



Missionary Evangelism to Corrections

Sharing the gospel & Christ's love with those in corrections since 1982
I was in prison and you came to me Matt. 25:36cESV

Pray for the Corrections settings Your County

*These are you Neighbors
You can have an impact in
bringing light to
those whose lives are dark
See page 3 for instructions and
send us your research & requests*



Will you write a Christmas Card or Cards for Inmates? See page 4 for instructions



Article & Update

Usually I have a spiritual encouragement article here. I have written so many Bible Studies for the e-mail that there is no time and space for the usual article. We will be adding these to the website soon. See the spotlight and pg. 2 to take away some encouragement. Updated activities since May NL are

- Continued e-mail lessons to five facilities
- Hmong Bible Study lesson in SCJ
- Phone services in Anoka County WH/R
- Volunteers at Hennepin County are gearing up for video services

Do you have or will you purchase coats for Inmates being released in the cold?

As an individual
or get your church involved!
See page 5 for instructions

November Newsletter 2020

SPOTLIGHT:

Erin (Carroll) & Marlin Meszaros

When I saw her before and after pictures, I wanted to sing, "Praise the Father, Praise the Son, Praise the Spirit, three in one" ... Praise to the King of Kings!

This is what our Father God does. Many times the volunteers never know what happens to those they minister to. Praying with, praying for, encouraging commitment and growth and when able providing information for ongoing discipleship leads us to surrender each to the LORD. What a blessing when the LORD brings us together. Erin is now on staff with Healing House at Metro Hope. Here is a short note and you can click the link for more about her faith, work and family. She is featured in their recent newsletter.

"I specifically remember Goodhue County, I don't remember the lady's name. She would come in and do Bible study I remember one of the first verses was; "Be still and Know that I am God" and that Psalms 23 was really important.

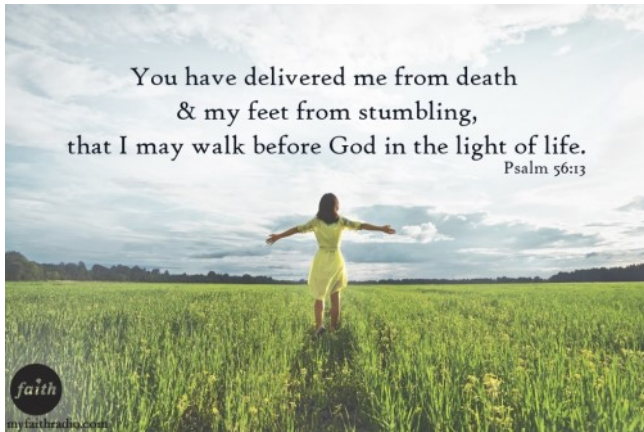
There is no place like being in jail to sit still and know that God is in control. It made the Bible really real. To be coming off of drugs and to be able to have peace and connect with God and the Bible was really something. I know that God would not have gotten a hold of me any other way. It took being on drugs and being in jail for Him to reach me. I heard about the Healing House while I was in Ramsey County Workhouse. I met a woman who had been at Metro Hope when we were in Bible Study together. [MH's Healing House is on MEC's resources.] It was in 2012 and is such a blur, but so important. I felt at peace in jail for the first time for a long time It was almost bitter sweet to get out and go to treatment.

Marlin went through a Prison Fellowship program called the "Inner Change Freedom Initiative." (since changed to Prison
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Academy) He first accepted the Lord as a teenager, but never really took it seriously until he was in jail in Dakota County and attended Bible Study with Pastor Jim Bzoski. Marlin is a graduate of IFI and still attends their monthly breakfasts. The wedding was perfect, but cold. We have moved in together and are living at Freedom Works campus. It is so exciting! God Bless you !

