013

Dear Kevin,

I just got back from TCI and wanted to put these numbers together before I get swamped with packing the camper and Christmas preparations. I have really appreciated my time with you and the men of WordMasters as well as some of the men in the general population and those in 15 E and W. It has been a growing in faith time for me and I pray that the men I have had the time with have grown in their faith too. It truly is a blessing to be able to do counseling in this setting. Thank you!

My numbers for the count for 2013 are that I have seen 23 different men and spent about 85 hours at the prison. I wouldn't have guessed the numbers would be that high but they do accumulate rapidly.

Thank you again for starting WordMasters and for giving me this opportunity to serve Jesus in this manner at TCI.

In His service,

Rev. Thomas McFarren

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