



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

Be Encouraged & Encourage One Another

But exhort/encourage one another every day, while it is called today, so that not one of you may be hardened by the deceitfulness of sin. Hebrews 3: 13

Living this verse can prevent or to taking us from a life of discouragement and frustration to one of hope, meaning and fulfillment. Verse 12, before it, tells us that without it, we could sin, have hard hearts, and even turn from God. After 62 years of faith, the attacks against my/our faith can be so strong that the potential to dilute it or lose it is there. Encouraging ourselves and others in life and in faith is essential.

Many situations in life, in marriages, with children, in families, at work, in schools, and in ministries problems could have been avoided. People would not have separated, or relationships would not have broken had they (or we) been encouraging each other. I would love to hear from you with any stories of how encouragement prevented such situations.

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MEC News June / July / August 2025

Spotlight New Volunteers

Please welcome new volunteers and potential volunteers

Please pray that God will open doors and all of them can get into the facilities that they are aiming to get in to volunteer.! Some are on their way and others have had some of their spaces closed and we are praying they will open up!



Jean Cloud Nadeau, Brian Donager, Sarah Hong, Pat Knight, Liam Donager, Jennifer Minder, Terry Langnickel, Martha Smith & Office Administrator Aubrey Winey MECO 4-26-2025

Jean is serving at Scott County Jail. Terry is to be there also.

Brian & Liam with the youth at Anoka Co Juvenile Center, Sara, Pat & Martha hopefully A.C. Work release, Lord willing, Jennifer will be at Ramsey Co. Correctional Facility or Washington County Jail



Ernie Windhauser, Christina Hawkes, Aubrey Winey, Christine Cochinski, Ed Dery, Tate Shannon, Janet Datt

Ernie does drama's :see Ministry Shoutout
Aubrey is our Office Administrator

Christina and Ed will serve at Scott County Jail.

Chris will be at Anoka County Jail.

Tate is already serving with the youth in the Pine County School.

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We are not alone in God's work.
This month our Ministry shout-out goes to:
God's Finest Hour
Drama Outreach Ministry

Ev.Earnst & Ev. Angela Winhauser do dramas and music in MN & FL
 Ernie is currently doing Nicodemus & Jesus for the youth at the Anoka Co. juvenile center, and we hope they will do other jails in the future. Contact information is:
 godsfinesthourmn@gmail.com

Stephen J. Ford, age 74, passed peacefully on Friday, May 30, 2025.

He was known for his love of God and others, his exceptional singing voice, and his skillful guitar playing. He spent his life teaching love and forgiveness.

Pray for Llivja & His family.

His celebration of life was June 7th and the family ask that in lieu of flowers, please tell someone you love them today in his honor.



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Let's examine the words exhort & encourage. The word exhort can feel a bit harsh. It takes humility to admit what we lack need to learn or avoid. It means to warn, urge, admonish (reprove, caution) and is a strong call to action. Warnings involve recognizing what we think is good is not, understanding what we believe is wrong and replacing that with truth that helps us understand, believe, and receive. If what we are thinking is not accurate or effective for our good, it can be difficult to recognize or emotionally charged. This makes it harder to see the need for or the route to change. It should give us pause to stop and rethink. Some of the words suggested in Bible dictionary indicates we shift from unhearten to enhearten or taking heart. To take what our heart is set on and set it on something better. It involves taking focus from what is wrong to what is good. Often the thing we think we really want is somehow harming us and we need to see it differently. God takes our hard hearts, helps us see what is making us hard, grieving, forgiving, releasing it. He gives us soft hearts that can see better, receive and give love better. (See Ezekiel 36)

There are some additional words which the translations from the Greek and Hebrew words include and which the word encouragement often appears in other verses with. These can help us to better see what encouragement is, and how we can give and receive it more deeply and effectively.

To call someone to one's side to help or aid shows us the connection and relationship involved. These words tell me there is a need and one can ask for assistance in meeting it. There is vulnerability and courage in asking or calling another to assist. There is no shame in need. There is offer, friendship and unity in meeting that need.

To beg, plead, strongly, urge forward, to persuade, tell me that it is not something we should take lightly. Instead of just waiting/hoping for it to happen we really need to do it & to urge the other person to do it! This applies also to Incite someone to good deeds. To comfort/console, to lift up, strengthen, build up, and to edify are words most of us understand. To counsel involves listening well - along with advice/advise, to instruction or make wise. Endurance, to grow firm and strong, and solid are words that show me it takes time but results in good fruit. News and memories tell me of the reality of the experiences our brothers and sisters in Christ who are chronicled for us in the Bible.



The Holy Spirit is called an encourager those in the Bible are encouraged by and in Him and by each other. Barnabus was called son of encouragement, Paul sent for them (after they had been through an attack, encouraged them, offered words of encouragement. We pray that we seek, listen to and are encouraged by the Holy Spirit. May we encourage and be encouraged by one another! Rather than letting conflicts grow, let us see ourselves as sisters and brothers in Christ, comrades and family.

Who can you call to receive and give encouragement to today?



HUMOR ME

God wants spiritual fruit, not religious nuts!

Blesses are you if you can laugh at yourself. You will never cease to be amused!

Don't forget to register for the fasting and prayer conference. 50.00 includes money for all meals and snacks

"A time to weep and a time to laugh, a time to mourn and a time to dance." – Ecclesiastes 3:4

"God replied to Moses, "I am who I am. Exodus 3:13b

PRAYING THE NAMES OF GOD

- ◆ Originally YHWH
- ◆ With the vowels scribes inserted YAHWEH
- ◆ In English I AM

Lord, YHWH, Thank you for being who you are. Always was, is and will be, always good, always faithful. Thank you for showing that to us and letting us see it and You in this way. I love that in this way you show us your eternal nature.



Thank you for offering eternal life to us through your Son Jesus Christ and for sharing His Spirit, Your Holy Spirit with us now.

To have you with us and in us always is more amazing than we can comprehend and we want to give you the glory you deserve. Both for Who you are and for What you have done. How you love us.

"Say this to the people of Israel: Yahweh, the God of your ancestors—the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob— has sent me to you. This is my eternal name, my name to remember for all generations. Exodus 3:13-15.

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