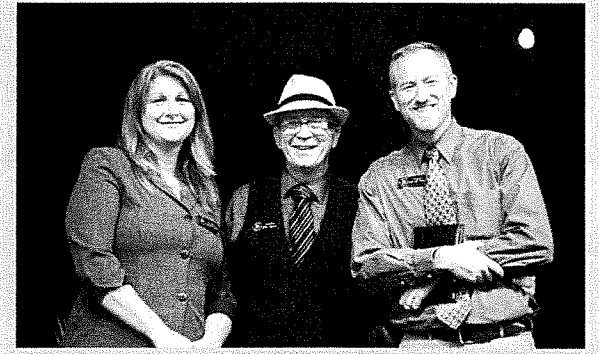




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Good News Jail & Prison Ministry
Providing Chaplains to America's Jails and Prisons



Chaplains Mandy Nevarez, John Sayers, David May August 2019

Dear Friends,

Thank you so much for your prayers and support for this ministry! It is truly a joy for us and our volunteers to serve Christ and to see the power of God change the lives of those in our Jails.

Testimony: Change of Heart

From Chaplain Mandy Nevarez:

It has been a little over a year that I have been working with the incarcerated juveniles here in Tulare County. It has been a blessing and a challenge at the same time. The ministry to the youth is nothing like working with the women in our jails. As the Chaplain, I work with the youth more on a one on one bases, and at their request. A few months ago I met a young man who wanted to do our Bible study program. As an incentive, when a youth finishes a packet of our studies, I am able to provide him with a Randy Alcorn comic Bible. These are donated to the facilities by Randy Alcorn, and have an awesome impact in the jails, especially with the youth. This young man began with the intention of receiving the comic Bible, but over time, he continued to do additional Bible studies, learning more about faith in Jesus. Last week, I had returned from vacation, and he told me "I am ready to change my life." He went on to tell me that the people who he thought were his friends, he knew now really weren't. And when he got out of jail, he wanted to change his life for good. I was so excited to hear the sincerity in his voice, and I could tell he had spent time thinking about this choice. I know the reason God has placed me in the jails to minister the gospel is because people can change, and God loves the broken. Imagine, the Lord changing a heart at such a young age. He does not have to continue with the same path into adulthood, and I told him, by allowing God to change his life now, he can put it all behind him.

I want to tell anyone who reading this, there is hope in Christ Jesus. It is written, "For all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God, and the wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ." (Romans 3:23, 6:23). In a world where there is so much uncertainty, I want to encourage you to put your faith in Jesus. He is the rock in which we can build our life...

a firm foundation that will never fail. I had an opportunity to speak with several other youths on that same day, and many of them are so broken and misguided. Please be in prayer with me for our incarcerated youth, and the officers and staff who work with them. God wants to do a mighty work in their lives, as well as in our community.

Special Event

17th Annual Good News Banquet
Save the Date – Tuesday, September 17, 2019
(Informational flier included)

Please join us to honor God for his work in our Jails. It will be time for fellowship and fun, as we seek to raise up more partners in this ministry, and to give opportunity to invest in the ministry that evening.

Testimony

The Big Call or Chaplain Corrected, from Chaplain John:
To explore how we can respond to God when God calls us was the theme of our bible study. I made the comment not everyone gets the Big Call like Noah, Abraham, Moses, Peter, Paul but we all get a call from God daily which not only gives us our purpose but the call will direct us in the path He wants for us. One inmate said "Chaplain everyone gets the Big Call from God. The Big Call for us all is done when we accept Jesus into our lives. If so will we follow Jesus?" My eyes lit up and I said to the inmate and to all who were in the room, "I stand corrected". It occurred to me that when we answer that "Call" for the first time and every day, we will be more in tune for the His call every day. By the way, this is not the first, nor the last time an inmate will correct the Chaplain. And when the inmate was correcting me, I was hearing His everyday call to me.

Testimony

From Chaplain David May:

After a Bible study, an inmate shared with me how he was so excited for the word of God. And I had seen it in his life, not just by the things he was doing to study

the Bible, but by leading others in his cell to come to Bible study. Seeking to know what work God did in his heart, I asked “what happened that brought about this change in your life?” He looked straight at me and said, “You did Chaplain. Your faithfulness coming in here for the year that I’ve known you, and sharing God’s Word. That’s what made the difference in my life.” Needless to say, I was both encouraged and humbled. It is God’s work and he receives all the glory. Nevertheless, it is a real joy to get to be a part of it!!!

