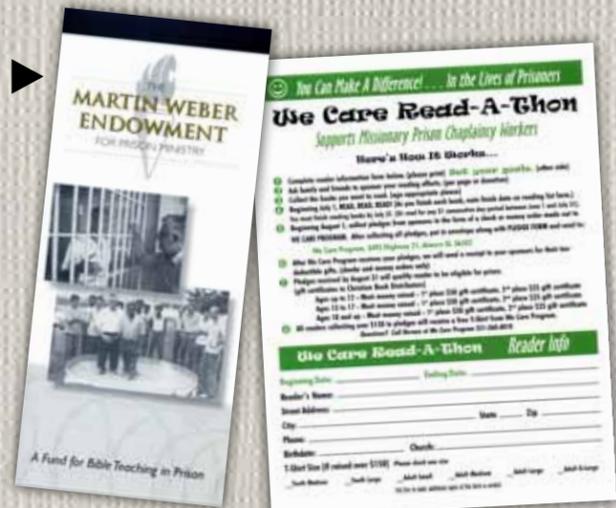


A History of 2000-2010 We Care Program

The Martin Weber Endowment Fund was announced January 6, 2001. The fund, started with an initial \$25,000, was established to provide for the perpetual support of Bible teaching in prisons.



The We Care headquarters building was sold November 8, 2005, and vacated by April 1, 2006. Headquarters were moved to temporary facilities until erection of a new building was completed. Inmates from Atmore Work Center helped with the construction. Open house and dedication of the new building was held July 29, 2007.



The first annual softball tournament was held over the July 4th weekend with two "free world" teams and four Atmore area prison teams.



A third Economy Shop was opened in Flomaton, AL, on October 13, 2008. The Economy Shops provide about 20% of the We Care operating budget and employ 23 persons.



2001

January 2003

327 volunteers participated in the 25th annual prison crusade reaching 14 prisons.

2004

The first annual Read-A-Thon was held in July, 2004, with over \$9,000 raised. The idea was inspired by Emma Bender, who conducted her own personal read-a-thon for We Care the previous year.

2006

July 2001

The Board of Directors appointed David R. Landis as President effective December 1. Then President Phil Weber had joined the staff of Rosedale Bible Institute.



October 2004

We Care began offering a program of Bible College courses to men at Fountain in January 2005, under the leadership of Mike Strehlow. The first graduation was held in October 2009.



June 27 2007



Groundbreaking took place for a new chapel at the Atmore Work Center. Dedication was January 17, 2008. Much of the work was done by inmates.

July 2008

The Board of Directors gave approval to again establish a men's re-entry program (Timothy House) under the leadership of an advisory team. Marvin Bender (second from left) was chosen as director.



April 2009

January 2010



For the first time, the total number of crusade participants exceeded 400. (Pictured: Eli Yoder prays over respondents.)

Six young adults began a six-month assignment through the Young Adult Internship program, now an annual opportunity known as Discover. Twenty-three individuals have served in the program from its beginning to 2010.



Martin Weber, founder of We Care, died April 18, 2009, at age 84.

