



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

Blessed is the nation whose God is the LORD.

Psalms 33:12



Reports from volunteers

Mark Deiman- Seven guys were present on

Thursday June 30th at the Anoka County Work Release. We talked of King David, **a man after God's own heart** but with flaws like all of us. I was also able to deliver Bibles to the inmates. Please pray for me to represent our Lord well and stay focused on the Lord while in the world.

Daniel & Roz Miller- Unfortunately we were turned away due to a lockdown this week. The enemy is not idle. Praying for God to open the doors that the enemy is always trying to close.

July report Ten inmates joined us July 7th in jail. We spoke about Faith in Hebrews chapter 11. We started with a question that was asked a couple of weeks ago, "What if the thing I pray about and **fear** the most, happens to me?" One of the men, who was struggling with his legal situation, shared with us his struggle with faith and believing. We were so blessed to see the men stepping up and **encouraging him** to trust in the Lord. They shared their own struggles and God's answering their prayers. It was a blessing to see the Spirit working and ministering in our very presence. See inmate note for more. Blessings, **GOD IS SO GOOD!**

Third week report Six inmates joined us on Thursday July 14th. Our topic was Faith, **Hebrews chapter 11**. We, again, talked of faith. Believing in what we cannot see or touch.

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JULY 2022 MEC Newsletter

MEC Spotlight Prayer & Praises

Rather than spotlighting one person, we are going to list prayers and praises directly from the inmates. These are only a portion of the ones that have been submitted and the ones submitted are only a portion of the needs that are there. Inmates are out of sight and out of mind and they are our neighbors. Many will return to your community. Thank you for praying for them.

M. - I need prayers for my family, for my five kids, for my freedom, for my future. I need a prayer for my mental health, for my peace, for my faith. I need prayer for wisdom and understanding. My friend Anthony needs prayer for his soul, for his faith and freedom, peace, wisdom and understanding. Thank you, God bless!

J.—Please pray for me as I go to court next week 07/14/22. It's time for me to go home to my family. Also pray for all the special people who give their time to teach us about God and Jesus Christ and all the Bible has to help us understand the Good News. God Bless.



K.— I am struggling with addiction and have received some severe drug charges. I am trying to get into Teen Challenge to turn my life around and find a relationship with God. Please pray that the courts give me a chance at Teen Challenge.

J.—Asking God to take away anger and frustration (the volunteer's recollections from earlier meetings is that he feels there are some aspects/accusations against

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him that are unjust/false) Also, his little brother Je. has heart failure issues Both need a heart open to the Lord

A. -Please pray for my court date this Thursday and also for my dear friend K. here in jail who lost her sister and wants so badly to go to her funeral. Also, for my recovery as I go into T. treatment center.

F. - Please pray for my court date on Thursday at 3 o'clock, pray that I do not have to go to prison.

C. -Court date and needed eye surgery for detached retina. Pray for needed understanding for those supervising as these things are not always visible and expectations can be unrealistic.

Anonymous or name changed

T. -Court date on Aug. 3rd. He wants the Lord's will however the matter falls.

S. - Please pray for my court date on __ and my son E. that I may get home to him before school starts in September, so I need to get a quick release; and pray for my mother's health and that I do not lose my apartment. S. is very excited about what Christ is doing in her life. She feels hopeful as she is being lifted from her fears and negativity.

E - Pray that I can find hope and the desire to stay on the right path as I get distracted easily here. Also, that I find positive friends and people to be around.

M. - shared the Lord had blessed him in his legal issues by working out his release. He was all smiles, praising God the whole night.

N. - is trying to get a 1st degree murder charge reduced to 2nd or 3rd so that he could get into a christain treatment center. More about this in the confidential prayer requests for intercessors

J. actually was the first one in for that service, well before the other men. Early on, however he had an outburst, swearing and proclaiming that God was not reliable, etc. He was very distressed. There was an audible, negative reaction from the other inmates. [We] offered to pray with him right then, which was accepted. We also offered to pray with him after the service. We continued with the service , but J left early. He did ask for prayer for health issues in his family, as well as his own issues.



