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Prison ministry to visit South Dakota prison facilities

Pierre, S.D. - *Champions for Life*, the world's largest evangelistic prison ministry, is holding a 'Weekend of Champions' in South Dakota Department of Corrections facilities this weekend.

The 'Weekend of Champions' events will be held at the South Dakota State Penitentiary in Sioux Falls, the Mike Durfee State Prison in Springfield, the South Dakota Women's Prison in Pierre and the Yankton Trusty Unit Friday, July 22nd to Sunday, July 24th.

Formerly known as Bill Glass Ministries, *Champions for Life* holds three-day events in prisons around the country that feature athletes, entertainers and various other attractions to share their message about the gospel. Volunteers assist with the events and help share with inmates one-on-one.

Glass, a former professional football player, founded the organization in 1969. Glass is scheduled to participate in the Sioux Falls events this weekend.

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Media Note: Media wishing to cover any of the programs can contact the respective facilities for authorization and information on times of programs.

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Durfee State Prison/Yankton Trusty Unit	Sue Jacobs	(605) 369-2201
South Dakota Women's Prison	Cara Weiler	(605) 773-6636