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A very special Thank You

Thank you to all the churches, small & large, who responded to the urgent need for Bibles at the Anoka County Jail. We received around 25 cases from a number of churches and we thank you all for your willingness to share with those in the jails. This is a powerful testimony to the staff at the Anoka and other Jails. It will be spreading the good news to the inmates, their families and neighbors. I still have the Bible I received in jail and it is my favorite. I have seen jail-provided Bibles show up at my church, so I know that these seeds are being sown on fertile ground. *Sandy Hansen*

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Perspectives from God's Word

So much comes back to trust. When I hear God saying trust and my flesh wants to yell back, How and who should I trust, I know that I need to make some adjustments. Figuring out what those are means I have to humble myself, to admit something is wrong. It may be as simple as get-



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July 31, 2014 Newsletter

MEC Spotlight

We really enjoyed having Dori Benson work with us February through July of 2014. She came with references as a trusted, dedicated and dependable worker with a gift of compassion and desire to impact others. Her desire to offer hope and show others that past mistakes can be stepping stones to God's good plans in their future drew us to select her as a volunteer. Her kindness, love for Christ, hope to use her testimony, availability and willingness to do necessary tasks led her to the employee position. She has now procured a full time position beyond what we are able to offer. We are thankful for God providing this for her and pray blessings for her and those she is caring for in her new job.

Pray for the Staffing need for MEC. Part time Contract Office Position see description at http://www.mecjailministry.com/resources/MEC_Administrative_Assistant.pdf

Save the Date Lord Willing, our Fall Event will be 6-8pm **October 4th** North Heights Church in Arden Hills. As much as we have loved having banquets in the past, cost necessitates that this year we will be having a desert event with music, speaker Sherriff Bostrom and testimonies.

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ting some rest. It may involve change I need to make, include forgiveness, (which includes mourning and comfort Matt. 5&6) or involve meeting challenges. It does involve the greatest and second commands to love God and others. (Matt. 22) Often it involves our understanding of God’s character and our identity. When someone brought up that his perception was that plenty of others were happier than (us) Christians who were concerned about _____ (fill in your own blank) conviction came to me, My old man [way of thinking] found it’s identity in being a victim. Although my new man finds it’s identity in God’s deliverance and gratitude, I need to live in and convey that more. I cannot tell you how many times a word from scripture has reflected what I needed to hear. When dealing with a severe accident, friends were getting divorced, a desired role was taken away, certain fellowship was denied, when rejoicing over a birth, praising with someone who has experienced healing and enjoying fellowship with someone who would have otherwise been a stranger or an enemy, something from God’s word has confirmed that He knows us and cares. (Psalms 139).

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Thank You for Bibles Cont. from pg. 1

Harvest Community Church, Maple Grove
9 cases of ESV's from Crossway's

Emmanuel Christian Center
2 cases NLT Life Recovery Bibles

Lake Free Church
\$500.00 -Ten cases of large print NLT's
ordered from Biblica

International Bible Givers
2 Cases of New Believers Bibles and one
case of large print NIV.

Renee Burman—Mothers Bibles

Horizons Community Church
Box used variety

Good News For Israel Paul Carlyon
Box used variety

Bethlehem Baptist
1 Box ESV's

We ask for your prayers for all of these inmates and volunteers. They especially have requests and concerns regarding their families as we so often see. When they are away from family, they long to be closer to them and desire that they will be forgiven for whatever it is they have done. They need forgiveness and a desire to walk with the Lord. Pray that they continue to reach out and find peace through His Holy Spirit.

Colossians 1:13-14 For He rescued us from the domain of darkness, and transferred us to the kingdom of His beloved Son, in whom we have redemption, the

Lamonte – I would like for you to pray for me and my family and to love my mother, bothers, sister and friends, for those who sin against me and most of all to be released from jail and never, ever, come back for anything. Keep me on a path of righteousness, focusing on the good and not the bad. Keep the evil ones and those who sin away and out of my path. Bless them all and keep me with God and His blessing.

Thank you.

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Ministry Friends

We know that we are not alone in Kingdom work.

This month we salute

Freedom Works– post prison aftercare

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Changing Gaits –Horses, Healing & Changing Lives

<http://www.changinggaits.org/>

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