

# Christ for ALL PEOPLES from ALL NATIONS



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## The Annual Banquet Summary

Fall greetings in Christ as we partner for God's glory! We watch our Father work mightily through His Son to impact the Polk County Jail with His Gospel. Our theme for 2025 is **Christ for all people from all nations**. We are seeing this happen right here! Christ is personally bringing people from all of the world to us—there are currently inmates from 44 different nations here at the Jail. God is calling us to fulfill His Great Commission to go make disciples for Christ (Matthew 28:18-20) starting with our own community. Our annual banquet on October 7th focused on this global reach, drawing over 250 attendees who enjoyed a delicious meal and heard powerful testimonies.

Sheriff Kevin Schneider affirmed the ministry's vital daily impact on both inmates and staff. He has officially acknowledged me as the Chaplain for the Polk County Sheriff's Office, for which I am greatly honored. Updates included the Discipleship Outreach Center and videos highlighting our bilingual ministry in the ICE housing units here at the Jail, where many have been saved. Our guest speaker, TJ Vasquez, director of Sober Soldierz and

youth pastor at First Church of the Open Bible shared his testimony of salvation here at the PCJ and subsequent transformation. His life is a testament to the ripple effect of this ministry as he is now a disciple of Christ for others who need freedom from their addictions. The evening's challenge—how can we do our part to obey the Great Commission of making

disciples and sharing the love of Christ within our own spheres of influence? God our Father is at work all around us and we must partner with Him. The purpose of this evening was to bring glory to God and thanksgiving for all He has done. Psalm 96:3 states,

**Declare His glory among the nations, His marvelous deeds among all people.** Through your prayers and financial gifts, you play a key role in declaring God's glory among the nations through the PCJ ministry. Thank you for partnering with us in this invaluable work! **Amen!!**

*In His Service,  
~ Chaplain Jerry*

**Quote of the Month: *The nations are coming to hear, are we going to share?***

## A Sent One – Rhonda Dawson



My life was dark from the age of 4 as I grew up with sexual abuse. Keeping secrets was never easy, but the secrets were the only way to survive. I started using at the age of 16 and was in and out of treatment, jails, and institutions. In 2021 I visited jail for the last time, but

this time it was different. I knew that if something didn't change I was going to end up in prison or dead. I decided to reach out to Chaplain Jerry, ask for a Bible and a devotional called the Daily Bread. The next day I received them and began to read. As I read I felt at peace sitting in that cell everyday, and the drama and chaos

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# PRAYER REQUESTS:

- All in the Body of Christ would do our part to obey the Great Commission and make disciples of all peoples and all nations.
- Spiritual growth for the inmates who recently came to Christ.
- Prayer for each volunteer as they serve faithfully and continue to minister life into the Jail through the Bible studies, one on one's, and book cart ministry.
- God will raise up an Assistant Chaplain that he would be called and prepared to serve.
- Inmate led Bible studies in the housing units will have greater attendance, an increased hunger for the things of God, and inmates would lead others to Christ.
- Pray for the South 1 & 3 women's units to have hearts for the Lord. There is so much spiritual opposition in those units.
- Pray for more divine appointments.
- Greater influence and impact with the Sheriff's staff as we interact with them.
- Safety for our public servants, the Detention Officers in the Jail, and those Deputies out on patrol as they drive our highways.
- Pray for the dispatchers as they deal with their daily emergency calls of distress and crisis. Thank God for these first responders to our 911 calls!
- God will raise up volunteers to serve at the Jail or become disciplers at the Discipleship Outreach Center.
- Officers would play the Sunday service at 10:00, a greater number would awaken to watch and be hungry for God's word.
- More and more local churches will participate in this incredible ministry prayerfully, financially, and be part of the discipleship process.
- Those who have gone off to prison will stay faithful to read God's Word daily, and be active in sharing their faith.
- Prayer for those released to attend a Bible believing church, and use their spiritual gifts for God's glory. They will find love and acceptance.
- Strongholds to be broken, and generational sins would be confessed and forsaken.
- Pray for the annual Christmas event Dec. 5th and 6th only a month away as popcorn and two stamped Christmas cards are given to each inmate. Pray that the Holy Spirit touches hearts through this life changing two night event.
- Pray that God softens the hardest of hearts and changes the attitude of indifference.
- Pray against the forces of darkness and the oppositions we face daily.

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was easily tuned out. Because of GOD I found myself and learned that I am loved by Him. The service that Chaplain Jerry provides to the jail is beyond his work, it's the work of GOD through him! His Sunday services were amazing, and very appreciated! I have now been drug free for almost 2 years, attend a church, and pray daily. My relationship with GOD is that of a Father and child and His love for me is what I have needed since I was that child and throughout my life. Thank you Chaplain Jerry and Patty for everything, and for helping me to make the connection to GOD! I will never forget your kindness and help!

# ANSWERS:

- Praise the Lord for the Banquet turnout, the delicious meal, TJ the guest speaker, video testimonies, update on the DOC, the Sheriff's endorsement, all gifts given, and the challenge to all who attended.
- This year's theme **Christ for all peoples and all nations** is so appropriate to obey the Great Commission. Praise and glory He brings them to us!
- So many are coming to know the Lord!!
- Lots of clothing was donated to help inmates as they leave in various weather conditions. Thanks for the clothing and faith based books.

# MOST WANTED:

- Need 2500 stamps for the annual Christmas card give away Dec. 5th and 6th. We need them by Nov. 30th please. This is a highlight of the year!
- Men's shoes!! We are completely out! Also need men's coats.
- Tony Evans paperback books with his theme of Kingdom Living.
- Five Love Languages by Gary Chapman also paperback.
- All left behind books with one exception #5.

## Ministry Monthly Report: October 2025

|                                    | Monthly:  | Ytd:       |
|------------------------------------|-----------|------------|
| Inmate Request:                    | 984       | 8,795      |
| One-on-One inmate counseling:      | 882       | 8,373      |
| Religious reading materials given: | 939       | 9,105      |
| Bible Study groups:                | 63        | 570        |
| Inmates involved with studies:     | 504       | 4,528      |
| View Worship Service:              | 138       | 1,784      |
| Volunteer Hours:                   | 195       | 1,744      |
| Number of Volunteers:              | 23        | 246        |
| Bibles given:                      | 391       | 4,225      |
| <b>Number of New Believers:</b>    | <b>24</b> | <b>220</b> |

*Another "sent one" made possible  
by your faithful partnership.*

*Thank you!  
~ Chaplain Jerry*



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