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## **ABINGDON PRESS PARTNERS WITH MAGDALENE/THISTLE FARMS TO LAUNCH EIGHT-CITY PRISON TOUR**

**Women who have survived lives of violence, prostitution, and addiction share stories of hope and recovery.**

NASHVILLE, TN — Nearly 450 female inmates at the Gadsden Correctional Institution in Tallahassee, Florida listened intently as Gwen Cockrill and Tara Adcock spoke about the journey through prison and the transformative path of love and hope they experienced in the Magdalene Program. It was the first stop on the eight-city Find Your Way Home Prison Tour. Gwen and Tara read from *Find Your Way Home*, a collection of true, inspirational stories written by the residents of Magdalene.

In addition to the women of Magdalene/Thistle Farms, musical artists Julie Roberts and Marcus Hummon will be participating in the prison tour as well as Becca Stevens. Julie's self-titled debut album included the single "Break Down Here," a Top 20 hit on the *Billboard* Hot Country Singles & Tracks charts. Marcus is a Grammy® award-winning songwriter with three number one country hits to his name including "Bless the Broken Road" performed by Rascal Flatts. Along with her community work, Becca is chaplain of St. Augustine's Chapel at Vanderbilt University and has written several books published by Abingdon Press. Along with the women of Magdalene she contributed to *Find Your Way Home*.

From Tallahassee the tour goes to Memphis and the Mark Luttrell Correctional Center. Funded by the Cal Turner Family Foundation, the tour will also visit New York City, Dayton, Chicago, Houston, Denver, and Los Angeles. In each city, the women will visit a local congregation to educate them about the truths and myths of why women walk the streets and how those people can be welcomed back into the larger community.

Magdalene was founded by Abingdon Press author Becca Stevens to rescue women from life on the street. Becca's vision wasn't just to help a sub-culture of women, but to change the culture itself. To support the Magdalene residents, Stevens launched Thistle Farms, a non-profit company that makes all-natural body-healing products.

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