More details and pictures in Metro Hope's newsletter
<https://mailchi.mp/7fc4b1c3033d/ted-nielsenmetro-hope-ministries-12464386?e=60a1b2456c>

Ministry Friends

We know we are not alone in Ministry in Christ and this month our

Ministry Friend Shout Out is to

Metro Hope Ministries

which has New Hope Center for Men and Healing House for women & their children. It has been a privilege to watch them grow Seth Evans is on MEC's board and also over the staff at Metro Hope

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

see our website listed below for more resources

Are you critiquing, criticizing or

Cheering your team (Family, Church, Ministry, Neighbors) on?



Be careful then, take care, watch out! and see to it, Dear brothers and sisters, - Make sure that your own hearts (or any of your hearts) are not evil, sinful and unbelieving, that turns away, forsakes or departs from the living God. Instead, Encourage/exhort each other every day while you have the opportunity, while it is still called Today; If you do this, none of you will become hardened or stubborn by the deceitfulness of sin. Hebrews 3:12-13

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www.mecjailministry.com

Saul Selby Director, Karen Assistant Director,
Sandy Hanson Office Administrator

Praying for Your Corrections Settings in your county / These are your neighbors

Do some research and pray for the following areas.

Who is the Sherriff in your county? _____ Mayor _____

Law Enforcement Officers _____

Adult Correctional Facility

Jail Administrator _____

Captain _____

Deputies _____

Program Directors who influence the education, practices and activities of the inmates and the volunteers

Volunteers in the Jail _____

Youth Facilities _____

Families of Inmates _____

Do you have a Community Corrections which is separate from the main jail? Is so who are those to pray for there?

What are the drug , alcohol and/or crime influences in your community?

What are the treatment centers? _____

The shelters _____

Local Missions in your community and county to pray for are _____

What measures for prevention are being taken in your area? _____

You can go online to the inmate locators and pray for inmates by name.

Those in both Detention/Sheriffs lockup and in community corrections that are reentering your community every day.

They may be in the pew near you but you are not aware of it, or they may be refusing to go to church because of fear of being judged or because they do not understand the gospel or the point of church. How does grace mercy and the power to change provided by the Holy Spirit affect you and your relations with them? You can pray for individuals listed in your local paper.

Apply to receive the MEC intercessor letter.

Help coordinate prayer efforts. – send us what you find so others can pray also

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Dear Friend of MEC (Missionary Evangelism to Corrections),

Imagine being separated from your loved ones over the holidays and needing forgiveness.

We are looking for hand written Christmas cards which can be given to inmates at Christmas time.



Each card should include some part of your story, a scripture verse and a personal note of encouragement. Sign your first name and if you wish your last initial. They should be enclosed in a non-sealed blank envelope. **We are not looking for generic notes and do not want individuals to feel like they are being preached at. Please make these something that would be encouraging if you were to receive it at a time of need.** How I found the hope of Christmas or How Christ helped me are two ways to think of what you can include in the note.

If you have a good quality printer and want some Christmas images you can print to make cards we can send some of those to you.

In the past we have put in long hours near Christmas and only been able to cover a couple of jails. Can you help us reach more inmates in this way this year?

In Christ,

Saul, Karen, Sandy, and MEC volunteers

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Saul & Karen Selby". The signature is written in a cursive style.

Please send these to MEC, PO Box 542, Wyoming MN 55092 by November 25th, 2020. Or drop them off at the office. **Please do not seal the envelopes** for the cards for inmates

Christ said .."The Spirit of the Lord is upon Me, because He has anointed Me to preach the gospel to the poor. He has sent Me to heal the brokenhearted, to preach deliverance to the captives and recovery of sight to the blind, to set at liberty those who are oppressed, to preach the acceptable year of the Lord." Luke 4:18-19

Learn more about MEC at <http://mecjailministry.com/> mecjailministry.com 651-408-1300

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Coat Drive for Inmates



All adult sizes welcome! (especially larger sizes)

**Please leave donations at the following location
by February 16th 2020**

Fill in your church information or bring to
Sharing Shop at Lakes Free Church
29620 Olinda Trail, Lindstrom MN 55045

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