

Christ for

ALL PEOPLES from ALL NATIONS



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Watch For Revival Fires!

On July 4th we celebrated our nation's 249th birthday. I'm personally praying for revival for our country. I've often thought that God might bring revival fires from the jails and prisons across our country. God is doing amazing work in the hearts of the incarcerated and their passion for the Gospel is fanning its flames. God is looking for one spark to start these fires of revival across America that I trust will impact the world for the glory of God! Our debased culture has moved from truth to relativism, from mutual respect to disrespect, from working to welfare, from unity to discord, from discipline to rebellion, and from law and order to anarchy. Folks, we need revival fires to break out across our land! I want to encourage you prayer warriors, and don't ever quit praying! Your prayers are mighty for the tearing down of strongholds of every kind. Do you understand the power of prayer that moves the hand of God to the sinner's plight? God is still changing lives one at a time in the Polk County Jail, the Sheriff's office, and around the world. Amen!! Here's another example. One of our bilingual volunteers teaches a Bible study to mostly Spanish speaking ICE inmates. One night the Holy Spirit really moved upon the more than twenty inmates in attendance. Ten responded to the gospel and gave their hearts to Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of their sins! Every one of you faithful partners in prayer and financial support makes such a profound difference. These ten are now in

the kingdom of God because of your faithful intercessory prayer. Thank you! Praise the Lord!

In His Service, ~ Chaplain Jerry

VOLUNTEER OF THE MONTH **DEACON DAN DOMBROSKY**



Congratulations for being the volunteer of the month, Dan! Thank you for coming alongside those of the Catholic faith with the Word of God. Dan comes in every other Friday and does one on one's. I asked Dan to share what it has meant to him to minister to the men and women. "I am a work in

progress, and I'm still learning and growing. Some of us might be further along in some areas but catching up in others. No one is a completed masterpiece. It's a journey to walk with others. We get help and give help. Meeting with the inmates one on one helps to remind me that none of us knows where others really are in life, and we don't know what's going on in their hearts. I know this because they share their hearts with me.

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Quote of the Month: *"It's not the years in our life that count, it's the life in our years."*

- Abe Lincoln



Sent One – Aaron Perez

I was born in Des Moines, attended Van Meter School and graduated from there. I grew up in an Evangelical Free and Catholic household where I accepted Christ at an early age. I played college baseball at Iowa Central in Fort Dodge and then went on to finish my

degree at the University of Grand Canyon in Phoenix, AZ. I married my college sweetheart after college and lived a blessed marriage

early on. Then there were some marital issues that we had to work through to reconcile. We then had a daughter. I found out 6 months later she wasn't mine due to my wife having an affair. After the heartache I wrongly chose bitterness, resentment, and walked away from God. Through many relationships I found myself in the deepest and darkest moment of my life, battling depression (suicidal), anxiety, and alcoholism. On 10/22 I was arrested for theft in an unfortunate family affair. Three days into

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They allow themselves to be vulnerable in a way that I don't experience in other settings. I am able to share the Truth

lovingly and understanding that just like me, they are works in progress. My words may not bear fruit today, but what an opportunity to plant the seeds!"

PRAYER REQUESTS:

- PCJ Ministry Banquet/Fundraiser is Tuesday October 7th 6:00 pm at Grace Church. The PCJ Ministry presents a night to remember with this year's theme Christ For All Peoples From All Nations. Come hear how men and women incarcerated from all over the world have been impacted by the gospel. Then they can take it back to their loved ones across the street and around the world. God is using the Jail to rescue people and the volunteers to have an eternal impact on countless lives. This night will change you! Please invite others and pray! There will be plenty of seating and great food. Come!
- Pray for hearts that are tender and receptive to God's changing power.
- Pray even more souls would come into His kingdom.
- I can get discouraged with the battle, but pray I keep my eyes on the Commander of the Lord's army. He renews me daily to take up the sword of the Spirit, the Word of God and fight the good fight of faith.
- Pray for an assistant chaplain who is called and burdened to come alongside me in the ministry and eventually take the chaplaincy.
- Continued prayer for those gone to prison, foreign countries or home to share with everyone the good news of the gospel that changed their lives.
- Prayer for continued favor, and a mutual working relationship with the Sheriff's office and his staff as we are privileged guests.
- Safety for our public servants, the Detention Officers in the Jail and those Deputies out on patrol and dispatchers handling multiple calls.
- God would grant more preaching opportunities to tell of the changed lives.
- More inmate led Bible studies and prayer groups would begin in each pod. Those spiritual leaders would see their personal responsibility, step up and more inmates would then respond to the gospel because of them.
- Sunday services at 10:00 AM would be greatly attended by the inmates.
- God will raise up more prayer warriors, and financial partners to come alongside in this great work of God.
- We need daily prayer for spiritual oppositions that come against the ministry.
- Local churches would partner with us in receiving men and women released from the PC Jail, offer mentors, and support for their spiritual growth. This is a key component to sustain what God has begun in each life.
- God would create a crowd for the DOC's greater impact. The seeds we've sown will create fruit in those desiring to be disciplined. New curriculum is coming for the start up this Fall.

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jail I met Chaplain Jerry, a saint who guided me back to Christ. I always felt too far gone to come back to God, but the love of Christ brought me back from certain doom. After 13 weeks in jail I got probation, only to slip back into it, but God had a plan. I was sentenced to prison on 05/24 for a probation violation. Christ convicted me to full repentance where I put my hand to the plow and have not looked back! I would have never known God's mercy, grace, and love had I not gone to prison. Within a few months Christ has freed me from prescription medicine for depression and anxiety. It's a true

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ANSWERS:

- Edna Hamlin went Home to be with the Lord.
- Many opportunities for all volunteers to speak the gospel into open hearts and see them trust in Christ as their Savior.
- A growing number are attending Bible studies.
- Continued favor with the Sheriff's office.
- A growing number of inmates are sharing their faith and large groups are doing Bible studies.
- Many soft cover books and clothing have been donated. Thank you!

MOST WANTED:

- Desperate need for men's jeans sizes 32 to 34.
- Men and women's tennis shoes and short sleeve shirts.
- Soft cover books Five Love Languages, any Terry Blackstock books, Left Behind #1, 6-12, and Hispanic books are very needed!

Ministry Monthly Report: July 2025

	Monthly:	Ytd:
Inmate Request:	961	6,047
One-on-One inmate counseling:	847	5,786
Religious reading materials given:	1,008	6,094
Bible Study groups:	56	381
Inmates involved with studies:	509	2,955
View Worship Service:	212	1,287
Volunteer Hours:	173	1,168
Number of Volunteers:	23	177
Bibles given:	501	2,857
Number of New Believers:	22	142

miracle! I hope to work again with special needs children/adults, and get into prison ministry as soon as possible. I give special thanks to my mother, Gary's, and Church prayers. God is faithful, and through Him nothing is impossible.

Thank you!
~ Chaplain Jerry

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