



PRESS Announcement

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MISSISSIPPI STATE PENITENTIARY TO HOST "OPERATION STARTING LINE" ON AUG. 17

Parchman....An army of over 200 "***Prison Fellowship***" ministry volunteers will begin arriving at 8:00 AM at the Mississippi State Penitentiary on August 17 as "***Operation Starting Line***" kicks off . Chuck Colson, ex-Nixon aide, and founder of the national faith-based group called Prison Fellowship, will minister to prison inmates throughout the day. Approximately 3500 offenders are expected to take part in the daylong event at the Parchman, Mississippi prison. Professional athletes, singers, strong men, comedians, ministers, lay speakers, and ex-offenders are some of the volunteers that will work with the inmates.

Media Note. The media is invited to attend this event. If you plan to attend, please notify Ken Jones by 5:00 p.m. on August 15 at (601) 359-5608 or e-mail him at Kjones@mdoc.state.ms.us All media will need to be credentialed PRIOR to arrival at the Mississippi State Penitentiary.