



# Missionary Evangelism to Corrections

Sharing the gospel & Christ's love with those in corrections since 1982

"I was in prison and you came to me" Matt.25:36cESV

## God's Faithfulness

(continued from Jan-Feb issue)

"If we are unfaithful, or if we are faithless, He remains faithful, for He cannot deny Himself or who He is." 2 Timothy 2:13 (combined versions)

Word study deepens our understanding.

We can be short on what God wants and what we need, by either

- \* **not believing** (includes disbelief or disrespect) in Him and what He says *or*
- \* **by not doing, believing, trusting** (includes betraying trust) **or loving Him.**

Yet we are reassured of Who and what He is:

- \* **Full of faith and belief** (He knows who He is) *and*
- \* **He is worthy of trust and reliable**

There is a wonderful list of verses on God's faithfulness on this website:

<http://kidsofintegrity.com/lesson/faithfulness/memory-verses/>

*Here are more of the ways some of our volunteers and prayer supporters have experienced God's faithfulness:*

My best friend of 43 yrs. in recovery for a heart attack... God was watching over this attack...there were so many areas that were like miracles-from start to end. She is much better now.

In my hospice visits with Lily- the therapy dog- Lily continues to make smiles. We have had 60-65 over 5 years. There was a young client with Huntington's who showed no reaction to anyone except Lily; he makes sounds and tries to smile- this is God working through Lily. They are all a blessing and an honor.



At church, preparing and serving meals with a great helper. Prayers are in the prayer 3/21 letter. **Barb Anderson**

I know Him and realize His faithfulness by all the

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## MEC Newsletter

### March - April - May 2024

### Spotlight on Gina DuBois

#### Pain Healing Blessings Ministry



Growing up was tumultuous and at age 25 after years of marriage to man who was both an addict and alcoholic, God had given me 3 babies.

These children were gifts from God and I was desperate to be a good mom, leave my old life behind and make a good life for my children.

Carrying around a lot of baggage and having little financial or physical support, I hit a bottom. One day, my mother came briefly to watch the children. Depressed and driving to the store in heavy rain to get diapers, I called out to God. He heard my cry and answered me. I heard His voice for the first time, and for the first time, felt the presence of the Holy Spirit come over me. I started taking my children to church and seeing a counselor who was a believer in Jesus who introduced me to Bible Study.

Three years later at the age of 28, I was baptized. 2<sup>nd</sup> Corinthians 5:17 says, 'If anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; old things have passed away; behold, all things have become new.' This reminds me that in no way, shape or form, am I who I was. Condemnation and shame are gone as Romans 8:1 tells us.

The enemy's foothold in my life caused me much depression and anxiety. I repeated 2 Timothy 1:7 "He has not given us a spirit of fear, but of power, of love and of a sound mind" several times a day to keep the clouds of depression and despondency away. Through Christ, self-esteem and self-worth, which I never knew before, have been and are still being built.

God showed His faithfulness as I followed the LORD out of the abusive marriage and overcame relapses.

Finding my identity in Christ and believing I am worthy of love though Christ has led me

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redemptive names in Scripture which He faithfully makes known to us. "In Him we live and move and have our being."

JEHOVAH ROHI – THE LORD MY SHEPHERD

JEHOVAH JIREH – THE LORD MY PROVIDER

JEHOVAH RAPHA – THE LORD MY HEALER

JEHOVAH SHALOM - THE LORD MY PEACE

JEHOVAH NISSI – THE LORD MY BANNER

JEHOVAH TSIDKENU – THE LORD MY  
RIGHTEOUSNESS

JEHOVAH SHAMMAH – THE LORD IS THERE  
FOR ME

God is always faithful to his promises and does not lie. "God is perfect and all of His ways are just." Yet He is compassionate and merciful to the lost sinner willing to repent. Every day is a day unto the Lord, the men do not want to see me, they really need and want to see Jesus and to know He is the King of kings.

