



# Missionary Evangelism to Corrections

*Sharing the gospel & Christ's love*

*with those in corrections since 1982*

## Dr. Tim Walsh Speaks On How God Heals The Brain

Music by People of Hope

Saturday, Oct. 3, 2014

6:00-8:00 p.m.

North Heights Church,

1700 Hwy 96 W Arden Hills, MN

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## September 30th 2015 Newsletter

### MEC Spotlight

#### On to the U.K.



Jeff Enfield has volunteered at Ramsey County Correctional Facility since early 2006. He grew up with hurt experienced from a parent with alcoholism and started

using himself with friends. When invited to church, "I went into the service and felt the presence of the Lord and saw men hug men and families. You could see the realness and the authenticity of the people. I was overwhelmed that these people had this love in their lives from what I grew up with it seemed like a whole other world." God used him in High School to bring students in the work program to Christ. God did a lot of healing during the first years of his marriage and some of that was when his other parent who was seeking God in AAAnon asked him for forgiveness. Jeff pastored at Christ Church in Apple Valley.

About the ministry, he shares that, "It has been a great joy to serve at RCCF for a number of years, and I will miss it greatly! I really enjoyed the interaction with the men, it was powerful. We are hopeful that what we shared was effective. We used to see 60 men and now it is more like 40 each week, but it is summer time and they have some [conflicting activities]. In this work there are not many that come after they are out, but the time with them is rewarding and the hope is [that they continue with the Lord] Thank you for the opportunity to serve Christ in this way. There has never been a time when I have served there, that I did not feel the provision and presence of Christ amongst us. He is so faithful!"

Jeff and Stephanie did some studying in the U.K. and will be returning to pastor a church in Letchworth, England They will "appreciate [our] prayers" as they, embark on this, "next journey".

### Problem Thinking & God's Healing: What is our value?

In this series of articles about problem thinking and the Lord's healing, last month I wrote about fear, how it impacts us, learning to use it wisely, and how fear and respect of God is distinctly positive. The fear and feeling of not having worth or value is big for those with criminal or addictive thinking. In *The Criminal Personality*. Yochelson and Samenow listed it as the Zero state. In Inner-Change Freedom Initiative materials on Distorted Thinking Patterns it is worded as "Fear that you are a nobody, fear others will find you out, ...being judged, ...appearing weak, ...or humiliation and notes that 'Positive feedback is perceived as a putdown'." A family member asking for prayer for a loved one in prison, who has made a commitment to the Lord, said

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“Prison is a very hard place for a person learning to do good works. That feeling that we/they lack value affects many if not all people to various degrees. It can vary with different ages, stages or experiences in life. One of the intercessors that I recently prayed with asked among other things that we pray for a sense of purpose in life.

Over time, the process of replacing negative thoughts with the truths of scripture is rewarding and brings true freedom. Confessing our wrong thoughts and unbelief may be necessary to free our hearts and minds to believing and confessing the truths. The antidote to feelings of worthlessness and shame is understanding God’s complete and capable character and how much He values us. As humans we are created in His image (Gen.1:27), He knows everything about us (Ps.139) Indeed, why, even the very hairs of your head have all been numbered. So do not be afraid; you are worth, - you are more valuable than a whole flock, more valuable than many sparrows. (Luke12:7 Combined versions).

God has plans for us, for good and not evil and we will find Him and them when we search for Him and them with all of our hearts. He left exceeding glory to live among us, face more temptation than we have encountered, and is able to aid us. (Matt 4, Mark 1, Luke 4, Hebrews 2). He gives us purpose meaning tasks and relationships commanding us to love Him and others. How worthwhile to pursue His precepts, wisdom and love this way. (Proverbs, I John)

If and when thoughts and feelings of worthlessness come to you, - Answer them with authority. (Matt 28, Mark 1, 2 & 3) -No you are not worthless. When receiving God’s love you are redeemed, (Gal.3, I Peter 1, Rev. 5) adopted, (Romans 8 & 9, Eph.1) and loved, (Gal.4:5, John 3 & 16 & 17) – growing (II Cor. 9. Phil.1) in His grace, thanksgiving, (II Cor.1 & 4) mercy, (Luke 1, Romans 9) family (Luke 11, John 8, Romans 12, Gal.6) acceptance (2 Thes.1, II Tim.1&2) and love Matt. 5, Luke 7, John 13,14, 15,17.

***Ephesians 2:19***  
***So then you are***  
***no longer strangers and aliens,***  
***but you are***  
***fellow citizens with the saints***  
***and members of the household***  
***of God***

Ministry Friends  
We know that we are not alone in Ministry.  
This month’s shout-out is to  
Teen Challenge  
Minnesota Adult & Teen Challenge [www.mntc.org](http://www.mntc.org)  
Freedom from Addiction  
Mpls, Rochester, Duluth & Brainerd Adults short & long term  
Buffalo—teen boys  
612- Freedom (612-373-3366)  
[www.teenchallengeusa.com](http://www.teenchallengeusa.com)  
[globaltc.org](http://globaltc.org)



**PRISON FELLOWSHIP  
CONTINUING  
EDUCATION**

**Saturday, October 17th, 2015  
8:30am to 4:00pm**

**At**

**Bridgewood Community  
Church**

**11670 Lexington Ave N  
Blaine, MN 55449**

**Featured speakers include**

**Jim Liske,**

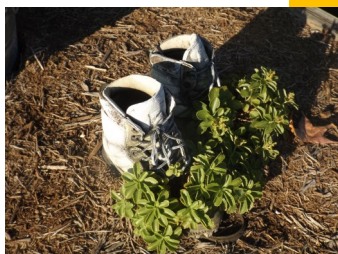
**CEO, Prison Fellowship**

**John King,**

**Assistant Commissioner,**

**MN-DOC**

**Registration will be online**



***Gratitude***

*3 of many praises*

Great Spirit-filled discussion and then I presented the Gospel at the end. Joe stayed and prayed to accept Jesus! Praise God for 7 guys – and for removing a potential distraction! Praise God for taking over the room and moving in our hearts. Praise God for allowing me to pray with Joe!

D. -the guy I am mentoring. He is asking & wanting to go further in a Bible study. We have been going thru ...John The apartment has been approved by his parole officer. He is doing well at work & and our relationship is good and growing. He doesn't own a Bible and is willing to let me pick one out with him. Many life style choices are in his near future...pray takes a path of trusting Jesus...

*8 men attending. Topic was  
12 Seeds Appreciation*



**Oct. 7, 2015 at Concordia University**

**Two Convocations**

**10:30 – 11:25 (BEC)**

**Jim Liske, President Prison Fellowship (Lansdowne, VA)**

**Restorative Justice for Prisoners:**

**“Would you want to be judged based on your worst day?”**

**7PM in the Buetow auditorium featuring**

**Jesse Weise, president of the Justice Fellowship and**

**Ron Solheid, assistant commissioner of the DOC.**

**The MN S. Dist. of L.C. M.S. &**

**C..U. Dept of Criminal Justice**

**Are offering a free, no prerequisite course.**

**Open to lay people and professionals**

**An Introduction to Correctional Ministry**

**Classes will meet six times Tuesday nights**

**from 7-9 PM, Oct 13–Nov 17 in room 119**

**Luther Hall**

**Course text will be supplied for free.**

**Online learning also available. R.S.V.P.**

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