



# Missionary Evangelism To Corrections

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

## LABOR AND REST

With Labor Day approaching, I was deeply interested in doing a word study on labor & rest. Next to the greatest commandments of Loving God & our neighbors as ourselves, serving & resting are deeply ingrained paradoxes integral to Christ's kingdom & personal life lessons for many. I was struck by how much they affect our lives & relationships.

A quick survey of these verses show that in Genesis hard labor over the land & in childbirth came to us as a result of sin or challenging God's direction & losing sight of His love. In Exodus God speaks about His presence going with us, Him giving us rest (33:14, 17), rest being a sign of covenant (31:17) & that we must rest (20:9 & 33:21, 34:21).

Restitution for & restraining of sin; restoration of goods and relationships were the goal of offerings and sacrifices. **Labor & Rest continues Pg. 2**

## C.B.B

If you could decrease crime and help reach criminals for Christ while furthering your spiritual development would you?

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## August 30th Newsletter

### MEC Spotlight

### Eloise Metz

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Eloise Metz has had a strong conviction to help those who are incarcerated. Volunteering at the Wash-



ington County Jail since December 2003, she has faithfully come every week with a prepared Bible study, often on God's love and creation. God has put such an absolute love in her heart for these women, that she often tears up as she expresses it. Her freedom to share mistakes in her life has encouraged them. She has an amazing connection with these ladies and they love her like a grandma. Dedicated, committed and faithful are words used to describe her. At 82, jail ministry, Bible study at the nursing home and her family, give her a great sense of purpose. Eloise says, "It's just so wonderful talking to the women about Jesus and spiritual things, these Bible studies cover different subjects and we talk about what it means to be born again. It amazes me that women in jail know and talk about Him like they really know the Lord. They write their prayer requests, [which the Intercessors pray for.]"

### Note from inmate to Volunteers

"Thank you for the blessings. Thank You for Ann, Marilyn and Hope and the countless volunteers who come, guide and pray for us. I may never have found my faith again if not for such wonderful people. My prayer ... is for more people to find what I have found through their help."

## LABOR AND REST

In Joshua the priest's feet came to rest on the waters and they parted and the Lord gave the Israelites rest. Other verses refer to forced labor, efficient labor rewarded, labor needed to rebuild the walls of Jerusalem, reward of labor as a blessing, knowing and seeing animals in labor is something God is able to do (Job), it usually takes place until evening, can break spirits, and God needs to build the house or it is in vain (Psalms). It can be futile, but its fruit is a gift from God to be enjoyed. Working hard to discover God's work does not allow one to discover it (Ecclesiastes).

The prophets speak of anguish and labor that came to Israel because of their wickedness, labor that was not from the Lord, of God's love in calling His people back to Him and what they were created for.

New Testament verses talk of resting, trust, laboring for the poor & the Lord, laboring together, for others to know and mature in Christ, labor of love, strong purpose and laboring in His strength.

Hebrews 4:10 says that the person who enters God's rest rests from his own works, just as God did from His. Other verses talk about Him restoring us to Him, us being restored to each other, the Lord restoring us to health, the martyrs resting until time is complete, there being no rest for those who worship the beast and the blessed resting from their labors for their works follow them (Revelation 14:13)

## Prayer & Praise Reports

**Kevin Forss** – Last week, an inmate I hadn't seen in a while came up to me with a big smile and said Hello! This really surprised me because Jeff was one of the angriest men I had ever met; disruptive in the studies, walking out during Bible Study, glaring at people and always upset. I asked him how he was and mentioned that he looked different, happier? He told me he had been in prison (sentenced to 20 yrs.) and was back in the jail for a hearing. While in prison, he continued reading the Bible and committed his life to the Lord. Now – God was in control of his life now and no matter what his circumstances, he felt a new peace, and joy. Praise God!!!

**Amy** – I have shot a man for threatening to kill my family. I am now facing attempted murder charges. I have an 11 year old son who is now up here with my sister-in-law. His dad and I are both incarcerated for the same crime, so we are co-defendants in the case. Please pray for the jury to have mercy on us and for the Lord to keep our son safe and loved. Thank you so much. God bless you all.

**Sarah**– was called out by the guards and offered a STS work option. When she came back, she had tears that would not quit. She wanted badly to do STS, however when she was arrested she wasn't wearing shoes. Shoes, jeans and a shirt are required to do STS. Lindsay was sitting beside her and told her that when she got out from jail today, she would go to a thrift store, buy and bring them to the jail for her. We had barely had time to verbalize what Sarah's needs were and they were answered. We called it a miracle and all rejoiced.

**Meghan** – Please pray that I can return to my family. I was charged with 2nd-degree assault with a deadly weapon for defending my unborn child with a knife. I am very sorry for what I've done. He is OK now. I don't have much of a record, and I have always been close to God. Please pray for me as the Holy Spirit leads you to. Thank you!

**Addie** – I pray for the strength to be a good mother and wife, to stay sober for myself and my family, and to no longer be homeless or without a job. I pray to break the cycle of my family curse, and to reach above and beyond in Jesus Christ's holy name!!! P.S. And for every soul in here.

**Mentor Training**  
September 14th 9am—1 pm



## Mn Adult & Teen Challenge

### WaLK for HoPE

Sunday September 29th 2013

Harriet Island, St. Paul

*Arrive as you can*

11am-1pm Lunch & Fun.

1pm 5K Walk Begins.

2:30pm Choir Performs,

Testimonies & Prizes Awarded

If you are interested in joining a team  
let us know.

[www.mntc.org/walk](http://www.mntc.org/walk)



## Network Link

We know that we are not alone in  
Kingdom work. In this month we would  
like to salute

**Serenity Village**

[www.serenityvillage.net](http://www.serenityvillage.net)

See our website for more resources

## *You are invited!*

To our Fall Event

**Sunday, Oct. 27th 2013**

Jail Ministry Program & Play  
“My Name is Daniel” will be in  
place of the Fall Banquet

**Time: 5:30pm-8:30pm**

**Where: MN Adult & Teen  
Challenge,**

3231 1st Ave. S., Mpls.

**Cost: \$10.00**

**Register at [mecjailministry.com](http://mecjailministry.com) or  
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