



Missionary Evangelism To Corrections

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my name is Daniel

MEC Fall Event was a Success!

This year instead of the annual Banquet, MEC hosted a program at the MN Adult & Teen Challenge facility in Mpls. on October 27th. Guests experienced an edifying & engaging evening with delicious desserts, informative and inspiring testimonies, with the main event being an amusing play performed by Theater for the Thirsty.



The combination of speakers this year gave a very well rounded view of the ministry. From the Administrative and in jail perspective given to us by Dylan Warkentin, ACCD Director and manager of AC Commu-



nity Corrections, we were able to see MEC's influence on not only inmates but staff as well. 1,394 adult inmates in the work release alone, participated in MEC programs. Merlin Morken spoke from the viewpoint of both a volunteer in the jails and a MEC's Board Members, providing a picture of how doing God's work in the jails also encourages and affects the volunteers. Lastly two testimonies given by ex-inmates showed just how low a person can get and how hopeless anyone of us can be without the love of God and the forgiveness of Christ's sacrifice.

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October 30th Newsletter

MEC Spotlight Challenge & Gratefulness

Winston/Daniel & Ingrid Mattson/Boze have moved to Wisconsin. We asked them to share what they learned while serving with MEC.

We have felt challenged in our meetings for women's church at the Anoka County Jail. It was a bit intimidating, walking through the echoing halls and hearing the doors slamming locked behind us. We had never been in jail before. It has been a profitable, new experience for us.



Winston & Ingrid Mattson Boze in Finland, on our way to minister in Russia

Ingrid would greet the women with "Welcome to Church," We would sing at least one familiar, traditional hymn, like *Come thou Fount* or *Tis so Sweet to Trust in Jesus*. The women also responded well to choruses, like *Change My Heart, O God* or *Open My Eyes, Lord*. Ingrid enjoyed having them sing some of the old Sunday school songs with motions, like *Wide, Wide as the Ocean*. This awakened memories of past commitments in Sunday school or Camp. Sometimes they would laugh and share their memories. Our music was simple, and without accompaniment.

Winston's style is that of a teacher, explaining and challenging people from a text such as, The Prodigal, The Shunamite woman, Temptation, and Rahab. Quite a few people...

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...indicated making commitments to follow Jesus. We were impressed with the openness and sincerity of the women. There was very little “jail talk.” and we often saw a desire to break with old patterns and even with friends who had influenced them in their misdeeds. They had patience and empathy with one another. These discussion times opened their hearts, and kept the service from being one-sided. Many of the problems seemed to be related to drugs and alcohol.

We usually printed out the preaching/teaching text with cross references so the women could study it on their time. We would try to fit in the Lord's Prayer.

We had some frustration before starting because of the scheduling of orientation classes, but once that was done, we found it well organized. The last few months, Winston helped with the men's church services. They are shorter, larger and required more discipline and control, but there were often people indicating decisions to follow Christ.

We thought it effective to go in as a married couple. We would introduce ourselves and tell them how long we have been married (44 years +) and how we lived our lives. (Ingrid was a nurse in newborn intensive care. Winston taught village pastors overseas for the past 25 years in person and more recently by Skype.) This presented a model of family stability.

The challenge is to reach people in a discipleship way. Sunday evening services can be helpful in encouraging people, but to produce change in their lives, you need the Bible studies and closer personal contact that others are doing so faithfully. We appreciate the sacrifice of those who are there consistently week after week!

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The evening finished with a delightful play presented by Theater for the Thirsty, a 3 person professional theater team. “My Name is Daniel,” is a hilarious, thoughtful & encouraging account of Daniel's life and the history of Israel. It was quite amazing to see how the story came to life with minimal props and actors.



The actors did very well balancing comedy, despair and the importance of being faithful, really hearing and trusting in God.

Thank you to everyone who helped with the logistics for this event. Thank you to MN Adult & Teen Challenge for the use of their facility, to those residents who helped set up, run & take down after the event. We appreciate those who shared their stories and the actors for their great performance. Many thanks for all who came, gave financially and supported MEC. We hope everyone had a great evening!

“Very well done. I want to catch another one of their plays!” ~ *Jon Nelson*

“Inspiring, encouraging & good fellowship”
~ *Sandy Hanson*

“Very informative and entertaining evening at the MEC Fall Event... A very nice evening.” ~ *Darla Haseltine*

Though it was a wonderful event we only met 1/3rd of our financial goal.

Please send us any pictures you took of the event. If you attended please send one of yourself. We are hoping to make a picture board!

Tribute to Dick Pettman

Richard Pettman, at the age 73, went home to be with his Lord on October 23, 2013 after a 2 year battle with cancer. Dick and Karen were married for 52 years and had 2 children, daughter, Kim; son and Michael (Marci). Through all of the ministries, Karen was a huge supporter of Dick and his heart for God. Dick was an original board member and served the earlier years of MEC.



An avid fisherman who took many people with him in the boat; he was also was a fisher of men, bringing many to Christ. Dick's big companionate heart has affected so many, leading him to help others even while he was dyeing of cancer. Before Dick went to heaven, he brought us a book and came to visit and pray for Micah, Karen's nephews' son. At that time he mentioned his loves were family, Manna Market Ministries, a job support Group at Wooddale, M.E.C. and getting people who needed it into MN [Adult &] Teen Challenge. His obituary includes FMSC, FFL and Coon Rapids E. E Free missions and can be viewed at www.methven-taylor.com. Dick gave out many of the books "When Life Comes Undone" by T.J. and Mary Ann Addington, including one for Micah's family. The authors donated books to the family to be given out at the funeral and 55 of them will be sent to jails.

We will miss Dick but know he is receiving his reward in heaven, healed and with our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.

Network Link

We know that we are not alone in Kingdom work. In this month we would like to salute

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