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MEC Spotlight

People get wrong ideas about giving resources to men & women coming out of prison. Some say that these individuals take the resources to get help for free and that it is the taxpayers that are bearing the responsibility. However inmates who are reached for Christ and do not recidivate, save taxpayers money. One inmate that doesn't return to jail or prison saves us all thousands of dollars. The average cost for one inmate per day is \$130.

Some may say it's only numbers & paper we are giving the inmates, but I want to show you it is so much more. For many it is a new beginning. Here are some real examples of the Re-entry Resource Ministry at work.

Both Grant and his girlfriend were in jail. Grant worried, knowing that Jan would be homeless and on the streets within days. There was nothing he could do about it because he was on his way to prison. He received some peace when he found out we could provide resources for her before she got out. He did his prison time and met with someone to receive resource information to help him re-enter the community.

Jan was 7 month pregnant, sitting in jail knowing she would be homeless & alone. The father of their child was going to prison. Jane was connected with the resources while waiting for Grant to finish his sentence. Both have...

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Honoring our Father in Heaven and those on Earth

In the first few lines of the Lord's Prayer, "Our father in heaven," we see that we are not alone. Father God is with us and He has given us many brothers and sisters. Every pain & joy we experience with our children, He has experienced with His. He understands our relationships completely.

Our earthly fathers have given us a script to live by. We experienced their words, thoughts, attitudes & actions by instruction and example. Our emotional concepts of God often come from experiences with earthly parents. Our heavenly Father has given us a script also. Understanding them can help us know Him & receive His love.

Fathers surveyed, report the hardest things about being a father as: not repeating their own father's bad habits; when you are trying to help and they just turn their backs on you; not telling them what to do but learning to mentor them in the truth; being vulnerable with them; the strain the shared responsibility has on other relationships; not living vicariously through your child; letting them make their own decisions and trusting that God is in control; communicating with your kids on important topics; loss of independence; over powering urge to love and protect your child; late night hours; less energy and time (including sex); the need for a lot of patience; not being able to spend as much time with them as you would like; having to discipline or withhold blessings when they misbehaved; having them surpass you in skills; & having them too attached to Media.

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Honoring our Father in Heaven and those on Earth

Adult children, in relating the most difficult parts of their relationship with their dad(s) said; not knowing him; not having them attend any of my events; not receiving hugs or hearing their dad say "I love you."; parents being away or working a lot; hypocrisy; strict disciplinarian. Stressed or fighting parents make it harder for children to learn, to resolve conflict, feel capable or develop close relationships.

The joys of being a child were reported as: seeing pride in Dad's eyes; having him involved in my life, attending events and playing with us; his imagination and him encouraging our imagination; doing silly things together; being able to talk about a problem without being judged; when he learned to be more kind, I let go of the resentment and the sparks went away; teaching me things other dads wouldn't teach their daughters, like cars & hunting; being treated as an adult; & when Dad came to Christ.

The joys of being a father are many: smiles, hugs, kisses, listening to them, hearing them say, "I love you"; being a part of the good things in their lives; spending time together; the energy; When they accept my love; their happiness; seeing them do well; watching them cherish and respect God; knowing I introduced them & contributed to the faith community; admitting that I don't have the answer but can pray; sharing thoughts; not repeating bad and learning new habits from good role models & being able to parent better; seeing them go the wrong direction & turn to the right direction; learning from your children; yielding to our Father God, trusting that He will make our children God fearing & loving people; having them help me as I get older; & being respected.

Ask your dad or someone you wish to know better what the hardest and best parts of being a child and/or father were /are.

-Karen Selby

"Direct your children onto the right path, & when they are older, they will not leave it." ~Prv. 22:6

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... connected to a church through the resources and are in recovery together.

Greg is in jail and knows that his child is with a parent who is not caring for their child & is neglectful. Greg was given the resources to help him when he got out and regained custody of his son.

Ann is in jail as a meth addict. Wanting to get treatment but having no idea where to begin, Ann was given information on MN&ATC, an application form and the steps to begin the process.

Drake has been longing for a new direction and desires to connect to a church but does not know how. Through MEC, Drake was connected to a church in the cities.

Leah, Grace, & Tammy, through the help of resources have been taken under the wing of a church in Roseville and are attending church and bible study. Calvary church is interested in having some members take MEC's mentor training.

