



Missionary Evangelism to Corrections

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RESURRECTION POWER

When I read the prayer requests from inmates asking for forgiveness and improvement in family situations and communication, I think of how hard it is to talk with our family members or friends when there are misunderstandings.

When we make a mistake or when others believe that you have done something wrong based on a misperception, without intervention, it is almost impossible to have open communication. (See Matt. 28)



Photo by Sherry Wiese
Picture from "Beyond the Room" play at North Heights Church

For those who have family members who extend forgiveness or try to understand their perspective, reestablishing relationship is difficult. It is extremely difficult and sometimes not possible for those that do not.

Recently a friend asked for prayer for a huge gap in perceptions between two groups at her church. When I began jail ministry, I began to see church in an entirely different light. I had taken on a fair amount of hurt based on certain needs & the response of those who did not understand them. When I met those who did not know God and who needed such forgiveness and power to change, my perspec-

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MEC Spotlight

Here are some prayers and praises from some of our volunteers and from those they minister to. This is just a small sampling of the many we receive. Intercessors who commit to one hour of prayer per month receive a separate letter with fuller reports.

Praise reports

David – Praise God that my sister has come to the LORD and is growing well in her faith. Praising Him for depression and anxiety feelings to be improving, for weight loss with improved diet and continued exercise and for the constant goodness of God.

Fran W. – Thanking God for regular attendance at HCADC 5-10 and 40 at RCCF for services.

Mike M. – Praising God for position as sales manager at KKMS.

Dan B. - If God is for us, who can be against us? If the omnipotent, omniscient, omnipresent

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Photo Peter Kratochvil

The next day, Yochanan saw Yeshua coming toward him and said, "Look! God's lamb! The one who is taking away the sin of the world!"

I John 1:29 (CJB)⁹

SAVE THE DATE!!!!!!
June 20th
6:30 –8:30PM
MEC Spring Event
Bill Arnold from Triple Espresso
Music by Jeromy Darling

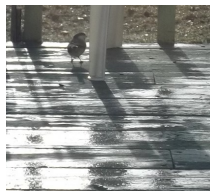
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tive changed. The hurts I had taken on from church and family situations became less important and addressing the need for those individuals to know forgiveness and the power to change took priority. Resolving the hurts I had taken on and loving others became more important for myself and for those we were ministering to.

I often wonder what a seeking or brand new Christian experiences when they are around us? When ministering to those who are incarcerated, talking about forgiveness and the power to change is paramount and obvious. We are more apt to explore these areas and operate in humility when we are in need. Sometimes we are more likely to extend understanding and forgiveness to those we minister to (criminals or not) than offer it to other brothers and sisters in Christ. We may need to determine if our attitude mimics a Pharisee's, but then take note; what a difference when forgiveness is present!

How precious is the forgiveness, power to change and love that Christ bought with His life death and resurrection. How grateful I am that He extends it to us daily when we need and ask for it. May we and the individuals we encounter understand and receive this as our foundational belief. *Karen Selby (article & photos)*



Ministry Friends

We know that we are not alone in Kingdom work. This month we salute

Family Values for Life
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Creator of all things calls us His sons and daughters what do we need to fear and worry about? That is freedom in the true and eternal sense of the word. Hallelujah! Thanks and glory be to God!

Prayers (names changed)

Ron – God have mercy I pray. It is very good that I give thanks that this day God is blessing me. I have desire for pardon, I am sorry and I need You every day. I feel I am gaining Your [spirit]. I need Your help to continue. I cannot go on in this darkness and need Your light to follow. 2. I ask that You take care of my family. 3. That You keep giving us health. 4. Lead us not into temptation but deliver us from all evil, God. Amen.

Kathy - I'm angry and lost. Please pray for strength and good health.

Tal - leaves for prison for two years and ten months. Please pray for my family during my absence.

Josh - Please lift this fog of depression and complete the work you have started in my heart.

Tomi - Praying to get to MN A&TC. I am thirty six and an addict of 20 years. Never had long-term treatment. Please pray for my family.

Elle—Acceptance from my mother. To feel like not such a failure. To make my mother proud. Love and understanding.

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