

## 2017 Missions Report - MEC Jail Ministry Summary

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| <b>Anoka County</b>   |  |   |   |  |
| Anoka Co. Juvenile Programs:<br>(12-17)<br>AC Non-Secure (ACNS)<br>AC Sanford & Walker (ACSW)<br>East Central Regional Juvenile<br>Center (ECRJC) | 24 Beds<br>50 Beds<br><u>36 Beds</u><br><u>100</u> | 3 Church services,<br>5 Bible studies, ISC<br>(80/wk)<br>~Need -Women to<br>help with church<br>and Bible Study | Continued positive<br>relationships with<br>staff amidst several<br>staff changes.  | As transitions continue, pray that these relationships will<br>remain strong and communications be clear. Many of the staff<br>here proponent differing values for the youth. Many youth are<br>seeking and some can challenge. These youth can be as young<br>as age 12 and one we are working with was tried as an adult<br>and incarcerated with youth until he is 18 then going to be<br>housed with the adults. He does know the Lord and is<br>repentant. Pray for miraculous intervention for Him. Lord.<br>Staff Contact is Derrick J. |
| Anoka Co. Work Release<br>(ACWR)  | 240<br>Beds  | 2Church services,<br>ISC, 3 Bible studies<br>Reentry meetings<br>for women                                      | Groups are going<br>strong.   | Reentry for men is needed. Would like parenting classes,<br>need volunteers. Staff to pray for Andrew L. Matt H. and Gary<br>W.  |
| Downtown Anoka Jail Facility<br>(ACJF)  | 248<br>Inmates                                     | 3Church Services<br>8 Bible studies, 2<br>ISC (100/wk)  | Women now have<br>church. We have<br>been given<br>permission to start<br>Celebrate Recovery<br>and Life Blood<br>classes. Relationship<br>with programs has<br>improved. | Pray for volunteers for these new program areas. Homeless,<br>wicka and halloween are battles. Staff contacts Jill H. and<br>Melanie H. Celebrate Recovery will start soon, pray for good<br>volunteer coverage  |
| Lino Lakes DOC State Program  |  |   |   | We have been approached about ministering to the youth that<br>are in serious trouble and have been tried as adults.   |
| CARE – Mental Health and<br>Substance abuse   |  | 1 Bible Study   | That we still have a<br>service here<br>That one of our<br>volunteers was hired<br>here to help with the<br>women who are<br>pregnant                                     | Victory over Addictions or Celebrate Recovery would be nice<br>to add. Clients are often on a lot of meds and women need<br>ministry.  |

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| Stepping Stones Homeless Shelter                |                  | Church on Sunday  | Praise that this has started and is going each week with potential for rides to be provided to Serenity Village Community Church on Sunday evenings or for recovery meetings during the week.   | 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.<br>Staff contacts Kevin S. Johanna K. Julie J.   |
| <b>Chisago County</b>                           |                  |   |   |   |
| Chisago County Jail                             | 53 Beds          | Church 3 <sup>rd</sup> Sun.,<br>ISC, 2 Bible studies,<br>VOAC<br>Re-entry Volunteers<br>Mentoring 27/wk                             | Re-entry program started  | Reentry volunteers and staff administration to be strengthened. Mentoring could be done but matches are difficult. Need more volunteers! New Jail to open 2018 will start with 80 beds and can increase to 125. Transition here for staff and inmates. The smaller jail can be more personal. Depending on the individual, those they are locked up with and the staff, this can be a positive or a negative. Going larger will allow more room and be less personal.<br>Staff contacts - Roger W. and successor. Tracy A. Brandon T. |
| <b>Hennepin County</b>                          |                  |   |   |   |
| Hennepin Co. Adult Corrections Facility (HCACF) | 125 Work Release | Church 1 Sunday /month<br>MEC volunteer Chaplain for women. Another ministry does the men.<br>~                                     | One chaplain and a helper for the women there now. One Church service a month. Fathering done by Prison Fellowship was moved to every other Saturdays instead of shutting it down.<br>(would like it to be weekly)<br>The new Chaplain is a believer. | That the new Chaplain is able to open up more opportunities as there were many Christian volunteers here but most have been shut out and there is very little opportunity. 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.<br>Need help with Fathering class on Saturdays<br>Needs targeted prayer.<br>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<br>Classes - Bible studies,<br>Dynamic 12 Seeds<br>Relationships class, | Chaplain Dave is an MEC alumni and is full time with Good News Jail and Prison Ministry. We network a lot and he has opened many doors. The   | 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  |