After 5 yrs. in prison & wanting to be the father he should be, we were able to connect Adam with The Father Project. Through this organization, he is attending college and learning step by step how to be a good father. -Cheryl Turitto

I hope after reading about these individuals you will see how providing resources is able to help many re-enter society. Please pray that we will find volunteers who will help with re-entering and mentoring. Cheryl is now working FT which limits her volunteer efforts, & Angela finished her internship. We are now looking for someone to step into this role. Pray for these inmates, that they will utilize these resources and stay out of jail forever.



Honoring Fathers

As we grow in our spiritual walk we need reminders of the basics. Here are some scriptures reflecting His character and what honors the Father...

- * **Our attitude towards Him, is reflected back-** Moses mistrust (Nm. 20:12) Father honors: those who honor him (1 Sm. 2:30), whose' walk is blameless (Ps. 84:11) those who serve Christ (Jn. 12:26, & those who honor& respect parents-(Ex. 20:12 & Dt. 5:16 & Mt. 15:4 & Ep. 6:2) on the Sabbath (Lv.19:3)
- * **Trust** - your God carried you, as a father carries his son, all the way (Dt. 1:30)... yet your heavenly father feeds them (Mt. 6:26)
- * Acknowledging we are **created by Him** - Is He not your Father, your creator (Dt. 32:6)
- * **We are His children-** I will be his Father, and he will be My son (2 Sm. 7:14) ... Today I have become your Father... (Ps. 2:7) I will be a Father to you...(2Cor 6:18)
- * Letting Him **defend us** (Ps.) - A father to the fatherless, a defender (Ps. 68:5)
- * **Wisdom** honors fathers- A wise son brings joy to his father (Prv. 10:1), heeds his father's instructions (13:1) father of a righteous man has great joy (23:24)
- * **Not being foolish-** Robbing from parents makes one a partner to a destroyer (Prv. 28:24) A fool spurns his father's discipline (15:5), brings grief (17,5), & is his father's ruin (17:25)
- * **Listen** to your father, who gave you life (Prv. 23:22)
- * Knowing He is **Everlasting** - everlasting Father (Is. 6:9)
- * Turns **Hearts to children** (Mal. 4:6, Lk.1:17, Eph. 6:4, Col.3:21)
- * Gives **good gifts** – the Holy Spirit (Lk. 11:11)
- * Supersedes others- Is our **only Father** - anyone who loves more than Me is not worthy of Me (Mt. 10:37, Lk. 12:53)
- * **Prayer** – Our Father who is in heaven (Mt. 6:9) Temple to be a house of prayer (Jn. 2:16)
- * Father **Loves** (Jn. 3:35), is **always at work** (5:17) **No one has seen** (6:46) **Can be known** or not (8:19) **Speaks & Teaches** (8:28 & 41)
- * **We come** to Him through, He keeps us **secure** in, & **He loves as: Christ** (Jn. 10:29, 14:6 & 15:9, Rom. 4:11)
- * He **frees** us, **adopts** us, makes us **heirs**, is **coming back** for us, and has us call Him **Abba**: through Holy Spirit (Rom. 8, Jn. 14:2, Gal. 4:6)
- * Is glorified- when tongues **confess** Jesus is Lord & Christ is followed & served (Phil. 2:11, Jn. 12:26)
- * Will always be **with us** (Mt. 6)
- * **Disciplines & disciples** us (Heb. 12:7)
- * He desires our **unity** as brother & sisters (Eph. 2:14)
- * **Good deeds** bring Him **praise** (Mt. 5:16)
- * **Is in Control** -"I make known the end from the beginning, ... what is still to come. I say: my purpose will stand, and I will do all that I please" (Is. 46:10) God works all things after the counsel of His own will: That we should be to the praise of His glory" (Eph. 1:11-12)

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May the God who inspires men to endure, and gives them a Father's care,
give you a mind united towards one another because of your common loyalty to Jesus Christ.
And then, as one man, you will sing from the heart the praises of God the Father of our Lord Jesus
Christ. So open your hearts to one another as Christ has opened His heart to you,
& God will be glorified. (Rom. 15:5) J.B. Phillip

He Knows My Name

Chorus

He knows my name
He knows my every thought
He sees each tear that falls
And hears me when I call
He hears me when I call

Verse 1

I have a Maker
He formed my heart
Before even time began
My life was in His hand

Verse 2

I have a Father
He calls me His own
He'll never leave me
No matter where I go

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