



# Missionary Evangelism to Corrections

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## Light in Darkness

God began our world with light, separated it for us (Genesis 1), entered it as light (Matt. 4, Luke 1&2), and is eternal light (Isa. 60 & Rev 22). He told us we are light to the world, (Matt 5, Luke 8), if our eyes are good or bad it determines our light or darkness (Mtt 6, Luke 11), people can love certain deeds and the darkness more than light (Jn 3), we are to be sons and people of light, and that we are to walk in it to produce good fruit. (John 12, Eph. 5)

Researching the effect of physical light on people reveals that it lessens or prevents neonatal jaundice, psoriasis, and other conditions, helps to synchronize biochemical & hormonal rhythms,



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## October 31st, 2014 Newsletter

### MEC Spotlight

#### Christmas Market for Ministries Crafters Wanted

“The Gifts of Christmas” market event, is Friday evening December 5th and Saturday afternoon December 6th at Lakes Free Church in Lindstrom.

Several ministries will be involved. Most will have crafted products that can be sold to raise funds and awareness for the oppressed (poor, sex trafficked, abused, orphans, etc) in other countries. MEC has been invited and, Lord willing, will be there to sell products and raise awareness for those needing to hear the gospel and find resources to break recidivism here in the county jails.

We are seeking volunteers who have crafted items which can be sold, or can help man the booth either Friday, December 5th (5–9 pm) or Saturday December 6th (12 noon–4 pm).

Some ideas for products that could be made are: Artwork, Scarves, Hats, Mittens,. Baked items or  
Homemade Beauty Products

*CarolAnn Rosenthal & Sandy Hansen*

## Preventing Recidivism with CEF

We recently met with Child Evangelism Fellowship and are very excited to partner with them to begin providing “What Went Wrong” booklets to inmates. They can sign their children up for correspondence Bible Courses. The inmates may sign up for courses themselves or (if there is no restraining order) for their families. Watch for more about this in next months newsletter and to you who are volunteers, contact us to receive the booklets.

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synthesize vitamin D, and maintain healthy body temperatures. It also affects sex, sleep, & in animals migration & hibernation. Artificial light can be harmful. (Richard Wurtman,



The Effects of Light on the Human Body). Radiation and UV light can cause us to produce toxins and can aggravate or produce disease. (European Consumers Scientific Committees.) Light is a small part of the electromagnetic spectrum to which the eye is sensitive, and is essential in the perception of reward while viewing art. (National Gallery of Art) and any of life.

In an experiment with volunteers it was found that only two days of dark caused: lack of control of emotion's, hallucinations, paranoia, a clear impairment of ability to process information, a reduction in memory and an increase in suggestibility.

The one benefit of the experience was the ability to notice and appreciate the light and what it illuminated. "When we'd arrived at the bunker before the experiment, I had thought it was all rather bleak," volunteer Adam Bloom [said] "The

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### *Highlights from Prayer Letters!*

**Brent** - We ask for protection from people from ISIS.

**Valeerie** - She is a 17-year-old Liberian, who has a history of being abused. She just had her little girl a few days ago, who may well be fathered by a relative. She gave the baby up for open adoption, so she will have contact with her daughter to some extent. Sammi and I both honored her for having the baby, despite pressure to abort - something she said she would not do.

**Sammy S** - Please pray for my son Dandre G. He is 13 and stealing, lying, using drugs. He has been shot at etc. I ask that you ask for my family to find a home away from the cities with good friends for all of us. Thank You!

**Heidi N** - Prayers for all my children's safety & protection, Especially Jasmine's safety from her cutting. Please God help her to stop hurting herself.



### **Gary & Maureen**

**Carlson** - Thank you intercessors & fellow saints for your prayers on behalf of the ladies who are incarcerated. Lord bless you for your labor of love.

**Dori** - God watch over Jennifer J who has returned to WCJ and is in a dark and lonely place. God keep our military safe and our government stable.