I experience God's faithfulness in this ministry and through my family, in His healing when I get sick, in His material provision for daily needs, in sanctification, in His leading as my Shepherd, in His banner of divine protection, His presence giving me a song in my heart to accompany me through the day, the wisdom He gives me, answered prayer and in many other ways.

It's not just theology, but relationship. - Scripture says over and over, to know the Lord. Jesus said in John 17, "This is eternal life that they know you the one true God and Jesus Christ whom you have sent." 1John 5:18-29 teaches that knowing Him is the true God and eternal life.

I can confirm the Scripture that says, "It is more blessed to give than receive." It's a blessing to prepare for a lesson ... You have to own the material to present it and as you study and learn, you grow closer to God... In the jails, they already know they're in trouble. Most have hit bottom, are looking for answers. ... Jesus said, "I AM the way"... One inmate... reminded me of something I had said two weeks before. "You told me that I was on death row". (John 3:18) It made an impact in his life. He too received the Lord and expressed a strong desire to join a Bible Study when he gets out. I have been doing this for about 12 years. He took me, unqualified and raised me up as an ambassador to the Most High. I'm evidence that He doesn't call the equipped, He equips the called. It has been a blessing to do this work. **Frank Boardman**

Worship shows me His faithfulness. The words to the songs, His characteristics, His presence, the way it blesses us and produces unity in relationship with others are some examples for this.

Being able to do the day-to-day work tasks cheerfully or at least with motivation is another. Resting is a lesson and waiting on the LORD gives the time, energy, and

We know we are not alone in God's work. This month our

Ministry shout-out goes to:

## Timber Bay

<https://timberbay.org/#tb-ministries>

A collection of community groups for middle and high school students the upper Midwest

⇒Community group

- Spiritual Growth
- connection and
- service projects

⇒Camp, outdoors

MEC volunteers give information about churches with youth groups, Timber Bay, Young Life & Treehouse to many of the youth we minister to.

Timber Bay believes in the inherent value of each and every person and are motivated by faith in Christ to instill hope, build identity, & create belonging

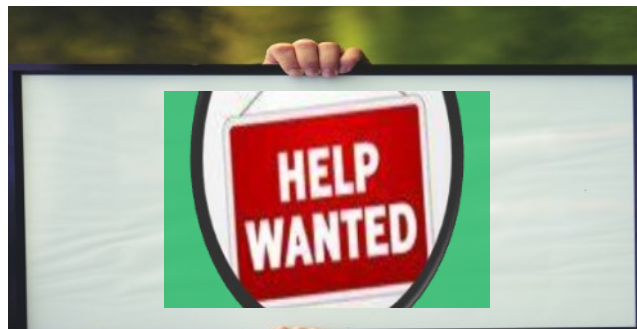


The Halseth Family  
Joshua, Abi, Rachel, Nathan,  
Jenni & Matt

brain power for these. My Mother used to say, “I like washing dishes. The warm water feels good on your hands.” Little joys, previously overlooked, but after recovery from several issues are noticed more often and are part of His faithfulness. A staff member at camp once said, “People want to do ministry, but do not realize how much of it is work.”

Ok, someone has a sense of humor. I just finished typing that and walked up into the kitchen. The milk for making the yogurt had boiled over, making it necessary to clean the entire cupboard and most of the dishes and utensils in it! I must have needed to hear this. His faithfulness is in and for the trials and learning. He told us to look at and behold things, the birds & flowers, Him and His works/miracles and to trust. His Spirit enables us to do what He tells us to do. Relationships and connectedness can be so hard, but even with bumps, He enables us to love. **Karen Selby**

Yes, God has been faithful in our lives! We have been experiencing His Blessing. The Lord has been blessing us with opportunities to grow and be fruitful in ministry. I have been going into the Stillwater prison with Prison Fellowship every other Tuesday evening which has been a great learning experience and chance to serve and share with these awesome men. God is so Good! We are keeping you and the ministry in our prayers and are so thankful for all you and the incredible volunteers are doing. May God bless you and Saul and the ministry He continues to bless so many with!!  
**Corey Petherbridge**



### • **Office person 3-4 days a week.**

Nadine is moving out of state and we need a new office person. We could possibly have people job share but do prefer someone who could do this consistently. Duties are many and vary. They include:

- Answering Phones
- Ordering Bibles, Daily Breads and Office Supplies
- Computer help
- Composing the prayer letter
- Keeping Inventory
- Assisting with applications, obtaining references and holding orientations
- Communications with volunteers
- Assisting with events.