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|   |                  | 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. | new program director is pro-volunteers.   | airport, many medical facilities and downtown Mpls. Dancing and gentleman's clubs as well as areas such as North Mpls. David W. 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<br>Staff contact Lois M. Corey ?  |
| <b>Hubbard County</b>   |                  |  |   |  |
| Hubbard Co Jail   | 60-116           | Bible Study<br>Weekly Bible Study<br>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.<br>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   | Seth Evans is on our board, a MNA&TC graduate and worked there for a while as dean of men.. He is now with Twin Cities Ministries over their jail ministry and an assistant pastor there as well a chaplain at RCADC. He now is director at Metro Hope also. Interest in Lifeblood curriculum being added | Additional Sunday morning volunteers would enable us to add another service. Need for Spanish speaking volunteers to minister more than one time per month. The right volunteer for available Bible Study time.<br>Staff contacts<br>Seth E. Colinda H. 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   | Volunteers that were dismissed based on lack of communication with me from programs were partially reinstated after special meeting with higher admin. Women's study moved to evening and the time allowed to meet was increased but see prayer request.  | Pray for improved communications and favor, for increased attendance at church and Bible study. Potential of more program time<br>Need for Spanish speaking ministry has not happened since one couple retired for health reasons many years ago. Women's study moved to small room would like to have |

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| <b>Scott County</b>                                      |                     |  |   |   |
| Scott County Jail  | 264 Beds            | 3 Church services, 3 Bible studies, Celebrate Recovery, Victory Over Addictions Class, music & mentoring | Celebrate Recovery for the women<br>The staff has changed here and has kept MEC in place.<br>Even though it takes a month or two to do so, the clearance process has been more defined than it was in the past.   | <p>time in larger room. Needs targeted prayer<br/>Staff contacts Liz R. John B. Ron B.</p> <p>Staff changed all the volunteer times and some of the volunteers were not able to continue. Pray that they open up a Sunday evening so that one or two that want to can do so. Need to get the right volunteers cleared for the women's study. Communication with jail staff to increase and go smoothly, they rotate staff as program directors.</p> <p>Scott county has the racetrack, casino, renaissance festival, valley fair and is on Indian burial grounds. Much prayer is needed here.</p> <p>Staff contacts - Kevin N. Cassie K. Brent M<br/>Always asking for Recovery Bibles Cannot keep them supplied enough</p> |
| <b>Washington County</b>                                 |                     |  |   |   |
| 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 | Parenting classes, anger management and praying for staff and inmates to be more open to Christian programming. Reentry and mentoring needed  |

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|   |      |              | great work and it can open doors for volunteers.  |                 |
| 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, |      |              | Materials given to inmates<br>Bibles, Our Daily Bread Booklets, Prison Fellowship Reentry Booklets, Donated Topic Books, Christmas Cards with testimonies |                 |

### 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.

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 Anderson at 12 Seeds which the Christian Foundation donates for.

Monthly e-mail newsletter includes devotional/inspirational piece and true life story. (Printed on request for those who do not have e-mail)

Prayer/Intercession letter sent every 10 days with inmate and volunteer request.

Occasionally some authors will donate books they have written to the jail libraries.

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 and in the fall event is usually worship, dessert served and keynote speaker. Both events have a short talk representing the county and testimonies from ex-inmates and/or volunteers.