



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

Spotlight Hennepin County Please read and pray through

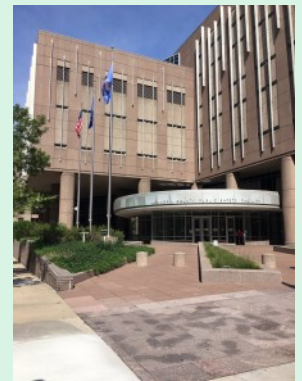
**May 31- June 15,
2020**

In the 2010 census the population in HC was 1,152,425. It has more people than any other county in Minnesota and the 32nd-most populous county in the United States; more than one in five Minnesotans live in Hennepin County. David Hutchinson was elected Hennepin County Sheriff in 2018.

For those who live there the reasons to pray are obvious and wonderful and heart wrenching. For those who do not live in HC, the reasons to pray are more important and foundational than we realize. What starts in the cities spreads to surrounding areas. The events of the last days and weeks: George Floyd's death, the, protests—both peaceful and non, riots, fires and grief have affected us all. With a large population we know that the staff and inmates have had to deal with cases of COVID-19 issues. If one individual exposes others there is widespread impact with those being housed as well as staff who may be working with fewer of their numbers.

I know many of you are praying and hope and urge you to do so pointedly specifically and repeatedly at this time. May you also find and commit to prayer ongoing. The battle is real and you are called to and important to it. Please pray for our family of Christ, those surrounding us and those being called to Him. If you are willing to take specific names to pray for, please contact us.

The Criminal Justice system involves judges, prosecutors, defense attorneys, courts, corrections and rehabilitation. County Corrections are run by two specific areas: jails and adult detention centers. Those are the places where a person who is arrested goes first. From there, people may be released with conditions such as probation or treatment, may be sen-



Memorial Day

The Bible has the most universal influence than any other book has had on humanity. It has influenced every culture. ... In the legal system it helped form English common law, the Bill of Rights, the Magna Carta, and the Constitution. There are several quotes from presidents and other world leaders that speak to the importance of the Bible in many ways and many great resources.

As we remember some very special people on Memorial Day, we would also like to remember those who fought a great fight in the spiritual battle of bringing people from darkness to light, from lies and confusion to truth, from

COVID Update

Dear MEC Friends,

We have not forgotten about you. I have re-worked the Newsletter in my head for the past few months but not had time to get it finished and out to you. Here is one and you can look forward to another soon. We do pray for you.

Around 34 lessons a week are being sent to program directors and we are making Relationships Books and Workbooks and Bibles available to inmates. Even some additional jails that we do not have volunteers in have taken some.

We have had requests and Lord willing, will be sending Hmong Bibles and lessons to Scott County.

Sandy is back after 3 months in the hospital and doing better than she has for most of, if not all of her life. Praise God with us!

Numbers of inmates are down in most jails, but some have dealt a lot with the riots.

Please go to your corrections websites and pray for inmates. !!!! and pray for staff. COVID Update cont. on pg 3

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tenced to Community Corrections, or if their sentence is longer than a year, to prison. The Sherriff's Department is in charge of the Hennepin County jail, formally called the Adult Detention center. Community Corrections runs the Hennepin Adult Corrections Facility, youth facilities, home monitoring and probation and parole.

The HCJ is a pre-trial facility in downtown Minneapolis. Inmates are housed in the public safety facility and in city hall. There are were 439 inmates and a few days ago there were 26 being medically isolated (no positive tests, just some precaution). In early August there are 392 inmates With aggressive screening the population is 45percent lower than normal. Pray for the inmates to seek God and to pursue spiritual life, especially now when there are no visits or volunteers allowed into the facility. Hours of isolation in cells when they cannot be in the common areas are very difficult on mental health. Asking for prayers about the current situation in Minneapolis with the protests and violence following George Floyd's death are not just general, but are urgent requests.

This jail also houses juveniles who have been charged with adult crimes and are waiting to find out what will happen to them.

Pray for Programs director Adam and his supervisor Joe and for Chaplain John C with Good News Jail and Prison Ministry. MEC volunteers Keith K, Ron S, Christian Z, Frank B, Dan & Rosalind M, Fran W, Greg D, Bruce K, Mike M, Joe N, Greg B, Sheryl O, Susan J, Diane H, Barbra B, Daniel E, Jeff B, Peter H, Gary B, Albert U, Larry D, Lyle G, (Mike, Kelly, Ruth), Pablo M, Pete D, Dustin C, and John. Also Morris A & Gerald L. & Zac H.



