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Thanksgiving at MEC

We did not do an end of the year letter. We chose to send out a Bible Study that covered 12 days around the Advent Season. At Thanksgiving time Nadine went through the prayer letters and wrote down these things that we at MEC are grateful for:

Coat Drive- We have distributed over 300 coats to local jails and facilities we work with. (Hennepin, Washington, Anoka, etc.). We are grateful for the opportunity to serve and pray for a good harvest for our next coat drive. Thank you to all of you who have donated coats or worked with us to make this happen!

This year (2022) we have already collected about 150 coats, some of which have already been delivered to the jails, but we still have about 150 to go, since demand is high this year. If you still have some coats sizes large, extra-large or bigger that you could bring in, it would really help us to reach our yearly goal.

Christmas Cards- Many volunteers have written a total of about 355 Christmas Cards to be offered to inmates at local jails. We are thankful for all that have shown the love of Christ to those inmates who were going through an otherwise very lonely Christmas.

Volunteers- We are so thankful for all of our volunteers. The last years was a difficult one for all of us due to Covid and all the mandates, restrictions and rules it brought. The volunteers took so much on their shoulders (submitting paperwork, background checks, orientations, vaccinations, mask mandates, quarantines, doing lessons via zoom) just to be able to go back in to the jails to preach the Word. They really love God!

Thank you for all that you do!

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Spotlight Dick & Rosie Orvis



I remember Rosalie's prayers. You could hear the earnestness in her voice as she spoke with our Father, praying for us, for the inmates and for the ministry of MEC. Her prayers were reassuring and motivating, letting me know that she cared about us, those forgotten and loved the LORD deeply, and would intercede for us. We will miss her and her prayers. We rejoice that she is with Him.

Rosie left a legacy of love, of a life lived to the fullest and one worth living. She was intentional in her relationships and loved people, especially her children (5 of them) and grandchildren (16). She loved and served God and wanted Him to receive all of the glory. She was an encourager and a servant leader, working with food, cleaning, the library, volunteering in Sunday School, Pioneer Girls, AWANA, prayer, and as a camp cook, recruiter and director. She loved fishing, playing games & was an awesome wife, mother, grandmother and aunt. Her husband Dick says, "She loved her kids and grand-kids. She prayed for them every day. When we were together, they were the center of attention. She worked at the camp every year. When we started the camp, which I still do every year, we were in Aitkin, where a young man from our church was the director of Child Evangelism Fellowship Camp. We patterned our camp after his - there is a lot of Bible Memory and a lot of teaching. She was just very caring and would help anybody. She was so friendly, personable, such a caregiver and had such a love for Christ.

Dick says, "We did these things together. I went to camp with her all except those first two years. We cooked in the kitchen together. For AWANA, she worked with the girls and I worked with the guys. We worked together for the LORD."

Dick emphasized that, "Your family is important. We have always been involved with the family and especially the grandchildren. **Everyone should expect the LORD to come and be ready.** He promised us this and He went to prepare a place for us and is coming back for us, so we want to be ready. He is going to be coming soon and we will see Rosie then."

Retired volunteers- Of course, in difficult times like these, not everyone was able to comply with all that was going on for one reason or another. So, we had a few of our volunteers retire and hand over their positions to others. We want you to know that we are still extremely grateful for what you have done and for your faithfulness over the years. Thank you!

Intercessors- Prayer is important and we would like to thank our intercessors for the time they spend in prayer. Prayer for inmates, for volunteers and for us.

Donors- Running a ministry like MEC takes work, dedication and, yes, money. Thank you for all our donors out there who helped us keep things running smoothly.

Programs directors- We would also like to say thank you to all the programs directors at our jails. It's been a hard time for them too, as they had to figure out how to facilitate the services, so that all involved could be safe. We are grateful for all the effort and coordination on their part to keep the word of God coming to those incarcerated.

Of course, we don't want to miss to thank the one who made all of this possible, the one who actually made all of us, the **Lord**. We all know that none of us is perfect, but You want us to come to you anyway. You hear our prayers.

Thank you, **Lord**, for all that you have done and provided for us, for the love and compassion that you have shown to us. It is a joy to serve you.

“Praise the LORD!

**Oh give thanks to the LORD, for He is good,
His faithful, steadfast love never fails.**

**His loving devotion is everlasting,
it endures forever!**

Psalms 106:1 (combined versions)



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