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# Merry Christmas

*Thanking the Lord for what He has done through you -MEC volunteers & supporters!*

## 2012 Overview

- \* *Over 1000 Church Services (20 Each week)*
- \* *2600 Bible Studies (50 Each week)*
- \* *400 Individual Spiritual Counseling Sessions (5 people doing multiple)*
- \* *300 Classes addressing Recovery (Victory Over Addictions or Celebrate Recovery, ~5 each week)*
- \* *300 Outreach Classes (Topic Related Classes such as Parenting or Relationship Dynamics)*
- \* *Trained 12 Re-entry and Mentors (3 Active and some needing to be placed, some just took the training)*
- \* *Welcomed Seth Evans to MEC Board*
- \* *Began Facebook Page*
- \* *Over 4000 requests sent out to intercessors in 24 Prayer letters (around 100 prayer partners received all of these. Lorraine and Dorothy are now praying from heaven )*
- \* *Christian Comedy Spring Event at Emmanuel Christian Center*
- \* *Annual Fall Banquet at North Heights*
- \* *Hennepin Co. Sheriff's Award*
- \* *11 Monthly Newsletters by e-mail*
- \* *Two MEC volunteers became Chaplains at HC Adult Corrections Facility (Community Corrections)*
- \* *Around 1500 Bibles to inmates In conjunction with International Bible Givers and Lifeway Resources Stores*
- \* *Met with well over 80 inmates to provide reentry resources*
- \* *25 new volunteers took training letter*

## MATTHEW 1:21-23

And she shall bring forth a son, and thou shalt call His name Jesus: For He shall save His people from their sins. Now all this was done, that it might be fulfilled which was spoken of the Lord by the prophet, saying, Behold, a virgin shall be with child, and shall bring forth a son, and they shall call His name Emmanuel, which being interpreted is, God with us. KJV

## *MEC Spotlight*

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You are a part of us through Christ and what He is doing in MEC. We want to encourage you with this letter from a volunteer.

*Karen and Saul*

*I just want to wish you guys a very Merry Christmas. I also want to thank you for the opportunity you've given me over the years. The opportunity to follow the Lord's leading and direction. When I started with you I had no clue what the Lord going to do in my life. I remember thinking, "There is no way I could ever go into a jail and teach a Bible study, let alone in a jail and even worse with people I do not know."*

*I remember on the way to Lino Lakes [when the medium security adult units were there] to teach the first study by myself. I was listening to music in my car and talking to the Lord. I remember thinking "What am I doing? ... I must be crazy." A song by Casting Crowns came on right then. It was about not being afraid and Peter walking on the water, the very lesson I was going to teach.*

*Since that day nothing has ever been the same. Through jail ministry I have learned to wait on the Lord and not run ahead of Him. Through jail and prison ministry my faith in Him and who He is has grown leaps and bounds. Through prison ministry the Lord has created a job for me, designed perfectly by Him for me. How cool it is that?! (Because she put so many hours into, and did such an effective job at her volunteer position, Kay was hired part time by the Volunteers of America.) I know that I am in the right place for "such a time as this", I have never felt this before.*

*So I really do not think that "Thank You" even begins to say how grateful I am for you and all you do. I look forward to the next years to see where the Lord leads you and I look forward to being a part of that.*

*May you have a very Merry Christmas and Happy New Year with many, many blessings*  
*Kay NC*

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## Christmas Card Project

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### We really want to thank all of you

who submitted your testimony, and/or worked on writing Christmas cards. Each one included some verses, a personal note and an insert or two with testimonies.

Here are some abbreviated ones. See [www.mecjailministry.com](http://www.mecjailministry.com) for more testimonies.

Join us in Prayer  
Don't forget to send us prayer requests for our upcoming Prayer Initiative for your city, county, sheriff's department, and local corrections settings.

### How Christ Helped Me

Jesus has helped me & my family many times. He knows our hearts desires & cares about the littlest detail. Once I wanted to buy some nice expensive perfume called Beautiful, but could not afford it. Not knowing about it a friend's family gave it to me as a gift. I felt it was from the Lord Jesus; showing me he loved me.

[He has helped me get jobs that I did not qualify for, then helped me to learn. ]

God has really helped my dad. He witnessed a murder and God protected his life. Dad also struggled with depression & tried to commit suicide twice. ...God spared his life. Dad struggled with [his severe health issues and his relationship with the Lord.] A lot of his emotions and struggles with his relationship with the Lord had been healed and resolved. Though he still

### How I met Christ

I was a mess. I was using drugs and drinking continuously. I had a friend that was trying to reach out to me. He was a Christian and stood by me no matter what I did.

My friend was killed in a military accident. At his funeral the pastor talked about this Jesus and the forgiveness He offered. That day I met the Christ we celebrate at Christmas.

-Troy

struggled, he was at peace and knew the Lord loved him and was welcoming him. The day he went to heaven, he saw Jesus in his room! He said to my Mom, "Look, there he is! The Lord Jesus!" Later that night he went home. I'm so grateful I got to be with my dad and he saw Jesus on his way to heaven. That's a really huge way Christ has helped me!

May Jesus bless and help you richly and may you see how much He loves you. He is near the broken-hearted and gives you joy and hope for the future. He never leaves your side and He is strong in your weaknesses. The Lord bless you and cause His face to shine upon you and give you peace!

~Heather

Congratulations  
Saul!  
Congratulations on your new job as Treatment Director at MN Adult and Teen Challenge. Saul will continue as adjunct professor at North Central University and to be MEC's Director.

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