



Missionary Evangelism To Corrections

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Prayer Requests

Every month your ministry sends out two prayer letters. These letters gather requests from inmates and volunteers. Each month is unique and below are some of the most frequent requests:

- Inmates ask us to pray for their families. This is a much voiced request. They ask for care and also that God moves in their lives to bring them also to Christ.
- To be free from addictions and the bondage they cause; help to resist temptation and the strength to do what is right is a prayer request heard frequently.
- We also hear of loneliness and abandonment that many suffer from. They pray for someone to answer their phone calls for help.
- Many are facing terms in pris-

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MEC Spotlight

Welcome to a new MEC volunteer, Ted A Grego. He wants to offer inmates a better way. "Jesus washed my addiction of alcohol away in an instant. After so many years of heartache from doing things my way the Lord showed me that he had a better plan for my life.

I grew up being dragged to church every Sunday, had no relationship with the Lord and rebelled. I was done after confirmation. During the Vietnam War I had a platoon commander who let us know that we were probably going to die, so we

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Notes on Spiritual Warfare

The concept of Spiritual warfare is confusing. An elderly woman hearing it reacted, thinking it meant a physical war. When she was given an explanation of the struggle between doing the something the wrong or easy way but not what was right or loving, including struggles with thoughts and attitudes it made more sense.

Breaking down situations where people make the wrong decisions which bring pain and destruction, it is often because of a deception. Satan is the accuser and deceiver. Situations or people that we react to are often less painful when we come to a fuller understanding of the complete situation or the truth.

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on and will be away from their families for years at a time. They ask for strength to get through their sentence and protection for family.

- Of course many ask for prayers for their upcoming court dates. They ask that we pray for their attorney, the prosecutor, the judge and parole officers. They ask for mercy and for justice; an appeal we can all relate to.

- Forgiveness from God, family, friends and others is also high on the list of requests. Inmates are aware of their wrong doing many times and know that it has caused harm to people they care about. They ask for forgiveness and the strength to change. They long for a spiritual awakening.

- Frequently inmates thank us and praise God for the volunteers who come into the jail to see and minister to them. They appreciate what is being done for them by strangers who are motivated by God's love and Holy Spirit to reach out to them.

- Pray also for the volunteers – and these cover a wide spectrum also – mainly for health and healing, for spiritual support and strength going in to the jails, for family and friends, and for jobs and security.



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needed to listen well. If we died, ten would come to get us. Following the war, I had nightmares and drank myself to sleep, but I was never late or missed work. Fast cars and motorcycles fascinated me. I was an adrenalin junky. Following an intervention and treatment I started going to meetings 4 plus times a week. After a year of hearing from another AA that I should be praying I said my first prayer in a very long time. I had a married neighbor who seemed to always be at peace. I wanted what he had. I asked him what he was doing and he told me about his relationship with Jesus.

I always considered myself a Christian. But I didn't have a personal relationship with Christ. Until the night I cried out to Him to take this grip booze had on me away was the break through, the desire to drink was washed away. I am in God's hands and I can't get plucked out of His hand by the enemy. My walk grows stronger each day. His mercies are new each day. When Jesus came up from the water after He was baptized, Gods voice was heard "This is my Son in whom I am well pleased". This is my desire. I want to hear God say that about me.

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This includes both intellectual and emotional processing and understanding.

One young woman who was up on the mountain climbing wall at camp, looked down and said it is a lot easier to trust the Lord when you are on the ground, than when you are up here. Although only able to do it rarely, I love climbing. Following a severe accident and two surgeries to repair a work related injury it was a long time before I could do so. When able to, I was not as strong and partway up the wall, needed to lean back and rest against the sling that kept me in place by belayers.

I waited patiently for the Lord, and He turned to me and heard my cry for help. He brought me up from a desolate pit, out of the muddy clay, and set my feet on a rock, making my steps secure. He put a new song in my mouth, a hymn of praise to our God. Many will see and fear and put their trust in he Lord.
PS 40:1-3

Recently, while dealing with several situations that were spiritual walls; mountains that involved grieving, forgiveness, understanding, returning good for evil and loving, spiritual warfare came to mind. There is a lot of talk about it and advice to put on the armor and stay strong. I was desperate for practical concepts. Being in the word, taking God as refuge, (Ps 46,69,61,61, Isa 25, Jer.16, Heb 6) understanding that several parties needed to see clearer and crying out for truth (Ps 18, 30,107 119, Prov.2) worship were all necessary. Talking and praying with someone who was understanding, infused strength in the same way resting on the belayers did.

The weapons we fight with are not the weapons of the world. On the contrary, they have divine power to demolish strongholds. We demolish arguments and every presentation that sets itself up against the knowledge of God, and we take captive every thought to make it obedient to Christ" ~ 2 Corinthians 10:3-5

Network Links

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