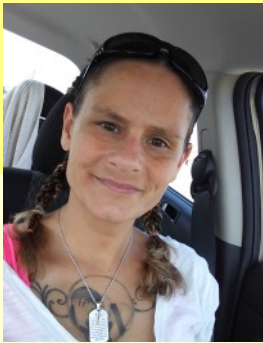




Missionary Evangelism to Corrections

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

April 30th 2020



Spotlight *Melanie Dombrovsky*

I came to know Jesus through the struggle of addiction to opiates and methamphetamines and jail, by actively wanting something different in my life.

I knew of God as a little girl but didn't know He was asking me to have a relationship with His son Jesus. I gave my life to Jesus in Washington County Jail in 2016 after reading a handout about the cross. I said the prayer to receive Christ as my personal Lord and Savior November 2016 after listening to someone in jail church talk to me about what John 3:16 really meant.

Christ filled me with His Holy Spirit and began a good work in me, giving me the desire to read His Word and to change my lifestyle. I began reading in jail, learning scripture, asking questions and establishing a relationship with Christ. The Lord led me to Philippians 4:13 instilling in me Christ's strength and reminding me that without him I can do nothing. The Holy Spirit then led me to do a Bible study in jail called the Key to Your Expected End by Katie Souza where I found true passion in Jesus when God spoke-

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Covid Update

Greetings MEC Friends!

As you know, currently the jails have shut down all volunteers or visitors from going into the jails to but we are still operating. Some of the volunteers are providing lessons for inmates by e-mail, we are sending books and workbooks for the inmates to have materials to work on, and we are asking for you to pray. Please read through to this whole letter for some important information on how to do so. In select cases the volunteers are able to do video or minister over the phone. Pray that this would be available to more volunteers and inmates.

Some counties have many inmates, and some have very few inmates. Some of the older inmates who are not considered a threat and who are more vulnerable to the virus have received compassionate release.

For some of the counties who have the inmate's names on the websites, volunteers took names to praying over the inmates and staff. Some are taking a dozen names others are taking a day a week of the roster. The two jails that have had more specific prayer are taking lessons so that twenty eight of the services per week are being covered by e-mail. This shows us how important the prayer is and if you could commit to praying for your county that would be appreciated. The largest one is asking for activities that they can do while they are in their cells. Being in these small cells for hours is very very challenging to mental health.

If you are willing to take names to pray for, willing to send a letter or a postcard encouraging an inmate to be praying and seeking

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**MEC Basic Orientation
February 1st**



Lori is volunteering at the Anoka County Work Release with the Celebrate Recovery Class and mentoring.

Nadine works in the office and helps with many tasks. This orientation is one of them. Her son Elias is able to come at times and brings great help and smiles!

Melanie Dombrovski See Spotlight

LeAnn volunteers with her husband Glen at Stepping Stones Shelter in Anoka.

Lori Forstad, Nadine & Elias Behrens, Melanie Dombrovski, LeAnn Huff, Roger Hanggi and Dewy Lysen attended or assisted at the February 9th Orientation

Roger is praying about his involvement with MEC at this time. While working as a translator and missionary for Wycliffe, he served as chaplain to prisoners in Cameroon, Africa.

Lord willing, Dewy will be volunteering with Anoka County Jail Facility serving with Keith Hedges. Keith brought Dewy to the LORD years ago, when Lysen was an inmate.

Covid Update

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God, or willing to coordinate prayer for your county, please let us know by phone or e-mail and we can discuss specifics with you.

We are in communications with most of the program directors and will let the volunteers know when they can begin volunteering. If you are a volunteer and have not communicated with us as to how we can be praying for you, please do so.

We get calls from family members and letters that we are responding to pray and to send resource information for spiritual growth, encouragement and support such as Teen Challenge or other faith based programs. Teen Challenge is open and taking clients. Their gala is online this Friday evening May 1st, and promises to be inspiring with testimonies and music Saul has a lot of responsibility there keeping precautions and care going for both staff and clients.

We have done one Zoom video orientation for 3 volunteers and are hoping when this is ended the current volunteers can resume and new ones can get cleared and start.

Please pray for Sandy, although she does not have COVID we are praying for her life, for health and healing, for her to come back to us, for the Holy Spirit to fill her. If you are willing to fast and pray, please do so.

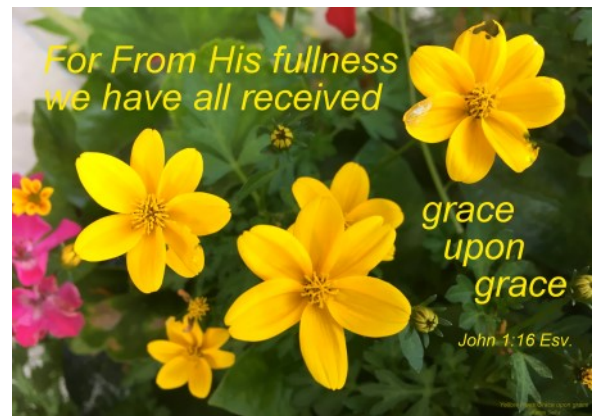
Nadine is able to do a little from home.

May things from the office that have been in the “please get to this when you can” areas are now being concentrated on.

I thank God for you, for God providing members of His family that I am able to call and pray with to release the pressures that build up. For many at this time ideas and issues we have covered up with activity are surfacing and it is good to know that He heals and He holds all things together. As Peggy reminded me in her prayer this morning, He gives us what we need to persevere and that He supplies grace upon grace. .

Thank you for your prayers and ongoing support!!!!!!

*Sincerely,
Saul & Karen Selby*



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Jeremiah 29:11 & 13 over my life. God gave me hope again and reminded me that he has a plan for my life and it is better than the plan I had for my own life.

I am now 3 years 10 months sober. I have a relationship again with my family and my four children, I'm a productive member of society. As a certified Peer Recovery Specialist I was Blessed with a Job at MN Adult and Teen Challenge working with the women in the long term program. I'm able to come alongside other's and authentically show Christ Jesus' Love.

All for God's Glory and Honor because Christ Jesus died for not just my sins but for the sins of the world.

Mel Dombrovsky

For I know the thoughts that I think toward you, saith the LORD, thoughts of peace, and not of evil, to give you an expected end. ¹² Then shall ye call upon me, and ye shall go and pray unto me, and I will hearken unto you. ¹³ And ye shall seek me, and find me, when ye shall search for me with all your heart.
Jeremiah 29:11 KJV

We know we are not alone in ministry and so each month we do a shout-out to others

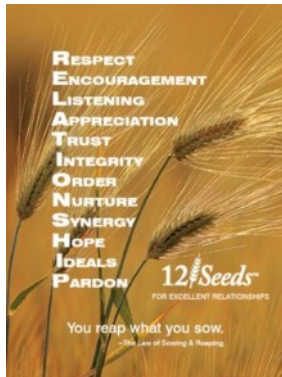
This Months are doing two shoutouts One for 12Seeds and the other for National Christian Foundation

NCFTC donated monies for 12 Seeds books and workbooks which the jails are giving to inmates to have something for them to do during this time of corvid restrictions.

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