



# Teaching moments in Bible studies can bring emotional healing.

Greetings friends! Almighty God certainly has His hand on this ministry at the Polk Co. Jail. It is apparent as we witness a hunger for God's Word, and a desire for changed lives. It amazes me that people have to be arrested (I prefer rescued) to get a Bible placed in their hands or even have access to one. Just think of how many souls come through these gates each year. In 2018 alone there were over 12,000 individuals involved in Bible studies! This fact puts a great urgency on my heart to give the gospel out and to sow the seed of God's Word, so that as many as possible will hear the Good News and choose Christ! I don't want any one of them to go to hell! None of this would be

possible without your heartfelt prayers and faithful giving which will have profound impact for all of eternity.

**Thank you everyone!**

I wish that each one who reads this newsletter could sit in on a Bible study and watch as the Holy Spirit opens up hearts. For perhaps the first time many share emotional pain and or abuse that was inflicted upon their lives, so many at such an early age. It's heart rendering to say the least. During one study an inmate began to pour out his heart on the topic of grieving. He said he'd never shared with anyone that his father, *(Continued on back ►)*

## Volunteer of the month: Janet Schubert

We are honoring Janet Schubert as the volunteer of the month at PCJ Ministry. Congratulations!!! Janet just reached her one year anniversary as of the 23rd doing one on ones with female inmates. What an asset she is to the ministry with her sweet godly persona, and passion for the women she meets. She is like a grandma that the women can open up with and discuss their deepest needs. Janet related, "In 1 John 4:11 the Bible states, Dear friends, since God so loved us, we also ought to love one another. I am so grateful for the opportunity to love people who, more than often, haven't

experienced love, support, or trust in their lives. In a search for love and acceptance, their life choices have been harmful. It is a blessing to be able to encourage inmates in their faith walk." Janet is very mindful of sharing the gospel with each one she meets, and has seen many come to faith in Jesus Christ. What a blessing when God brings such a gifted and sensitive servant to the ministry! You have touched countless lives and what a difference you've made. Thank you for responding to the Lord's leading in your life to serve at the PCJ. You are a blessing to all of us!



### Tip of the Month:

**Trials come to build us; temptations come to destroy us.**

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## Angela Currie – A transformed life



My name is Angela Currie. I want to share from my heart how God is working in my life. I am the middle child of three siblings. My mom and dad were loving, caring, and devoted followers of Jesus Christ. I had a wonderful childhood growing up. At the age of 14 I was molested by someone who I had trusted. For the next 19 years I turned my back on Christ. I was a dope smoking, drug dealing, prostitute, and thief who completely lived a life of sin and darkness. I had given up hope, felt total despair, and thought about attempting suicide several times.

In 2014 I landed in the Polk County Jail after a two month binge, and a laundry list of charges pending. Desperate for change I attended a woman's bible study lead by Denise S. on a Wednesday. That day she shared the very powerful testimony of her own life. From that moment, I'll never forget it, was like a weight lifted. I began to feel hope again! I was so blown away that someone who didn't know me would come and share the love of Jesus Christ! I am so grateful!!! God's mercy came into my heart, and He changed me from the

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an alcoholic, had called and left a message on his phone. Several days passed before he listened to his dad's recorded cries for help and a place to stay. This young man knew that his father's track record wasn't very good. He'd established boundaries and couldn't help him. With tears pouring down his cheeks he said, "My dad was found dead a few days after he left the message due to alcohol. I turned to drugs to cope with my guilt, and that's why I'm here". We worked

through his guilt with all the other inmates present by helping him understand that he couldn't prevent what his dad was bent on doing with his addiction choices. God was sovereign in what took place. Sinful choices make life full of dreadful consequences. We can chose to sin, but can't choose the consequences of our sin. It's amazing how we think we can alter the way life plays out, but we can't. That was a spiritual and emotional healing moment from the Holy Spirit for all the others to learn from as well.

Your servant, Chaplain Jerry

## PRAYER REQUESTS:

- Sensitivity to divine appointments as we minister to the Sheriff's office, their personnel staff, and the incarcerated.
- Asst. Chaplain David Newell for healing after surgery on an injured big toe.
- Continued prayer for volunteer David Hamlin, wife Edna, and son Jason all battling cancer. David comes in faithfully to do one on ones.
- Healing for board member Bud Krisinger who receives chemo for leukemia.
- Prayer for Sheriff Kevin Schneider as he acclimates to his new responsibilities. Sheriff has already brought a lot of positive morale builders to the staff.
- Urgency for inmates to surrender everything to the Lord Jesus Christ, experience victory over their addictions and sinful lifestyles.
- Safety for our public servants the Deputies out on patrol, Detention Officers in the Jail and Dispatch personnel. Help for the stress they encounter daily with their many responsibilities and extra hours of overtime.
- God will continue to bring people to the PCJ from all over the world to hear the Good News of the Gospel of Jesus Christ, and respond to the message of salvation.
- The volunteers have an intense fervor, and a renewed sense of their calling to disciple the incarcerated in their Bible study groups.
- Inmate believers to faithfully and enthusiastically share their faith with others.
- Sunday services at 10:00 A.M. will increase in attendance as a greater number of inmates awaken to watch and the Detention Officers would play the service weekly.
- Revival among the inmates occurs.
- The Holy Spirit makes it more apparent to local churches of the need to partner both prayerfully and financially with the ministry. Also assist released inmates in the community with open arms to shepherd and mentor them.
- What started spiritually at the Jail continues in the lives of the inmates who have gone off to prison that they would stay faithful to God's Word, be active in sharing their faith, and experience consistent growth.
- Addictions and other strongholds will be permanently broken by the power of the Holy Spirit.
- God's power demonstrated as I share His Truth with churches.

## ANSWERS:

- Resources have been received to bless the inmates with easy read Bibles.
- Many Bibles and New Testaments in other languages were donated even 5 in Arabic! These are essential as we have inmates from all over the world at the PCJ!
- Inmates are learning daily disciplines of Bible reading and prayer.
- Brokenness is so apparent with the inmates as we witness conviction and repentance.
- Volunteer led Bible study groups are growing in attendance weekly.
- Many opportunities have been made available in the coming weeks to promote the ministry to various churches.
- I have witnessed among the detention officers and deputies a growing awareness of their own personal spiritual needs.

## MOST WANTED:

- Men's shoes, jeans, and coats only.
- Need paperback books by Tony Evans, TD Jakes, Priscilla Shirer, and other African American Christian authors please.

## Ministry Monthly Report: February 2019

	Monthly:	Ytd:
Inmate Request:	512	1,046
One-on-One inmate counseling:	812	1,682
Religious reading materials given:	655	1,319
Bible Study groups:	86	175
Inmates involved with studies:	846	1,776
View Worship Service:	452	899
Volunteer Hours:	225	470
Number of Volunteers:	26	52
Bibles given:	377	862
<b>Number of New Believers:</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>44</b>



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inside out! I began to bear the fruit of the Spirit! God is so, so good! He is so faithful! AMEN! God has restored my faith, my family, and my hope to live again! All glory be to God! It was Him who saved me! I am so thankful for the Polk County Jail Ministry. God used it to change my life!

*Here is a changed life that represents the prayers and financial investments of faithful partners like you!*

*Thank you! - Chaplain Jerry*

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