



# Missionary Evangelism to Corrections

*Sharing the gospel & Christ's love*

*with those in corrections since 1982*

*Come Join Us*

**Saturday, Oct. 4, 2014  
6:00-8:00 p.m.**

**North Heights Church  
1700 Hwy 96 W  
Arden Hills,  
MN 55112**



People of Hope



Sherriff Matt Bostrom

For registration and/or flyers for this Music, Dessert and speaker event click here :

[http://www.mecjailministry.com/fall\\_event.php](http://www.mecjailministry.com/fall_event.php)

### Prayers for inmates

*These are prayer requests from those MEC volunteers minister to. The names have been changed for confidentiality reasons*

*Perry – Dear God, thank you for blessing me God, to see another day. God please forgive me Lord for all the wrong I have done. God be with me and stay with me and I love you so much, with all my heart. You are my savior God and Jesus I love you*

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### Aug 31, 2014 Newsletter

## MEC Spotlight

#### Board Member Jeff Hill

Pastor Jeff Hill had a vision over ten years ago that altered the direction of his life. After struggling with addiction for over 20 years, he finally made the decision to surrender his life to God.



In 2004, God put a vision on his heart to create a faith based, God-centered transitional housing platform for those recovering from drug and alcohol addictions. He wanted to give back

what was so freely given to him. Starting with one house and six men, Serenity Village was established as a safe and private, faith-based “Whole-Way House”. Now, ten years later, the transitional housing has grown to eight houses and an apartment community with 85 beds. It has changed the lives of nearly 1,000 men and women in recovery.

In 2012, Pastor Jeff launched Serenity Village Community Church (SVCC). As an ordained pastor, he sought to create a welcoming community that focused on the practical application of sound Biblical principles. The message of the church is simple: To create an environment through love, encouragement, fellowship and

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He leads me beside still waters, He restores my soul. Psalms 23:2b-3



### **Free online Mentor Training**

Start Right is a Christian discipleship mentoring tool providing purposeful direction for mentors meeting with their mentees. It was designed for staff to use with students, but is available to anyone who wishes to take it online. It discusses 32 different life impacting topics. Each topic has a map to guide the mentor in the discussion. Start Right was developed by Dr. Anna Ramos for Teen Challenge Staff. MEC mentor program is down now but we hope to restart and include this. See link in MF box below.

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practical biblical teachings that will allow those who have never felt accepted or connected to a church to be themselves and experience peace, joy and spiritual growth while developing a relationship with God. Even as a young church of only 20 months, Serenity Village Community Church is growing at a rapid pace; each week, more than 300 believers gather to praise, worship and glorify God together at the Sunday evening service.

Jeff is married to Monica Hill and has three children: Nikki, Megan and Thomas. In addition to his role as Senior Pastor of SVCC and his day-to-day management of Serenity Village, he is also an entrepreneur. In his role as a business owner, Pastor Jeff is able to employ numerous residents of the Serenity Village program which helps transition them to a sustainable, clean, God-centered, independent life.

For more information on Serenity Village transitional housing program or Serenity Village Community Church, please visit:

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

Jeff's love for MEC is evident. He says, "I believe in MEC because we have the same vision of fighting for those with addiction's to come to freedom in their lives through Christ."

### **Ministry Friends**

We know that we are not alone in Kingdom work.

This month we salute

Prison Mission Association

[www.prisonmission.org](http://www.prisonmission.org) -

One part of their ministry is providing free Bible Studies for inmates  
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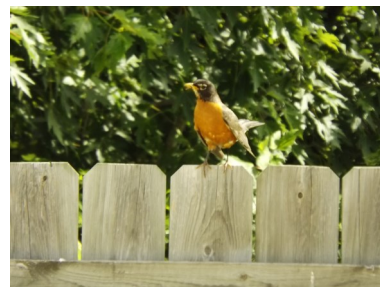
Start Right Mentoring—Free online training

<http://connect.tc/online-training/courses/start-right-mentoring/>

For Teen Challenge staff, but is available to anyone who wishes to take it.

*so much, Father. My sins are very bad, but I ask you to forgive me, Lord. In Jesus name, Amen. Bless me Lord, I love you so much, bless me Father, Amen*

*John - Please pray for Ron so he might find contentment and for his judge to send him home! Pray for fiancée Vanessa and daughter Katy May so they might feel my love and Vanessa may have a softening of the heart and let me see my baby girl. I pray for help, Jesus. Amen.*



*Sven -For Nathen, my nephew, he's lost in California and needs to find his way back to his family. Pray for Joe who is living in a hospital and his mom who had a stroke. For Sandi who broke her hip. For Heather, my lady, who is trying to find a place to live and decide where to live and has 5 children that are homeless.*

*Paul and Dave, both have trials coming up. And for myself, I have an upcoming trial on August 11th*

*Janis - She was only there a week but had many unknown issues according to the women in the group. They wanted us to pray for her. She cried most of the week that she was there and asked the women to pray for her.*

*Jim – Pray that I keep reading the Bible and get closer to the Lord and for my court case so I can get back to my family and to be the father that I can be and to find a good church.*

*Betty Jo- she asks for prayer for all of the women & for her pregnancy. She wants to have a healthy baby. She knows it is a boy & has already named him Brett.*



*Midge - is also pregnant. She is asking for prayer for her 3 year old daughter Destiny. She prays for a healthy baby (also having a boy). Prayers for her friends the C's that they will be blessed. Her birthday is today 08/12/14*

*Dannie - Pray that I deliver a healthy baby, and pray that my son is and remains safe healthy and happy.*

*Howie - Housing and funding, stay sober & connect with good Christian friends*

*Norm—I have just learned that I have injuries that will cause lifelong disabilities, due to my drinking, I need to not over-react, I am back in treatment and I need help.*

*Mindy - Jessica my niece that the taste of heroin leave her today, Jesus*

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