

## 2018 Missions Report - MEC Jail Ministry Summary

Facility	Size	MEC Services Each week	Praises!	Prayer Requests
<b>Anoka County</b>				
<p><u>Anoka Co. Juvenile Programs:</u> (ages 8 but more often 12-17)                      AC Non-Secure (ACNS)                      AC Sanford &amp; Walker (ACSW)                      East Central Regional Juvenile Center (ECRJC)</p>	<p>24 Beds                      50 Beds  <u>36 Beds</u>  <u>100-110</u></p>	<p>3 Church services,                      5 Bible studies, ISC (80youth/wk)                      ~Need -Women to help with church and Bible Study</p>	<p>Many if not most of these youth are not churched. Last service I did, I asked what they felt they were getting out of attending and reading the Bible. Their response was that they were struggling less and doing better with their attitudes. This is what God does.</p>	<p>Two of the youth which were attending over the holiday services are representative of more (not all) talked of gangs. One told me he was raised in a gang family, described some abuse and said he was trusting God to save him from the devil. The other asked if it was a sin to join a gang. Pray for wisdom for all of the volunteers as they answer these challenging and real questions and share God's Word with these youth. Pray for the staff to proponent Godly values and to have patience with the youth. Many youths are seeking and some can challenge. That any power struggles be resolved with kindness not just overpowering words.- as for all the staff in all the facilities.                      Staff Contact is Derrick J.</p>
<p>Anoka Co. Work Release (ACWR)</p>	<p>240 Beds</p>	<p>2 Church services, ISC, 3 Bible studies                      Reentry meetings for women are on hold</p>	<p>Consistency with volunteers</p>	<p>Reentry for woman and men is needed. We have only had one volunteer doing it and she is taking a break. Would like parenting classes, need volunteers. Staff to pray for Andrew L. Matt H. and Gary W.</p>
<p>Downtown Anoka Jail Facility (ACJF)</p>	<p>248 Inmates</p>	<p>3 Church Services                      8 Bible studies, 2 ISC                      (100inmates/wk)</p>	<p>Celebrate Recovery was started and we would like to extend it to every week but that has to open up with the staff.</p>	<p>Better communication with the volunteers</p>
<p>CARE – Mental Health and Substance abuse</p>		<p>1 Bible Study</p>		<p>Victory over Addictions or Celebrate Recovery has been requested but we need volunteers to do it. Clients are often on a lot of meds and women need ministry.</p>
<p>Stepping Stones Homeless Shelter</p>		<p>Church on Sunday                      2-6-10in attendance</p>	<p>Praise that this has started and is going each week. One of the clients is housed and going to NWU and we hope will volunteer.</p>	<p>Strengthen Administrative connection and for the clients here to find homes and be able to support themselves. A lot of anger and questioning – That they come and that they could connect with the resources they need.                      Staff contacts Kevin S. Johanna K. Julie J.</p>

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Chisago County Jail	53 Beds	Church 3 <sup>rd</sup> Sun., ISC, 2 Bible studies, VOAC Re-entry Volunteers Mentoring 27/wk	New jail up and running	Men and women's services were split and so services are shorter and not as often. Need more volunteers for services and reentry. New Jail opened in 2018 has increased to 125. Staff contacts – Terry D. and successor. Tracy A. Brandon T.
<b>Hennepin County</b>				
Hennepin Co. Adult Corrections Facility (HCACF)	125 Work Release	Church 1 Sunday /month MEC volunteer Chaplain for women. Another ministry does the men. ~	New volunteer took place of one who had to move on. Others have applied.	More opportunities to open up as there were many Christian volunteers here but most have Admin has shifted to cognition teaching and hiring that not volunteers. Pray for the Holy Spirit to move, and for openness to God's work. Need help with Fathering class on Saturdays Needs targeted prayer. Staff contacts Susan T. Chaplain Jeff F.
Hennepin Co. Adult Detention Center (HCADC)	839 Beds	Church services in 3 quads, need to fill 4 <sup>th</sup> 18 Classes - Bible studies, Dynamic 12 Seeds Relationships class, Emotions that Destroy Class, I am Responsible, Art with devotions, Bible Study, Parenting and youth that are waiting to see if they will be tried as adults.	Chaplain John Cherico was able to take Chaplain Daves's place when he retired. The new program director is pro-volunteers.	Sherrifs dept cut programmers that work with the volunteers. Pray this would be reinstated We are praying for volunteers to lead six more Bible studies or outreach classes. An art or domestic violence classes for women and Emotion's that Destroy for men. Hennepin County has Mall of America, International airport, many medical facilities and downtown Mpls. Dancing and gentleman's clubs as well as areas such as North Mpls. John C. Joel F.
Hennepin Co. Juvenile (HCJ) Separate facility	75 Male Students	Not sure if volunteer still going	God reopens the doors here and maybe also at county home school – for us or for other ministries.	Jail staff will be open to Christian ministries. This facility had many Christian volunteers who have not been allowed to continue here. Needs targeted prayer Staff contact Lois M. Corey ?