There are many requests for releases, court days, family members, forgiveness & reconciliation. These are what we all long for in many ways. How much more is this true for those coming to seek God while they are in jail?

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Response- We had a quiet group with some new faces as many of the regulars have moved on. Praises-Praising God for his faithfulness, "Never leaving nor forsaking us" as we look forward to his blessings on this ministry. God is good! Dan & Roz

Kevin Forss- Two inmates attended the **Victory Over Addiction** class on Wednesday June 27th at Scott County Jail. Both inmates talked about a sincere desire to change their lives. We watched and discussed the first three VOA lessons (**God uses Jail. Denial, Consequences**).

2nd week report Last week I had one inmate attend the VOA class and another week it was three. We studied lesson 4 **Repentance** this week. No prayer requests. I pray for more inmates attending. Blessings, Kevin.

Peter Henschel- 14 inmates participated. Generally, we talk about the **nature of the Scriptures**, the nature of God, the nature of people and that can take several looks, then we almost always close with sharing the gospel. The response of the inmates was very positive. I initially didn't like the large group because it's hard to connect but I've grown to really enjoy it and by the responses of the inmates I know they do as well.

Pray for the Wednesday Bible study and for God to speak to me first and then through me. One of the participants, needs you to join me in **praying for a miracle**. More is shared in confidence with the intercessors, but there is a lot of news about him. From during some riots. He is repentant and saved. Also pray for Di she is trying to reengage with MEC this fall. Thanks.



Pablo Montanez- On July 8th eight inmates participated in a Bible study Our topic was: Bridge illustration- **Gospel presentation**. Our prayer requests are for Grace, Grace and more Grace. Pray for wisdom for all aspects of potential mission trip to Africa in November.

Bob Eddleston- This year has been a challenge since T. cancer, marriage of our daughter K., change of work schedule, death of one of my brothers. I've missed a few Saturday worship nights at jail but I'm looking forward to this Saturday night worship. Thanks for inquiring on my well-being.

Tom Velner, Jerry Frank, Phil Sansom- Tom, Jerry and Phil held two church services on July 16th ... and six men came to the first and 14 men came to the second service. They talked about Colossians 1: **The mark of a believer includes true faith as well as love and concern for the brethren.**

Frank Boardman- Hi, Everyone. Reporting in on two meetings July 3rd and July 17th .

July 3rd went well with 12 in attendance. I did a lesson on the **word of God**. No new salvations.

On July 17th were 16 in attendance. I left my lesson plan home so I had an impromptu. It went well. No new salvations either. Pray for those to come!



Jean Strub - Last night God drew 9 women to join the online Bible study. They were very open and engaged, all were believers except one who was searching. We spoke about **who Jesus is**, that He is the miracle worker, light in the darkness, He is the Good Shepherd, He is our Savior, Our Risen Lord, He is the Holy Spirit living within us, Our Redeemer, Our Justified, Righteous Maker. He is One with the Father. Also we spoke of the validity of the Bible. Jean does WCJ and St. Croix each week , one online and one in person.

Ministry Shout Out

We know we are not alone in ministry so each month we lift up another ministry.

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Dawson McCallister Digital Ministry for youth

We have permission to reformat and print out their e-books for the youth and those incarcerated. Please pray for them and for this endeavor which will highly impact the youth in corrections.



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VARIOUS PRAISE/THANKSGIVING REPORTS:

- For what God has allowed in his life
- For giving him increased patience
- For family (Dad, children were mentioned)
- Grateful for this opportunity to get healthy spiritually now
- For breakfast today
- For multiple second chances
- For allowing him to be in jail as a learning experience

SURRENDER/CONFESSION:

- Asking forgiveness for cussing
- Confessed to multiple temptations; asks to stay on the right track
- Confessed that he wants things in his life to happen according to his timetable
- Acknowledgement that he has messed up his life and made evil choices. Stark awareness and confession to God that he is now actually in jail due to his own choices
- Acknowledged that he doesn't give others a helping hand

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