Image from twitter @Hennepin Some of info for article from MEC and some from Hennepin Co. website

The Adult Corrections Facility provides short-term (up to one year) custody and programming for adult offenders convicted of felony, gross misdemeanor, and misdemeanor offenses. It has a capacity of 477 with 399 beds in the men's section and 78 beds for women. The average length of stay is 45 days with 19 percent of residents participating in work/study programs. Currently there are 222 inmates there. Please pray for Chaplain Jeff F., Enell E., Mulbah M., Lois S. and Troy W.



The Juvenile Detention Center and County Home School - The JDC is a secure 24-hour detention facility for juveniles age 10-21 who have been arrested and are awaiting court disposition or placement. The facility has a capacity of 87 beds. The CHS is a state-licensed residential treatment center for juveniles ages 13-20 who have been committed by the court. Year-round school and vocational training augment risk-based, therapeutic programing to improve resident's ability to live productive, responsible lives when they return to their families and communities. Imagine the impact that COVID and the unrest is having on the youth and pray for them! Many are now being give home or group custody.

Pray for Lois, Craig and Luke G. Pray for more opportunities and for volunteers to be willing to go and to be accepted here.



- Other prayer requests for Hennepin County:
- Let's ask The Lord to speak through [Our Daily Bread booklets](#) that are always available at HCACF.
- These booklets are choice sources of Godly Wisdom and Instruction. Even though we as volunteers cannot be there, the ODB booklets are available and inmates can ask for one, The June-July-August ODB was just delivered on May 27 Ron Sandstrom - Hennepin, Anoka and Washington counties have each received 100 copies.
- For wisdom for the leadership as to when and how to open up again and the return of Bible studies.
- Prayer for health and safety for staff and inmates. - Pablo Montanez
- For the mental, emotional, physical, and spiritual safety of all of the women incarcerated at this difficult time. - Susan Janick
- For healing in this difficult time. And for us to be able to bring the much needed encouragement and good news of Jesus Christ to these dear souls. Blessings, Dan & Roz.
- Pray for the Intercessors who pray regularly for the inmates by name when the volunteers are active and sending in prayer requests from inmates.
- If you would like specific names to be praying for please contact us!!! We have a separate prayer letter for those who are willing to pray for one hour per month for the ministry. In it we share specific requests from Volunteers, inmates and family members who call us.

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fatherless to family, from hopeless to faith, and from hatred or apathy to love. In her book *A Cry From the Streets: Rescuing Brazil's Forgotten Children*, Jeannette Lukasse tells of her family joining Youth With A Misson, being part of building the ministry on the ship *Anastasis* and then going to *Belle Horizante* in Brazille where they ministered to street children. From no such ministry existing to seven houses for children including those who are deaf and have aids, they also have ministries that reach adults and schooling to train other people to reach street children.

YWAM Publishing has books about many missionaries including Gladys Aylward, Nate Saint, Hudson Taylor, Amy Carmichael, Erick Liddell, Corrie ten Boom, William Carey, George Mueller, Jim Elliot, Mary Slessor, David Livingston, Betty Green, Adoniram Judson, Cameron Townsend, William Booth, Brother Andrewmn, C.S. Lewis and many others. I have also enjoyed books and movies from Catherine Marshall and Joni Erickson Tada,

While in my teens, Corrie ten Boom's book and movie, *The Hiding Place* had quite an impact on me and I still remember hearing her speak in person. Recently I have listened to some of her talks on line and so much admire these saints and the work God did through them.

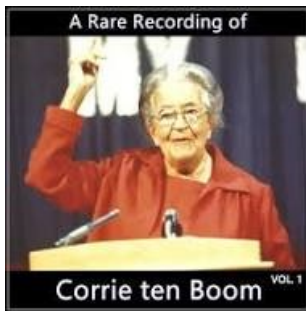


Image from audiobook from internet

Ravi Zacharias (26 March 1946 – 19 May 2020)

“Nothing, absolutely nothing, has a more direct bearing on the moral choices made by individuals or the purposes pursued by society than belief or disbelief in God.”

Image from Wikipedia

31 Quotes on Crosswalk.com



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Many MEC volunteers and friends are talking by phone with us for prayer requests.

We have never wanted the ministry to be “those over there doing this work” but that we are in this together in prayer and praise, support and ministering together!

Prayer and quote from the Presidential Prayer Team

Heavenly Father, as we face these days we trust in you and know that your love conquers all. We ask for the strength and wisdom to endure the challenges that come our way. Help us to remain true. Give us comfort, and help us remember that we are not of this world. We ask these things in Jesus' name, Amen.

“If you are going to protest, do express your outrage and make your voice heard, but remember COVID is not yesterday's news. It is still a problem and it still kills. In this compounded crisis, use wisdom.”

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