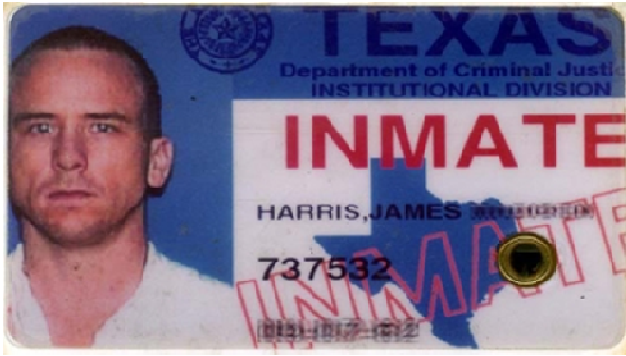


# Fly Right, Inc.

*Taking a message of hope into schools...*



Jim Harris was a very angry child and hated authority as a grade school kid. After receiving some bad information from the other kids around him, Jim went down the road into “sex, drugs and rock & roll” starting in middle school.

So going to jail for the first time in high school, dropping out of college and ending up as a needle junkie on meth and as a crack addict by age 22 really should not be a big surprise. These things landed him in rehabs, hospitals, jails and eventually prison.

In 1995, a volunteer chaplain helped Jim change his life at age 33 while in Tarrant county jail. While serving time in the Texas Department of Corrections for possession of cocaine, he studied and sought advice from people who were winners in life. When he was released in 1996 he was a different man.

Jim has been delivered from drug addiction since that day in jail; he married the love of his life Fredia and is reconciled with his family. He has his own computer business and has time to travel. During the first 13 years of being "out", he went back "in" to over 300 prisons around the country. He is a platform guest speaker for *Bill Glass Champions for Life* and also volunteered his time with that great organization as a regional director in the south.



The *Fellowship of Christian Athletes* and *Champions for Today* have also used him to deliver a message to kids in schools about the perils of drugs and crime.

*Fly Right, Inc.* is the next step in this journey. We use the teachable moments in school assemblies, to encourage students to excel in academics, say no to drugs, seek someone to mentor them, stay away from pre-marital sex, and to choose their friends very carefully.

During the assembly, Jim teaches the students how to fly a radio control helicopter while making the point to them that it is important to pick someone in life who knows how to do what they want to do. There is also a very clear message about making the wrong choices.

Delivering these messages in a fun and friendly way are his goals during the school assembly.

An opportunity is given to the students to seek help if they already have problems that are “giants” in their lives. This can take on whatever form the venue allows but is typically a blank index card handed out before the assembly starts and collected at the end of the program. There are sample responses available on-line.

