Your financial and prayerful support of the work of Mission Behind Bars and Beyond (MB3) has transformed the lives of so many people coming back to our communities from places of incarceration. With mentors to guide them, they are making good decisions and are successful in their reentry process. Moreover, their success means less pressure to return to crime which means safer communities. All who are touched by your generous gifts to MB3 extend their gratitude and give thanks. Knowing that there are people who care, even after mistakes are made and forgiveness is sought, is a gift that cannot be fully measured. So, from all of us at MB3 and those we serve: Happy Thanksgiving!

MB3 was featured in two articles in the Fall, 2017 edition of Just Women. One article highlighted the monthly photography sessions at Bernheim Forest that Carol Wieger employs as a spiritual discipline. Carol is the pastor of New Life in Christ Christian Church which meets each week inside a women’s detention facility in Louisville. A second article focused on the life skills classes offered by MB3 at Dismas Charities-Diersen.
Lee and Elizabeth Hinson-Hasty are among the many friends and supporters of MB3 who are happy to support MB3. On a beautiful October evening, Lee and Elizabeth invited their friends to a house party to hear about Mission Behind Bars and Beyond. Food and drink and good conversation was shared and donations were made to continue and expand the important work that MB3 is doing. If you live in Kentucky and would like to host an MB3 house party, please contact MB3’s Fundraising Chairperson, Vince Patton, at missionbehindbarsandbeyond@gmail.com. We are so grateful to have folks like Lee and Elizabeth on the MB3 team!

Without your support, people like Jessica Faveau Lynch, may never have found her way back. Jessica has been meeting weekly with her MB3 Nurture, Support and Accountability Group since March. She began meeting with them before she left prison. Although her schedule is hectic, she has a full-time job and is reunited with her four children. Wanting to make a difference in the lives of others, Jessica also attends functions with “Breaking the Chains of Addiction,” a support group in her local community. We are so proud of Jessica and the continued support she receives from her mentors! Your gifts equip MB3 to touch the lives of men and women returning to our communities from places of incarceration.

Through the generosity and hard-work of the people at Anthem-Medicaid who believe in MB3’s mission, MB3 has received funding to begin a program of workforce development initiatives to serve the women at Dismas Charities-Diersen before they are released and other returning citizens living in the Metro Louisville area. A special thanks goes to Rhonda Petr, Director of Marketing, Anthem Medicaid, and Daniel White, Anthem Medicaid’s Workforce Development representative for making this happen. This will equip MB3 to add another tool in the toolbox of those leaving places of incarceration as they seek gainful employment. Thank you, Anthem-Medicaid!

MB3 has arranged for the Louisville Urban League to meet with the women of Dismas Charities-Diersen and begin the process of preparing them for employment once they are released. Interviewing skills, resume writing and actual employment interviews in the community help equip these women to join the work force and become independent. Thanks to Dr. Wylette T. Williams of the Louisville Urban League’s Center for Workforce Development, and to Ronyal Horton, Director of Dismas Charities-Diersen, for helping make this happen. Employment is a key indicator of a successful re-entry process.