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January 08 Ministry Update

I spent some time with some AMF missionaries this last week up North. It is good to hear that the LORD is building His church. The Wildwood Chapel is coming alive under Duane Stixrud's leadership with several new people attending regularly. Most even stay after and have fellowship together. God is doing something special and I am confident the chapel is going to grow greatly.

Our AMF regional leadership is changing. Our current Regional Director, Dr. Gordon Anderson, has been selected to be the AMF Director of Ministries. That means we will be getting a new Regional Director. As one of nine Area Coordinators, it will be my responsibility to assist in the transition. As of yet, the above address for the regional office is still valid. The Andersons will remain in the Northwest. More than half of the missionaries are located in the Northwest and Western regions. This is a good move in my humble opinion. **Pray for the ministry of AMF as a whole. This is a transition time.**

Naselle Notes

Good things are happening at the Correction facility in Naselle.

"R" expressed her anger toward God for letting her dad die and for her mom being a drug addict. I explained things are not God's fault; it is the activities of the Devil that steal kill and destroy. She responded to the appeal to receive forgiveness for her anger by asking Jesus into her heart for the first time.

Several residents are reading the book Purpose Driven Life and really liking it. I could use a few more copies as they are constantly checked out. You can send monetary contributions to our "AMF project fund," or send copies directly to me if you wish.

The Bible is being taught on Sunday mornings in three of four lodges by volunteers where I hold chapel groups on Saturday. There are two churches currently teaching at 8:00 Sunday morning. Pastor Carey and some women from his church are teaching in two of the lodges. Another Bible church in the valley has a school teacher who teaches in the third lodge. I depend on volunteers for chapel services. Continue to pray for freshness in this ministry.

A \$662 contribution to the Naselle Youth Camp Chapel fund has been given toward the purchase and installation of a video projector in the chapel. The estimated total cost is \$2000. **If you would like**, you can contribute through AMF.

Interesting Feedback

I received a note from one of the male inmates, "J," at Naselle after Christmas. I thought it good to include part of it here:

"Thank you very much for everything on Christmas. I haven't had a Christmas since I was 11 years old, I am now 17. Being able to open a present with all kinds of goodies inside was awesome! I love my "family" and knowing I wasn't going to have Christmas with "them" made me really sad, but when I woke up on December 25th and saw all those presents it made me happy. ☺"



Christmas service 2007

He later told me that the other institutions he has been in had not had such a Christmas as this. Naselle is somewhat unique in that regard. Gifts were prepared by families in the Seattle area and are transported to Naselle by Prisoners for Christ of Kirkland. This year there were 110 shoe boxes delivered for the residents. There were both boys and girls that saw the love of Christ through His church in action.

If this is a ministry you or your church would like to be involved, please let me know, and I'll hook you up with residents who typically don't have anyone who celebrates with them.

There are up to 24 women and up to 96 males at maximum capacity. Perhaps you or your church would like to bless these residents throughout the year.

Kate came up with another idea, namely what about a special gift box for each resident on their birthday? Contact me if your church is interested in being involved such a project.

Pray for the youth at Naselle. Many are learning this is a good "time-out" orchestrated by God to get their attention. Some are still hardened, others are responding to the love of Christ!

Prayer Focus

We depend on the prayers of you saints who will continually lift up this ministry.

1. People to come to Christ
2. Youth to experience God's grace in its fullness.
3. The ability to see God's direction for all this ministry
4. Resources for Naselle
5. Missionaries I encourage to be soul winners
6. Good health habits
7. That God would get the Glory, not man!

Thank you for your financial and prayer cover in the American Missionary Fellowship's ministry through us here in Southwest Washington and beyond!