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January 2023: The Lord has blessed us with another year

This ministry hopes all of you had a great Christmas and a happy new year.

Early Christmas morning this ministry went to the Detention Center and let over 125 Detainees call home to their loved ones. While they could not be at home, we tried to accommodate them and their families best as possible.

This was a very emotional time for the Detainees and their families.

On Christmas day additional ministry volunteers came in and handed out several gifts to the Detainees.

This truly elevated the morale at the Detention Center. They were very grateful for us spending time with them on Christmas. And we enjoyed being with them. I plan on incorporating this annually for the Detainees on a bigger and wider scale in the years to come. The smiles we witnessed on their face and the amount of gratitude from the families was no less than overwhelming to the heart!

One phone call led to a mom hearing her son's voice first time in a year. Every day she was praying that her son was alive and unharmed. On Christmas day she received the best gift ever, hearing the voice of her estranged son. The joy of Christmas came alive in our hearts. As I had to keep the calls short on Christmas day, a few days later I let the mom and the Detainee have a phone call that lasted nearly an hour to catch up. This is the part of my job I love! Moments like this I will never forget. What an honor it is to serve in this position the Lord put me in. Thank you, Jesus!

As the new year has started and the days of Noah are returning quickly, I want this ministry to touch more souls this year than any year prior. Today, this ministry has servants who are on fire for the Lord. And they love pouring in the Detainees. This ministry also has a STRONG waiting list of servants waiting to pour out as well. This ministry is working hard to add classes. (I have not forgotten about you)

As the enemy is working overtime to destroy lives and this world, we believe God wants to use this generation more than any other generation prior.

As a Detainee arrives at the Detention Center, we call upon the name of our Lord to save their soul and rebuild their lives. Today, many of the lives the Lord has rebuilt at Garland County Detention Center touch other lives through the word of their testimony.

Since this ministry has become active, I have only seen a few Detainees come back to date. Make no mistake, Jesus Christ is using this ministry to change lives forever. Currently, I have a stack of testimonies on my desk that I share every month. The testimony on the back side of this paper is from a Detainee who studies the word of God over 10 hours a day! I can't tell you how proud of him I am. I have never seen a guy so happy to be in jail! Always smiling.

Thank you so much for contributing to this ministry. As you know this ministry does not receive government funding. We want to keep the name of Jesus alive at this Detention Center. Local churches and private donors keep this ministry going month to month. You can send a check or donate via PayPal at WWW.GCJMI.COM. This ministry is 501(3)(c). Your donations help souls be touched, saved, and transformed. Thank you!



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Personal testimony from Garland County Detention Center

(Please note: Testimonies are typed as they are written)

Jeremiah 29:11

For I know the plans...this is an amazing scripture because growing up I was a victim of severe bullying by a family relative. I was unable to express it to my family. To this day, I don't know why. At a young age I started acting like a criminal. I was trying to get the attention of the people I loved and supposed to love me. I was raised in a church family. I knew about God, but I did not know God. I went through all the typical thoughts if God loves me why the abuse? If God loves me why did my family put me up for adoption? How can this be? Why is this? So, this led me to despair. To the point of making a deal with the devil himself. If I cannot feel emotional pain and rejection, I will serve him. The devil himself. And I did for 30 plus years of my life! In 2010 I gave my life to Jesus. And humbly asked Jesus to break the deal I made with the devil. I asked Jesus to come into my life and Jesus did!! But because of all the years of emotional abuse and the institutions and no real love to associate, I found it hard if not impossible to love God. It has been a up and down journey with a world full of distractions. But I have come through this in the past six months. Almighty God has shown and demonstrated his intense power and love through the ministry program here at Garland County. I have come through my troubles and receive the light. And the fire he has put inside me learning the plan he has for my life. God is so gracious, and his merceries are truly indescribable. For I know the plans he has made for me are supernatural. Can only be of Jesus. So, I dedicate every day and every way back to him. Right wrong or indifferent Jesus has a never-ending love for me.

Detainee, E Pod

From the Chaplain:

As I stated above, this Detainee reads the word of God 10 hours or more a day. He read the bible cover to cover in a month time. He has come so far. Although he has a documented past Jesus Christ has forgiven him and his path is currently being paved by the Lord. I truly believe he will be a success story here at Garland County. One day, I would love for him to come and volunteer his time to this ministry. I would open the door for him so fast it would suck him in the office. He has overcome so much. I believe the plans Jesus has for him are above and beyond. I really do. I wait eagerly to witness his plan outside these walls. He is a great guy who deserves and earned a new chance at life. Please pray for this Detainee. He overflows with scripture. What a man of God he has become. Very proud of him!



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