



Thank you for sharing your love for Christ - This is how you helped!

Thank you for your contributions to sharing Christ with inmates through MEC. Each year it is a challenge to find fresh ways to share our gratitude with you. Here are some of the ways you contributed to this!

- 90 Church Services, Bible Studies, Individual Spiritual Counseling or Topical Outreach classes ministering to
- Volunteers minister to around 700-800 individuals a week (some come to more than one service)
- For the 18 jails that we have volunteers in (around 200 volunteers)- In addition to the church Bible Studies Outreach Classes and reentry we try to provide a Bible and Daily Bread devotional for any inmates that want one. The Life Recovery Bibles are in great demand. Bible Donations should be marked specifically for those.
- Estimated 130 inmates met with in person for re-entry
- 86 written inmate requests and four letters and an undetermined number of phone calls from inmates and families responded to
- Around 300 Daily Breads per month distributed as well as the Easter edition. A January was distributed for December and the address provided if they wanted get a Christmas edition.

- Re-entry inmates in Chisago County and in Anoka County receive a Reentry booklet which we purchase from Prison Fellowship and a 12 Seeds Relationship book and workbook by Norm Anderson at 12 Seeds which the Christian Foundation supplies the finances for.
- Monthly e-mail newsletter includes devotional/inspirational piece and true-life story. (Printed on request for around 25 who do not have e-mail)
- Prayer/Intercession letter sent every 10 days with from 120-300 requests from inmate and volunteer requests.
- 4 boxes of books to the ACJF library.
- 300 Bibles given out this year
- ?200 (we forgot to keep track of the count) coats donated to different jails for inmates who need one upon release. Personal note and tract or daily bread in each pocket.
- New volunteer orientations take place following application, interview and reference checks. They are held every other month with the placement and training that the county does usually following that.
- MEC hosts two events a year One in Spring varies in content such as Movie, Concert or Entertainment which we did not hold this year.
- The fall event is available in an audio CD and was the Serenity Village Worship Team leading, dessert served and the keynote speaker was Rich Scherber of Teen Challenge. We had 4 wonderful testimonies from ex-inmates, volunteers. Three of these were incarcerated and are now volunteering – two in the facilities.

For a fuller Missions Report see the website 2018 MEC Missions Report!

Saul & Karen Selby, Sandy Hanson, staff Grace Schmidt and MEC volunteers!