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Wonderful Work

One Friday I spent over an hour with “M”, a Hispanic resident, working through some issues regarding a girlfriend and child. In the process I was able to share the Gospel with him and show him his need for Jesus. I shared that Jesus is more important than his problems, and that Jesus has great love and cared for him.

On Saturday evening, he was in chapel. As we were singing “He Knows My Name” I noticed him bent over in his chair. After chapel he asked to speak with me. He told me he was sitting there and “God smacked me on the back of the head so I bowed my head and asked Jesus into my heart.” THAT is why I go to this correctional facility - to see youth turn to Jesus. He is making remarkable progress. Pray for him as he goes to INS court in December.

I cannot say enough how the LORD is working to convince these wayward youth to “taste and see that the LORD is good.”

God is working in several at the camp. I have the privilege of

being an encourager and disciple maker. One girl was referred to me from another institution. It is a great joy to see her begin to put the “hood” behind her and to realize the contribution she can make to the kingdom of God, and she can sing, too!

This last week we had a worship team from Vista Community Church in Ridgefield, come and lead worship during the Saturday evening chapel service. By the end, nearly all residents were singing along with Amazing Grace, encouraged in large part by the girl discussed above.



There were 53 residents in that chapel which represents half of all residents. I am amazed at our God! This is a rich ministry and God is working mightily.

Please be in prayer as I am trying to make the chapel a place of “worship,” in the teen sense of the word. I have had the 70’s fire place removed along with the hearth that took up the room of two chairs. Also I had the “stage” removed which occupied a lot of floor space to make room for more equipment. As a result, the linoleum tile on the floor needs to be replaced. The chapel now

needs new chairs to protect the floor. The old chairs are folding ones that gouge the floor.

If you would like to adopt a project for ministry, replacing the chairs is a good one. The camp needs 80 interlocking chairs with hard seats and backs. (This is a juvenile correctional facility.) You can send monetary contributions to our **“AMF project fund.”**

I would also love to have a video projector permanently installed in the chapel. The camp electrician said he would install it if we have one. **If you would like to donate a projector**, it would be a charitable deduction. That alone would make another 8 places for chairs.

In mid October I began teaching the book of Mark in each lodge. Attendance in chapel groups had fallen off to about 40 percent of the residents attending chapel groups. The LORD led me to the book isle at Costco, where I picked up a dramatized version of the New Testament with live people reading and playing parts.

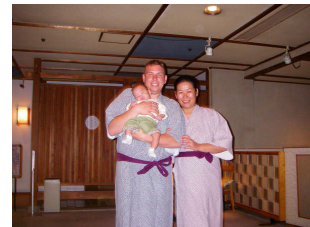
In the past three weeks the attendance has jumped to over 60% in attendance. By playing the CD and pausing it and illustrating the lesson better, the residents are really enjoying the study.

The residents often do fine when they are at Naselle, the problem is when they get out and return to old influences. The parable of the sower is played out in real life! They need connection with God’s people in local churches on the outside to succeed.

Time Off

In Mid October I had to take a weekend off from the Youth Camp to attend to a personal heart issue. I had chest pains and asked the paramedic from my fire district to take me to the hospital (via ambulance). The doc found I needed help with a clogged artery to my heart. The surgeon did balloon angioplasty in two places and installed one stint. I had to take five days off until I could drive again. Thanks for praying for health. The Doc said I was very wise to listen to my body.

Yes I feel fine, but have to modify my diet and loose some 20 or so pounds. I am now in the ranks of the pill crowd. I am taking three medications to help get things back on track. Pray I may continue to have the energy to minister well.



Ty and Family

Several of you have asked recently about Ty, our nephew that we had the privilege of influencing for 5 years in our home. He is married to a great gal and has one son, Justin. He recently got out of the Navy and was hired by a contractor to work on the same equipment he operated on board ship. They recently moved to a city near Los Angeles, where they will set up home. Be praying for Ty, Kiyomi (“Kee O Me”), and Justin to be wise and find a good church.

Assisting Other Missionaries

On several occasions I have had the privilege of visiting with other missionaries or helping them on their fields. Last month I was able to fill in for Duane Stixrud at Wildwood Chapel near Concrete, WA. That gave him the opportunity to do some deputation in Spokane.

I also have had time to visit with Marvin and Dee Cole – Retired AMF missionaries who are still active as senior chaplain as the Yakima County Jail. They are long time friends and it was good to “catch up” on how the LORD is using them in corrections and their local church.

I have also been privileged to start working along side Bob and Judi Thompson who are senior AMF church missionaries in Vancouver. Judi is also the regional director’s secretary.

I ask you to pray for the twelve missionary families as they work in a variety of areas along the I-5 corridor. As their “Area Coordinator,” it is my joy and privilege to assist and encourage them in their work for Jesus.

A Word About Us



I had the privilege of taking Kate to dinner for her big birthday. I even put on a tie for the occasion. I am privileged to have a wonderful person with whom to share in ministry. She gives great encouragement and allows me to be away from home some nights, which is a real blessing. Pray we may remain healthy for the things God has called us to do.

Prayer Focus

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

1. People to come to Christ
2. My ability to put people first
3. The ability to see God’s direction for ministry
4. Resources for Naselle Ministry
5. Missionaries I encourage to be soul winners
6. Good health habits
7. That God would get the Glory, not man!

Our Years Go On

As of this last June, I have been with the American Missionary Fellowship for 25 years. It has been a privilege to serve and I am committed to serving yet another 7 or 8 doing what the LORD has equipped me for, chaplain work. I am remaining in good health despite the heart issue mentioned previously. I have good energy and can still minister to the residents of Naselle – a correctional facility, as well as police and fire here locally Also as I encourage pastors on the field fill pulpits when needed.

I really enjoy the encouragement ministry of working with fellow missionaries. They all are your servants throughout the I-5 corridor.

A celebration takes place in heaven every time someone is brought to Christ. You can be a strategic part in that celebration for those who come to Christ by supporting the ministry here in Southwest Washington. Please note the enclosed brochure to see how your action can relate to the heavenly celebration.

May the LORD give you an especially wonderful celebration of CHRISTmas this year. Although the days are short and there is little sun in the Northern Hemisphere, we have the Light of the world to brighten our season. May the Peace of Jesus reign in your house this season and prosper you throughout the New Year.

Our Field To Influence



Thanks for those of you who continue to pray for us and to help us in this ministry by your financial gifts. We look forward to the next few years being filled with God working through us to reach many for Christ.

May God continue to bless you and your families as they gather for the holidays. We are blessed beyond measure in this country to have the freedom to worship. Don't forget to tell people you meet "Merry Christmas" and if someone says "happy holidays," reply with "Christ is the reason for the season." Let's get back to saying the real reason for the holiday season. "It's still Christmas with a capitol C" is a song by Go Fish. That says it all.