### • **A new website** - either volunteer or combination paid and volunteer

- Volunteers to **assist from office or from their home** – Some ways to help would be writing letters and providing resource packets to youth or phone calling to keep communications up with volunteers.

to not fear my future and has given me the ability to find blessings each day.

Prior to volunteering with MEC and teaching Celebrate Recovery to ladies at the Anoka Workhouse, I was called to share my testimony and the love of Christ with the young girls in Juvenile Detention in Rapid City at the Western S.D. Juvenile Center for many years. I could relate to what they were going through since I had spent all of my teen years as a juvenile delinquent.

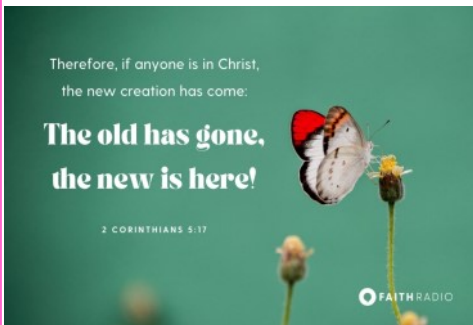
As a born-again believer, I wanted them to see that transforming power of Jesus in my life and to know that there was hope for their lives too. I didn't believe that I had something to offer the women that would make a difference in their lives as well, but the Lord showed me a couple of things that changed my mind and got me excited deep inside my soul.

The first one was Matthew 25:36 and second one was the fact that, as a sober addict/alcoholic who has been in recovery for almost 5 years, the Holy Spirit could use me to touch the hearts of the prisoners. The Lord often reminds me that it's only by His grace that I am alive or not in a gutter somewhere or behind bars. It has been an honor to be used by the Lord this way. I didn't feel worthy or didn't think I could speak well enough, but just as God has equipped many of His followers in the past,

He equipped me as well. I want them to see Jesus in me. I want them to see the hope of Christ in me. I want them to want what I have.

*Gina Pherson*

Gina recently moved to a farm in Indiana and plans to remain an MEC volunteer when she is able to minister to the juveniles at a center near her home. Her children are grown, some have families and her son is in the army.



### Praying the Names of God The LORD MY SHEPHERD

You LORD are my shepherd; I shall not want for anything, I have all that I need.

You let me rest in green meadows and pasture; You lead me beside peaceful waters/streams. I get busy, Help me follow you as you lead me there. Thank you that You renew my strength.

Help me follow as You guide me along the right paths, bringing honor to Your name.

Death is a only a shadow and it casts shadows on our lives. Even when I walk through it or the darkest valley, I will not be afraid/I will fear no evil, for You are with me, You are close beside me. Thank you for telling us that we are blessed when we mourn. Help me do so well and accept your comfort from you and from others.

Your rod (even discipline) and your staff, which are the things that You use to draw me close, protect and comfort me.

You prepare a feast/table before me in the presence of my enemies.

You honor me by anointing my head with oil. My cup overflows with blessings.

Surely/Truely God Your Goodness and unfailing love will pursue/follow me all the days of my life, and I will live/dwell/abide/lodge/stay/inhabit/settle in the house of the LORD (not in anxiety or pride or any other negative way of life) always & forever - which includes past, present and future!

Thank You for Being My Shepherd!

Psalm 23 (combined versions) prayer, Karen S



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blog Shepherd on His way to Hampta

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