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<b>Hubbard County</b>				
Hubbard Co Jail	60-116	Bible Study Weekly Bible Study Others do a Church service	Praise God that that we are having great turnouts in the bible studies. Praise that a volunteer is asking if Victory Over Addictions or Celebrate recovery can get started.	Pray for the White Earth Reservation and Pons ford Area. Young children 6 & 7 years old are roaming the streets and 13 & 14 yr. old girls are hanging their selves. Drugs use had been quieter for a while and now we are seeing more heroin use. Co Sheriffs Staff Corey A. Scott P
<b>Ramsey County</b>				
Ramsey Co. Adult Detention Center (RCADC)	450 Beds	Church services in 3 units. Could start another. Friday night Bible Study ~Need Wed evening volunteers	Had Spanish services here for years and some intrest in volunteers replacing them	Pray for staff to open that up and for communications with programs to reopen. Need for Spanish speaking volunteers to minister more than one time per month. The right volunteer for available Bible Study time. Staff contacts Seth E. Bill B . Her successor
Ramsey Co. Correctional Facility (RCCF) – formerly Work Release	560 beds	Saturday evening Church and 1 Sunday /month Church services, Bible study for women	Programming continues. Women were able to move to larger room and have more attendees	Pray for improved communications and favor, for increased attendance at church and Bible study. Need for Spanish speaking ministry Openness with staff changes Needs targeted prayer Staff contacts Liz R. John B. Jayme B.
<b>Scott County</b>				
Scott County Jail	264 Beds	3 Church services, 3 Bible studies, Celebrate Recovery, Victory Over Addictions Class, music & mentoring	Despite changes most volunteers there were able to continue. Celebrate Recovery is going strong for the women Even though it takes a month or two to do so, the clearance process has been more defined than it was in the past.	. Communication with jail staff to increase and go smoothly, they rotate staff as program directors. Scott county has the racetrack, casino, renaissance festival, valley fair and is on Indian burial grounds. Much prayer is needed here. Staff contacts - Kevin N. Cassie K. Brent M Always asking for Recovery Bibles Cannot keep them supplied enough
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Washington County Jail	200 Beds	3 Church services, 7 Bible studies	Years of positive relationship with the administration here. Women now have Bible Study/ church on Sunday afternoon. Take 75-100 Daily Breads for inmates every 3 months and special holiday editions.	Youth here do not come for programming. Correctional officer that was effective in getting them to come is no longer there. Pray that this can be developed. The one women's Bible Study that was weekly (the other one is rotating people with a different ministry) was cut to 2 times a week. Pray that it can be reinstated every week so that the women can have the consistency of the same volunteer each week which helps with building trust. Staff contact William H. Programs Roger H higher admin Captain?.
Regional Corrections Center in Roseville Prison Re-entry	69 Beds Men & Women	One current mentor	This is now a transitional facility for both men and women from prison reentering the community. Our re-entry volunteer was offered a staff position which limits her witnessing opportunities but she is doing a great work and it can open doors for volunteers.	Parenting classes, anger management and praying for staff and inmates to be more open to Christian programming. Reentry and mentoring needed
Places where we have had programing in the past and maybe could if the right volunteer came forward: Avanti Center for Girls in Blaine & Bar None Residential Treatment Services in Anoka are youth from 12-18 years in age. Roseau County Jail, Redwing,				

### Wisconsin Jails

One or two volunteers in Polk County Jail and Burnette Co Jail Pray for Bruce Peterson and Chris Lyman

### Additional parts of the Ministry

Volunteers minister to around 700 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.

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Estimated 130 inmates met with in person for re-entry and 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.

5 boxes of books to the ACJF library.

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.