Bible Lesson Testimony

This is from an inmate doing one of our Good News Jail & Prison Ministry Bible studies. The study was on Philippians 3:12-21, and the theme was “Paul encourages the Philippians to follow his example in pressing on toward the goal”. The last essay question asks the inmate to give a summary of what it means to them. He said, “I am able to continue through the trials of this life because I know my position in heaven is secure.”

Testimony

“Here is a report sent to me by one of our awesome volunteers in our jail. I was in that unit early that day. Our volunteers come in during the evening. “Chaplain John a pleasure to follow you in 32 yesterday. (Note from the Chaplain-“Unit 32 is sometimes called the “Hole”. You cannot do Bibles studies in a group because they are all in single cells) Spent my time building relationships. Most inmates in that unit know me now and are willing to talk openly. Talked to a couple of men who are struggling to walk with God in the new faith. Gave some scripture encouragement and prayer. One inmate was banging around in his cell cursing up a storm, so I had to go and talk to him. As we talked a CO came by and said, "That guy really needs some Jesus in his life!" So that's just what he got. I was able to share the gospel with him and he quietly and thoughtfully listened. Seed planted”.”

Prayer Requests

- For Inmates to know Jesus and grow by His grace.
- For officers and staff in our Jails.
- For several of our volunteers battling cancer and other health issues.
- For Chaplains David May, John Sayers, and Mandy Nevarez to be good leaders in this ministry.
- For the funding needs of the ministry and for God to be glorified through our upcoming banquet.

Bible Lesson Testimony

This is from an inmate doing one of our Good News Jail & Prison Ministry Bible studies.

“The study was on Philippians 4: 10-23, and the theme was ‘Paul thanks the Philippians for their help.’ The last essay question asks the inmate to give a summary of what it means to them. He said, “I will never be able to completely express to my parents how thankful I am for their support both financially and emotionally and spiritually. However, in times when I go hungry in... here or experience the cold of the winter without the heating unit on, I am still able to be content. Before this experience, I was rarely satisfied but my spiritual growth as a result of incarceration has completely changed that. I’ve learned that when I cry and in need, Jesus will show up for me every time.”

To Invest in this Ministry

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Thank you for continuing to keep us, the ministry, the volunteers, the officers, and inmates in your prayers.

Your Servants for Jesus’ Sake,

Chaplain David May, Chaplain John Sayers, & Chaplain Mandy Nevarez



GOOD NEWS
Jail & Prison Ministry

Grace Community Church of Visalia
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You are a blessing to me!

Friday, August 30, 2019

Dear Grace Community Church of Visalia,

I truly want to thank you all for your partnership in this ministry! Through your prayers and support, we are able to continue to bring the good news of Jesus Christ to those who are in custody in our Jails. I am thrilled to report that we finished about 1% in the black this last fiscal year that ended June 30th. We give thanks to God, and to you for being his conduit of this blessing!

I would like to share with you a letter that I received. When this man shared a few things with me about his testimony, I asked if he could write down what God used in his life so I could share it with you. It seems a bit exaggerated to me in parts, but to be honest, it really did encourage me when I needed it. And I trust it will be a blessing to you as well.

“If I were asked to put into words the impact of David May and his teachings, I would run out of space on this paper. I am an inmate of the Tulare County Jail in Tulare County, CA, and in the year since I first met Chaplain May, I’ve grown to respect him as a messenger of God. So much so, that it has now completely changed my life. My faith and trust and pure love for Christ Jesus, my Savior and one and only Son of God, through the ministry of David, have grown a hundred fold. I am beginning my third trip through the New Testament and first through the Old as we speak. David is a humble man who possesses the requisite drive and determination to make a difference in a giant way as I am living proof.”

May God receive all the glory for the work that He has done in this man’s heart! Amen.
Thank you again for being a vital part of this ministry!

Your servant for Jesus’ sake,

David May
Senior Chaplain, Tulare County Jails
Good News Jail & Prison Ministry