**Anonymous** - Wants to quit stealing, get away from people who want to make

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## *Ministry Friends*

We know that we are not alone in Kingdom work. This month we salute Child Evangelism Fellowship  
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see our website for more resources

exterior was overgrown and ... an eyesore. But when I left after 48 hours, I noticed how green the grass was, how blue the sky was and hundreds of yellow buttercups. It was staggeringly beautiful. "I made a vow that I would never not notice and appreciate my surroundings again. "I'm glad I did it, but no sum of money would convince me to go through [it]... again. It was the greatest endurance test of my life." (Natasha Courtney Smith, Losing your mind: What happens during 48 hours in a Pitch Black Bunker)

In two other experiments the level of light dramatically influenced a person's likelihood to be truthful, or to lie and cheat. Participant's behavior under dim lighting and while wearing sunglasses, caused the researchers concluded that, "although darkness had no bearing on actual anonymity, it still increased morally questionable behaviors." (Francesca Gino, What Darkness Does to the Mind)

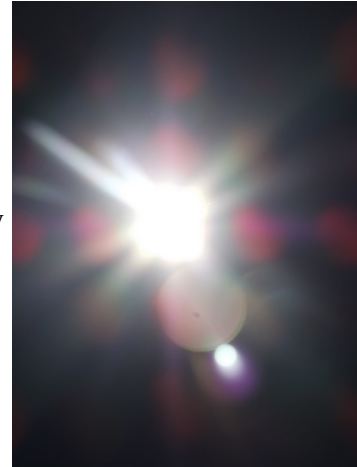
Jesus' light exposes motives and produces good fruit (Eph. 5), allows and causes us: not to judge prematurely (I Cor. 4), to shine (Phil 2), to participate in the inheritance and to belong (Acts 8, Eph. 1, Col 1, I Thes 5). He is the Light of the World. "Yeshua spoke to them again: "I am the light of the world; whoever follows me will never walk in darkness but will have the light which gives life." (John 8:12 CJB)

He calls us to share with others and to "open their eyes, in order to turn them from darkness to light, and from the power of Satan to God, that they may receive forgiveness of sins and an inheritance among those who are sanctified by faith in Me."(Acts 8:26 NKJ)

When the world seems dark we can know that "The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not suppressed it (CJB), can never extinguish it (NLT), & does not overcome it (HCSB); even if [some do not] comprehend it. (NKJV, John 1:5)

It is wonderful to know that when Christ comes "they [we] won't need the sun to brighten the day or the moon and lamps to give you light, the Eternal One will be all the light you will ever need. Your God will provide your glory, brilliance for all time. (Isa 60:19NKJ)

Night will no longer exist, so they [we] will need neither the light of a lamp nor the light of the sun, because Adonai, God, will shine upon them. And they will reign as kings forever and ever. (Rev. 22:5 CJB)



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her do bad things, a place in a shelter for her and her baby and to keep her baby.

**Marilyn Wood** - Fellow Servants of Jesus, last Thursday was a sweet time of sharing faith and lives with the women who joined me for a study of John 3:1-21 (1258 WDB). The women were all believers and freely shared with me and each other their struggles, joys and faith walk. Our memory verse was Jeremiah 33:3 "Call to Me, and I will answer you, and show you great and mighty things, which you do not know."

**Ben Martin** - The lesson today was on "Ideals", and everything went well. A lot of the men seemed to open up about their hopes, their individual walks with the Lord, and the fears they have about falling back into sinful behavior upon release. So, we had good discussions and everyone seemed to be uplifted by the end of the class, including myself. Glory to God! Take care everyone and have a great weekend!

**Danni** - Thank You Jesus for bringing us G & M. C. (volunteers). Please watch over them and bless them. Please help the women of the world who are suffering in addiction and abuse; show them a way out in Your Light. Thank you for the people sent to teach us Your Word and bless them infinitely.

**Tabitha** - I pray that my faith becomes strong as I keep walking with God. God said when two or more agree, it shall be done and I want us to agree that I will be home this week and with my kids. Volunteer notes -My heart goes out to this woman as last week she had cried because she says she cannot find her peace with God. She relayed how she had grown up in a church, tithing, abstaining from drugs/ alcohol, etc. It's almost as if she has never really known Jesus as her Savior or if she ever did...she is bound up in anger & unforgiveness, and may be confused in thinking that it's all about what we do to earn Salvation. There is no judgment here...I am compelled to pray fervently for T.

**Janis** - I just want to thank God for all the gifts and I want to pray for those lost in prostitution & drugs. I also want to pray for our kids and their caregivers. I ♥ U God!!!!\*

☆ **Matt Goers**—I had an encounter which encouraged me in MEC. I stopped at the KFC in A. for the lunch buffet. The young man who took our order recognized me. He said I had come in to speak with him many times while he was locked up. It was Rodney, who had attended many sessions, the most recent with me being in July. The person I was with was concerned that he would not want to talk publicly about his having been detained, but he was unconcerned, happily bringing it up. He said he is off probation, going to school, and has the job there. I asked him about his relationship with the LORD; he said it's "getting there". I encouraged him to keep after that "getting there" and seek God. He was grateful and thanked me several times for coming in and speaking to him. **A great encouragement!** -

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