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The fog of life can obscure our vision but not our purpose

Greetings friends! God's mission is to rescue lives consumed with strife on every side battered and torn by life's relentless hazards. Internal strife and the decimated lives of men and women characterize where God called me to serve Him sixteen years ago. I became a missionary (not paid by the city, state or county) to the incarcerated, and the Sheriff's Office staff. We have the best news, the Good News of deliverance from our sins to proclaim! To this calling you enter the trenches with me. **THANK YOU** for your partnership, and belief that God would use the Polk County Jail Ministry to impact lives for His glory!! What a blessing you are to me!

During my morning walk I came to a rise, and looked at the road down in the valley. A thick fog uniquely covered part of the road and all the scenery below. The Lord reminded me of how the path of life can be clear, but then suddenly we may find ourselves in a fog that impairs vision of the road ahead. We are all good at producing spiritual fog that blinds our sight, but if we examine the evidence the problem can be identified. It could be a toxic friendship, an unpaid debt, or an improper attitude that has caused

trouble. We must keep our lives in check lest we find ourselves in a fog that causes a disconnect with effective prayer. Since April 11th of last year I am still not able to see inmates face to face or go into the housing units called pods. What a disconnect to say the least when people are my passion. Mental health workers and attorneys have access in the housing units. I'm very thankful for the opportunities I do have on monitor screen visits in the lobby, so I'll keep walking by faith.

Recently a cook asked me to see an inmate worker who he was concerned about. This inmate received bad news that his kid sister had died. He also had a brother murdered in Chicago a year earlier. I pulled him aside and began listening as he told me about these painful losses. During our conversation he told me he was religious but empty inside. I shared that I was raised in church but my beliefs were in my head only and nothing was inside my heart. My life was empty. I had no meaning, purpose or direction, but God sent people who said I needed a relationship with Jesus Christ. God broke me and spoke to me

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A HIGHLIGHT FOR THE MONTH:



On August 9th Patty and I celebrated 46 years of marriage! The Bible states He who finds a wife finds what is good Proverbs 18:22. Patty was brought to me by the Lord in June of 1974 at a Des Moines coffee house. I was the guest speaker, and she introduced herself to me. We talked that night and became fast friends. Fourteen months later we married on her parent's farm in northern Iowa. She was not only a good gift from the Lord, I call her God's Best!!! Honey, I love you!!!! Thank you for all you do to help me in ministry, and your personal sacrifice of time to free me to minister the love of Christ to others. What a treasure you are to me, our children and grand children. I am truly blessed to have shared these 46 years with you. I thank the Lord for you, and for the life we've shared together!

Tip of the Month:

We can't always see our path, but faith will take us step by step toward God's intended destination.

Deanna Limke – Another RESCUED Life!

I am very honored that Chaplain Jerry asked me to share my testimony in the Jail Ministry newsletter. I pray that in the name of Jesus, God will bless others with my story. I was 12 years old the first time I got drunk and it was a blackout. I wish that experience would have changed my attitude and choices about alcohol. By the time I graduated from high school I had become a teenage alcoholic. I thank God for my Grandma Irene who was a follower of Jesus Christ, and I know she was always praying for me and her family. I'm realizing more and more that God has and

is answering her prayers. My alcoholism took me to very dark places, and a lot of rough patches in my past life. I have been arrested and convicted 5 times for operating while intoxicated, and numerous other alcohol related offenses throughout my adulthood. Every time that I was incarcerated I would pray to God, ask for forgiveness in Jesus name, start to read the Bible, attend the Bible studies offered through the Polk County Jail Ministry, and watch Chaplain Jerry's services. I wanted to change my life, but when

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of His amazing love. This was my platform to share that our heavenly Father was drawing him to Himself. This man was at rock bottom and realized his sinful condition before a perfect and Holy God. He understood what Christ, God's Son did in paying for our sin debt. This Good News became his by placing faith in the

finished work of Christ. He believed and received the Lord Jesus in his heart that day, and became a child of God! Praise the Lord for God's redemptive work in men and women's hearts! Amen!!

