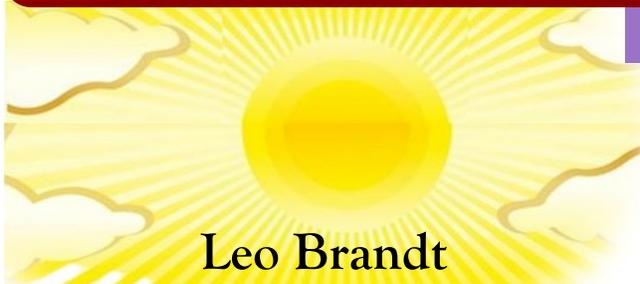




Missionary Evangelism To Corrections

Sharing the gospel & Christ's love with those in corrections since 1982

June 30th Newsletter



Leo Brandt

On June 18, 2013 Leo Brandt passed away unexpectedly at the age of 58. Son of Clifford & Geraldine (Guider) Brandt, Leo was born on



February 5, 1955 in Mpls. He is preceded in death by parents, Clifford and Geraldine (Guider), and his sister, Mary Kay. Survived by his wife, Loreese, and their children Crissy, Cory, Ciara and Cayla; grand-

daughter, Nataliah, and grandson, Avery, sisters, Patty Paulson (Chuck) and Beth Johnstone (Wayne); brother-in-law, Tom Jorissen, and nine sisters-in-law, two brothers-in-law, and many nieces and nephews.

Leo was an outgoing, fun-loving, selfless, compassionate man who loved people and life and never acted his age or stopped moving. He had a wonderful sense of humor, loved talking to people whether he knew them or not, loved motor-cycling, jet-skiing, and loved when his children and grandchildren went along for the ride. Most of all he cherished and loved his family. He couldn't wait for the next sunny vacation destination with his wife and ...

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MEC Spotlight

Welcome Sarah & Julie

We would like to introduce two individuals from Coon Rapids Evangelical Free Church who started volunteering at the Anoka County Jail Facility in February.

Sarah has worked at MN Teen Challenge, led small groups and Bible studies, and been on the worship team. She has been blessed with the spiritual gifts



Sarah & husband Peter

of compassion, teaching and discernment which give her a perfect heart & personality for this ministry. Two of her favorite verses are Psalms 118:3 "In my distress I called to the Lord and the Lord answered me and set me free." She says this is a testimony in process, but He has set me free. She also mentioned Ephesians 2:10 NLT "For we are God's masterpiece. He has created us anew in Christ Jesus so we can do the good things he planned for us long ago". She explained that ...

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**Save the Date
for
MEC's Fall Event
Oct. 27th 2013**

**HELLO,
SUMMER**

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Leo Brandt

trips with his kids and granddaughter and was excited about his new grandson.

His caring nature and deep faith kept him busy with daily calls to family and friends in need of support and countless hours ministering to inmates at area correctional facilities with MEC. He was always ready with encouraging words, prayers & comfort and always stressed listening to the Holy Spirit.

Leo was proud of his many years as a letter carrier with the US Postal Service and loved getting to know the people on his routes. He was unforgettable to those who met him. Leo left this world with an unwavering faith in God.

Even though we weren't ready to see him go, he was ready to be called to heaven when the time came. He lived what he preached. We rejoice that Leo has joined our Lord in heaven and is worshipping in His presence as well as enjoying the fellowship of those who have gone before. We also know that having him gone from being here with us is a time of mourning and missing him. It is a deep loss to his family, friends, co-workers and those he touched.

MEC will be donating a book to his church library and the Anoka County Jail in memory of Leo Brandt.

Some content from Star Tribune

MEC Spotlight

“masterpieces take a long time and they don't look pretty until they are done.” Our lives are like that. God does a wonderful job with His children and masterpieces.



Julie & husband Justin

Julie Shobe accepted Christ when she was a child, was baptized in High School and has served in missions and with Habitat for Humanity. She brings a spirit of life to all she does causing people to enjoy being with her. Julie loves serving and sharing the gospel; her spiritual gifts include encourager, hospitality, serving and compassionate. It is easy to see Christ shine through her. Julie stated, “I am loving going to jail ministry. God has already taught me a lot through it. It is so wonderful to talk with the people that God asked us to talk with!”

We at MEC are excited and are looking forward to seeing how God will use these two sisters in Christ for His purposes. Please join us in welcoming them to the Missionary Evangelism to Corrections team by blessing them with our prayers for discernment & protection as they listen and act upon God's direction.

REPORTS FROM VOLUNTEERS & INMATES

Jeanne Oelrich—Jenifer is a witness in the jail. Because of her example, another inmate who does not believe requested a Bible. Jenifer had borrowed this woman her Bible and the woman has read thru the NT. Pray for this woman's salvation and for Jenifer to continue to be a witness.

Kellie Christescu—Praise GOD as 2 women prayed to accept Jesus Christ as their Lord and Savior this afternoon. Please say a special prayer for these two women as they start their walk with Jesus Christ. Pray that they will get plugged into a community that will role model and support them.

Cassandra - Please pray that I stay away from my boyfriend who buys me crack, liquor & weed and I don't want it. I don't know how to say no to the drugs, but I know GOD is there for me. I am scared and feel alone, nobody will help me while I'm in here, I thought people cared about me.



We celebrate this fourth of July as the birth of our nation, one nation under God. It is a day we as a people took a stand that we be free of tyranny and appealing to the Supreme Judge set ourselves up as free and independent states. And calling once again upon Divine Providence, we pledged our lives, fortunes and sacred honor to secure this.

Romans 5:16 NASB The gift is not like *that which came* through the one who sinned; for on the one hand the judgment *arose* from one *transgression* resulting in condemnation, but on the other hand the **free** gift *arose* from many transgressions resulting in justification.

Romans 6:7 NIV because anyone who has died [to self] has been set **free** from sin.

Romans 6:18 NIV You have been set **free** from sin and have become slaves to righteousness.

Romans 6:20-23 For when you were slaves of sin, you were free from allegiance [in regard to, from control of] to sin, to righteousness. So what fruit was produced then from the things you are now ashamed of? For the end of those things is death. But now, since you have been liberated from sin and have become enslaved to God, you have your fruit, which results in sanctification—and the end is eternal life! For the wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Romans 7:21-25 J.B. Phillips NT When I come up against the Law I want to do good, but in practice I do evil. My conscious mind whole-heartedly endorses the Law, yet I observe an entirely different principle at work in my nature. This is in continual conflict with my conscious attitude, and makes me an unwilling prisoner to the law of sin and death. In my mind I am God's willing servant, but in my own nature I am bound fast, as I say, to the law of sin and death. It is an agonizing situation, and who on earth can set me **free** from the clutches of my sinful nature? I thank God there is a way out through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Romans 7:24 NASB Wretched man that I am! Who will set me **free** from the body of this death?

Romans 8:1-3 NASB Therefore there is now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus. For the law of **the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus has set you free from the law of sin and of death.** For what the Law could not do, weak as it was through the flesh, God did: sending His own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh and as an offering for sin, He condemned sin in the flesh

Romans 8:21 HCSB that the creation itself will also be set **free** from the bondage of corruption into the glorious freedom of God's children.

For more verses on the freedom Christ gives us go to

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