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Biblical Illiteracy Has Impacted America

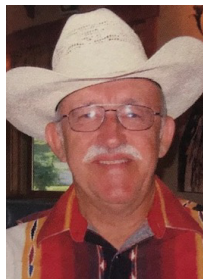
As we Americans celebrated the 4th of July a thought occurred to me. We need God to bring revival to our land. Henry Blackaby the author of Experiencing God said, "The people of God are always just one generation away from forsaking God, returning to paganism, and rebellion against God." It's a very sobering thought that should alarm each one of us. We live in a blended religious day where most who claim to be Christian hold to a culturally correct world view not a biblically correct view point. Sadly, we are not Judaeo Christian America any longer. We've turned as a society away from God's Word. How remarkable God's Word is from the prophet Amos. A famine was sent on the people of Israel not for food or water, but rather for hearing the Word of God. Perhaps God is warning America to turn back to His Word. Just maybe He'll use the jails and prisons to bring America to an awareness of what we desperately need as a nation; a relationship with God through His Son Jesus Christ!! The Bible has been removed from schools and other government entities, but men and women can come to Jail and receive one. We annually hand out about 2500 Bibles every year, and that is good news Amen!!

I want to encourage you prayer warriors with the story of one zealous inmate who is leading many to the Lord. He keeps getting moved from pod to pod. This is not because of any disciplinary reasons. God moves him to another group of needy fellow inmates, he shares the gospel with them, they respond, and are saved! He's led fourteen souls to the Lord! He also leads a daily Bible study and prayer group with fifteen to twenty guys in the group! Do you understand the power of prayer that moves the hand of God to the sinner's plight? I'm not able to go into the pods or have personal contact, but nothing keeps **Jesus** out and the powerful **Holy Spirit**!! It's amazing to me that a new believer, a disciple, is obeying the great commission (Matt 28:19-20) and seeing God move in a powerful way. Amen!

Because of your faithful partnership in prayer and financial support we are able to make a difference in presenting Him to them. **Thank you!**

*- In His Service,
Chaplain Jerry*

Celebrating a life well lived: Robert (Bud) Krisinger



*Robert Francis Krisinger went to his eternal home July 7, 2021 from complications of leukemia. Everyone called him Bud. The ministry was blessed to have him as a volunteer and Board member for 7 years. Bud took the book cart around to the men's pods weekly and struck up conversations with many of them. He saw several come to faith as Bud loved to share his Jesus. As a member of the Board of Directors he gave wise counsel and was a prayer partner to the ministry. Bud always encouraged others and me as he fought for his life. What a kind, seed sowing man he was. Bud wrote these reflections on the seasons of life to be read at his funeral. 1. **The Way** - Knowing Jesus Christ as Savior & Lord. 2. **The Walk** - How someone lives their life in Christ. 3. **The Wait** - Christ being our source of hope & strength to soar like eagles. 4. **The Win** - Coming into the eternal presence of our Lord. Bud shared his overwhelming love for Jesus with others no matter where he was. He would tell the inmates when they felt dejected and alone, "This Bud's for you!" He cared for peoples souls, and will be missed as a special servant of God.*

Tip of the Month:

America is experiencing a famine of the Word of God. God promises that His Word will not return void or empty. Are you famished or well fed? It's a daily choice!

Shawn Gordon – Another RESCUED Life!

Hello friends, I always thank God as I think of my friend Jerry and his ministry at the PC Jail. I pray for all the staff as well as the many men and women who go through it. The Lord knows it can be a hard place to work or go as an inmate! Yet I know from experience that it can be a place of salvation, and redemption. When I arrived there I was tired spiritually, emotionally, intellectually and physically exhausted. I was at the end of my rope and seriously considered suicide. I'd been in Jail many times and this was the end of one more run. It was one more

time of burning my life to the ground, hurting everyone I loved, and giving up all I owned. All over drugs. It was one more self imposed tragedy in a tragic life. I remember sitting in my bunk with sheets in hand. If I timed it right I could tie them around my neck, walk out to the tier, tie the other end around the railing and jump off to my death. I knew if I made them just the right length my neck would snap and I would asphyxiate before anyone could react and save me. Suddenly I heard a small voice that I hadn't heard

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PRAYER REQUESTS:

- Our **Banquet/Fund Raiser is Tuesday October 5, 6:00 PM @ Grace Church**. The PCJ ministry presents a night to remember with this year's theme **The Rescue Mission**. Come hear how God is rescuing men and women from self destruction to a place of rescue, the Polk County Jail. This night will change you! Please invite others and pray!
- Pray the Jail opens soon for the volunteers to come back in full strength to do ministry and help carry the load.
- I can get discouraged with the battle, but pray I keep my eyes on the Commander of the Lord's army who renews me daily to take up the sword of the Spirit the Word of God.
- Pray for an assistant chaplain to come along side me in the ministry. Pray for a man called and burdened for this ministry.
- Continued prayer for volunteer David Hamlin as he takes oral chemo treatment for Agent Orange. Edna his wife is struggling with breast cancer and their son, Jason, also has cancer and is not doing well.
- Prayer for continued favor, and a mutual working relationship with the Sheriff's office as we are privileged guests and to get into the pods for face to face encounters.
- Safety for our public servants the Detention Officers in the Jail and those Deputies out on patrol and dispatchers handling massive calls.
- God would grant more preaching opportunities to tell of the changed lives.
- Special insights for the unique ministry opportunities due to Covid, like death notifications, or the medical and mental health needs that arise.
- More inmate lead Bible studies and prayer groups would begin in each pod. Those who are disciples would see their personal responsibility, and step up. More inmates would then respond to the gospel because of them.
- Sunday services at 10:00 AM would be greatly attended by the inmates.
- The inmates who have gone off to prisons would stay faithful to Jesus Christ, be actively sharing their faith, and daily read His Word.
- Pray for brokenness, open hearts to hear, and receive the Word as it is shared daily.
- God will raise up more prayer warriors, and financial partners to come along side 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.
- The means of videotaping and re-taping more sermons for Sunday service viewing.

ANSWERS:

- Many responded to the Gospel in saving faith, and are growing as disciples PTL!!!
- A growing number in pods sharing their faith and large groups doing Bible studies.
- Many books have been donated. Thank you.

MOST WANTED:

- Desperate need for men's shoes. We have plenty of women's items.

Ministry Monthly Report: July 2021

	Monthly:	Ytd:
Inmate Request:	719	4,836
One-on-One inmate counseling:	606	3,986
Religious reading materials given:	264	2,089
Bible Study groups:	74	453
Inmates involved with studies:	398	2,528
View Worship Service:	313	2,142
Volunteer Hours:	30	282
Number of Volunteers:	2	49
Bibles given:	241	1,444
Number of New Believers:	38	128

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in a long time; not since I had walked away from God. Yet there it was a small whisper barely perceived in my heart. "What are you doing?" I was stunned. Instantly the fog in my brain lifted, I could think clearly and I saw it all. I only had two choices left in life. I was either going to commit suicide that day, or I was going to devote my life to Jesus Christ, and serve Him the rest of my days. It seemed like such an easy choice to make yet it took me several hours. I had tried church. I had tried living sober and yet here I was sitting in Jail again. I couldn't say quit! Had I really given myself to God, and surrendered to Him? Had I gotten my feet wet, but decided to go my own way instead of diving all the way in? Was it God's fault or had I never really taken up my cross to follow Him? These were big questions I pondered to decide my fate. I was facing a lot of time. I honestly didn't think I would see the sun again. That meant that if I chose life it would be a life in prison. That certainly didn't add up to a choice for God. Suddenly there was a burst of clarity in my chest. Hope dawned in my heart! It was not hope in material things, not even hope of getting out of Jail. It was a hope that maybe my life could still have purpose, and it didn't all have to be in vain! I chose Jesus, committed my life to Him and asked Him to forgive me of my sins. I asked Him to come

into my heart, lead me through this life, and take action. I immediately started a prayer circle at night. Within a few days 40 or 50 of the 64 men in my pod participated. I came up with half a dozen copies of *The Purpose Driven Life*, and started teaching that class to my fellow inmates. I prayed for the love of Christ to flow through me and it did. I was concerned for the men around me and spent most of my time talking and praying with and for them, and tried to be helpful. My case was impossible so I left it to God as I helped others and studied the Bible. Time seemed to stand still and before I knew it I'd been there seven months. One day a miracle happened for me, and they said roll it up! I was given a chance to go to rehab. I did exactly what I had done in Jail, served God. That was several years ago and today I am a free man doing exactly the same things. I'm serving God, and my fellow man as best I can. I am a miracle....and you can be too!!

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

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