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February 2023: This is the year to build strong foundations

As the Detention Center is housing nearly 400 Detainees this ministry is needed now more than ever before. This year I plan on adding more Sunday services, weekday classes, bible studies, and courses than any year prior in this ministry's history. This will be a year of strong change and implementation like never before. A year of foundation building. I am not satisfied with an ordinary jail ministry for the Detainees. Under the Lord's direction, we are working eagerly and diligently to build the best jail ministry possible. With Jesus on our side nothing will stop us from fulfilling his vision here at Garland County Detention Center.

Sunday Services: Sunday Services bring the gospel to the Detainees. Currently this ministry is offering seven separate Sunday services for the Detainees. As this ministry is growing, we will be adding three more Sunday services for a total of 10. Some units will receive two services. This will better accommodate the workers between shifts. I am working hard to ensure EVERY Detainee can attend Sunday service and weekday classes. The goal of this ministry is to ensure every Detainee arriving at Garland County Detention Center has the opportunity to accept Jesus Christ as their Lord and Savior. Every soul matters to Jesus Christ. Their past does not define the future Jesus has planned for them. This is the very beginning for most.

Weekday Classes: At this time, we have Bible classes Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday. These classes are used for foundation building. We want the Detainee to know when they walk out the doors of the Detention Center Jesus is walking out with them. They are no longer alone. They now have a mighty Father who will exceed all needs and expectations. We also want them to realize the dangers of the enemy. We must prepare them and pour into them like never before.

Prayer Ministry: We are in the planning phase of building a seven day a week on-site prayer ministry. This consists of volunteers and myself coming in daily and praying with and for the Detainees and their needs. This opens communication between the Detainee, Jesus, the volunteer or myself. In prayer we know there is power in numbers. This is a great opportunity to discuss salvation and other needs.

Strong Foundation: As the Detainees have faced many different trials in their life, they must leave with the strongest foundation possible. Knowing, believing and trusting Jesus is the answer and protector in all situations they encounter.

Bible Studies: The ministry now offers over 30 different bible studies to deepen their foundation with Christ. This also accommodates the ever-growing demand for biblical study materials among the Detainees. Currently we are exploring additional curriculums to better assist the Detainees in the future.

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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!

Please see the back side for personal testimony from Garland County Detention Center.



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(Please note: Testimonies are typed as they are written to keep them authentic)

Hebrews 1:3 The Son is the radiance of God's glory and the exact representation of his being, sustaining all things by his powerful word. After he had provided purification for sins, he sat down at the right hand of the Majesty in heaven.

My life began December 26th, 1980. My parents were never together so I never actually met my birth father. I grew up in a dysfunctional environment. I grew up with parents always fighting. Alcohol, drug addiction, sexual abuse, lies, and deceitfulness were involved.

With all the pain I carried inside from a young age to my teen years, I was broken so bad. I became attracted to the life of living wild, unhappy and confused.

I didn't know how to love myself, much less anyone else. My wild life became a normal routine for me. I had no respect, no values, no feelings, or tears. I had such a hard-core exterior built. I allowed my pain to lead me to drugs to numb the pain. In and out of institutions for decades and still full of pain and sorrow. I still couldn't trust anyone or even myself. I didn't even know how to smile until the age of 42 years old.

July 17th, 2022 became a sad day but also a day I will never forget. That was a day I was arrested but yet blessed. I was too scared to admit I had carried my pain and addiction to not know if I would live another day. Since then, I have taken the time to find out who I am. I am growing each and every day. I am learning to love myself and that my past is not going to defeat the warrior God put into me. Even when I thought I was alone, I still had a heavenly Father who was beside me. I just had to learn to open up and trust the process of God.

Today and everyday forward I will continue to put my faith in my Higher Power to overcome my past struggles and continue beating this addiction in the name of Jesus. I refuse to be broken from life anymore.

Today I am alive and filled with grace and mercy.

Today I live with peace in me.

Detainee, J-Pod

From the Chaplain: Over the months I have witnessed this Detainee grow and trust in the Lord. She always has a smile on her face. If I ever need anything done in that unit, I often rely on her as she never let me down. It has been a pleasure knowing her. I look forward to see what the Lord has planned for her.



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