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Merry Christmas

This season is one of hope. As we near the coming of Jesus for His second advent, let us not forget to rejoice in the joy of the season.

At Naselle we had a “Blue Christmas” service which was for the purpose of giving our cares to God by placing them in a basket to be an offering to God. Symbolically, it is a chance to put aside the cares of the world to focus on the joy of the season.

Many at the youth camp will have no gifts this year. We mentioned it at our church services and had \$440.75 in cash given to buy some gifts for the residents. I have purchased some items for the residents and I am in the process of putting together gift packs for the 90+ residents.

That is what the spirit of Christmas is all about. I believe that the church makes a

difference in the lives of those with no hope. The longer I serve as the chaplain at camp, the more amazed at the work of God through his people.

I appreciate your prayers for wisdom as I serve at Naselle. God is moving in several lives. Let me relate one story for your prayers.

One of the residents came to Naselle from a background that would send shivers up your spine. Growing up, this 17 year old youth was dragged by his divorced mom to many churches from Catholic to Pentecostal and from liberal to conservative. His statement to me was that all it did was confuse him. So, he turned to Satan and has lived since 14 in that realm.

He has been at Naselle for about three months. God in His providence placed him in a pod with a couple of solid believers. Those two have been “working on him” and he has begun to see the need for change. Recently, he showed up for chapel and is now getting involved in groups that focus him on “positive” things. In a recent conversation with him, he stated he is ready for a change. At this point, he is open. Pray for wisdom for his two “pod mates” that they will show him love and lead him to Jesus.

Christmas is about, bringing the message of hope to those who have been victims of lies. Your financial assistance and prayers are much appreciated. I want to finish well.

Expanding Ministry

As part of my chaplain work, I am often involved in training public servants in managing stress. Recently I was asked to take on the responsibility of zone representative for the Washington Critical Incident Management Network for Southwest Washington. Part of my role is to coordinate responses to incidents that affect police and fire agencies in the area. My responsibility covers about a quarter of the state. This is another way I can further the ministry of Jesus into the public sector. I am not ashamed of Jesus (Romans 1:16) and use that venue to show Christ's love to those in public service.

Retirement?

NO! I'm too busy to retire! The more I do, the more I see needs to be done. Our country is in need of committed followers to press on as long as we can to influence our nation back to God. As a matter of fact, I invite you to invest in this ministry to make things happen. Would you consider financially joining us in this great endeavor? I am in need of help with my "Work Funds" for expenses. It would be appreciated!

I am currently doing three "Truth Project" Bible studies, with plans to start another 3 when the New Year starts. Currently, two are at Naselle and one is in our home. I am training people to lead a study in their own communities.



Working with Others

There is a strong desire of many to evangelize as the days approach for Jesus to return. The church needs to work together to bring souls to Christ! Please pray with us for that end.

Things to Pray about

1. AMF's leadership – Wisdom for the New Executive director Ridge Burns.
2. Naselle Youth Camp for guest speakers and wisdom to work as part of the staff team.
3. Wisdom with finances to handle the increase in ministry costs.
4. Wisdom to see where to start new ministries.
5. Personal study and prayer
6. Recruiting new missionaries to win souls.
7. That all things done would focus people on Jesus and His work not the people doing the ministry.

