

"I attended an Opening Doors 3 day event in July 2003 and could not have been more impressed. The programme is sensitively designed to guide participants on a journey into deeper relationships of trust and community. People were safe to share and give of themselves, sometimes in ways that were deeply felt, and there was much fun and laughter! It reminded me of the saying that joy is the serious business of heaven. Every day had its 'magic moments'. Although my Opening Doors was over two years ago, I see the names and the faces of the men I spent it with in my mind's eye as I write. At the very end, a treasure chest was passed around and we each took something from the items contained to give to the person next to us. The chap next to me ("Super Sam") gave me a compass saying, "This is so you can find your way back to us". One day I will. But in the meantime I've written a book called "My Brother's Keeper" to help others find their way back to what I experienced. Our priority should not be to build more prisons, but to rebuild more prisoners. On the compass of prison reform, Opening Doors points true north".

Best wishes

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