- In His Service,
Chaplain Jerry

PRAYER REQUESTS:

- You'll not want to miss this year's banquet! Pray that the Holy Spirit would bless the night as we hear the testimonies of many who've experienced The Rescue Mission Tuesday Oct. 5th at Grace Church 6:00 PM. Please pray for a great turnout of 200 plus.
- We mail out over 500 newsletters to our partners. Would you each make it a goal to come to the banquet? You'll get a first hand look at what God is doing through this ministry in changing lives and hear a new vision for future ministry.
- Pray many businesses would sponsor a table at the banquet for \$250.
- Please pray for the volunteers as they await the opportunity to come back.
- Continued prayer for Dave Hamlin, wife Edna, and son Jason all battling cancer.
- Pray for an Assistant Chaplain who is burdened and called to the PCJ ministry to work 15 to 20 hours a week. He will eventually replace me in the next four to five years.
- Pray our nation and communities would be more supportive of all law enforcement.
- God would encourage our volunteers with the faith they need in these troubled, and fear filled days.
- The health and well being of all volunteers and their families. Protection and wisdom in doing life these days.
- Prayer for discernment in spiritual warfare with the enemy as he attempts to derail us with many distractions and the Covid 19 virus.
- God will use our ministry presence with the Jail population and the Sheriff's office staff to touch lives with the Gospel.
- Safety for our public servants the Detention Officers in the Jail, and those Deputies out on patrol and the Dispatchers who handle thousands of calls.
- God would cause brokenness to new Jail arrivals and a hunger for His Word.
- More inmate lead Bible studies would begin, and more inmates would reach others for Christ in their pods.
- Sunday services at 10:00 A.M. would be greatly attended as a larger number of inmates awaken to watch. The detention officers would support the benefits to the inmates as they watch the services. Also Fridays at 1:00 the Christian movie would be well attended and a blessing to all who watch.
- An awakening of local churches and individuals to participate in this incredible ministry prayerfully, and financially as a viable mission's effort. More direct contacts with Pastors to tell the ministry story for prayer and financial support.
- Those inmates who have gone off to prisons or back to the streets

would stay faithful to Jesus Christ and His Word, be active in sharing their faith, and attend a local church. Pray they would find churches open, so they can fellowship with others and grow stronger in their walk.

- All of us would remain watchful, thankful, and deliberate in our service to Christ.
- Monitor visits would be divine appointments and more frequent.
- All of us in this ministry would go deeper with the Lord in our private time with Him.

ANSWERS:

- Greater numbers of inmates are coming to the Sunday services.
- The Holy Spirit is doing a great work with His power of conviction.
- We still have an open door for the Polk County Jail Ministry.
- We are daily experiencing the fruit of your earnest prayers with lives that are changing through genuine repentance.
- There is a tremendous hunger for God in the midst of our pandemic!
- I hear from former inmates that many churches receive, and make them feel welcome when they attend.
- Covid 19 cases are very low in the Jail.
- Praise and thanksgiving to God for all that He does in orchestrating the details and events of this ministry daily!

MOST WANTED:

- 2500 stamps as we approach our Christmas event.
- GREAT need for men's shoes especially tennis shoes all sizes.

Ministry Monthly Report: August 2021

	Monthly:	Ytd:
Inmate Request:	887	5,723
One-on-One inmate counseling:	653	4,639
Religious reading materials given:	293	2,382
Bible Study groups:	60	513
Inmates involved with studies:	289	2,817
View Worship Service:	396	2,538
Volunteer Hours:	42	324
Number of Volunteers:	3	52
Bibles given:	250	1,694
Number of New Believers:	18	146

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released I would go straight back to alcohol, drugs, abusive relationships, and living my own will. In June of 2020 just a few weeks after being released from the Jail I hit rock bottom which lead me to the House of Mercy for treatment once again. After completing inpatient treatment I went to live at the House of Grace owned and led by Ernie and Vicky Huffey who are members of Grace Church. It was at Grace Church where I got reconnected with Chaplain Jerry and his wife Patty, and many of the Jail ministry volunteers. I thank God for how they have come along side to help me grow in my relationship with Jesus Christ. This

past June I celebrated 1year of sobriety! All glory be to God the Father! Thank you Chaplain Jerry, Patty and all of my brothers and sisters in Christ.

Here is another rescued life made possible by faithful partners like you!
Thank you! -Chaplain Jerry

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