

NEW LIFE RETURNS TO PRISON!

The door opens!

by Pastor Rick

**Our God opens prison doors!
And He sets the captives free!**

Recently, the chaplain at Newton Correctional Facility sent me an email stating that volunteers can now return to the prison. We've waited a long time to hear this good news. Thanks be to God!

Our first worship service at the prison will be held on Tuesday, December 13. It's been very difficult to be separated from our congregation and maintain a ministry of absence. We look forward to restarting a ministry of presence, allowing God's love to flow through us. We're so glad that soon we'll be reunited with our brothers behind bars—praise God!

Here are some words of encouragement and joy from friends of New Life Prison Church:

- "Hallelujah!" - Ron Turner, former inside member of New Life
- "Great news! All the best as you prepare for a successful reentry!"
- Suzanne Admiraal, my sister
- "Great news, Rick! I'm sure this will be a time of rebuilding relationships and assessing needs. I hope it goes well."
- Kristen Alford, my sister
- "This is blessed news, Rick. Long-awaited. Perry and I were so glad to hear this yesterday and praise the Lord with you and Rose. Prayers for all of you as well, as this will be quite an endeavor again, for you and for the men. May the Spirit infuse you all with a sense of love and peace." - Cathy DeYoung, our sister-in-law
- "Wonderful news. The Lord be with you as you proceed."
- Ivan Mulder, elder at Calvary CRC in Pella
- "Praise the Lord and rich blessings on your reconnecting with the brothers in Christ on the inside!" - Brian Ochsner, pastor at Faith CRC in Pella



Gifts to New Life

by Pastor Rick

Having received the Greatest Gift, we're inspired to be givers too.

It's inspiring for us when we receive financial gifts in the New Life mailbox. Sometimes you also include encouraging notes. These words lift our spirits even more.

Thank you for being generous givers during a financially challenging year. Will you continue giving to New Life Prison Church?



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I'd like to donate \$ _____ to support New Life Prison Church.

NAME: _____ ADDRESS: _____

Contributions may be sent to: **New Life Prison Church, 408 Maple St., Pella, IA 50219**

You can also make an online gift: <http://www.newlife-prison.org/donate>



Prayers & praises

by Rose Admiraal

We give thanks and praise for:

- The gift of Jesus during this Christmas season.
- Our return to the prison!
- Our visits to three supporting churches in November (Ferrysburg Community, Third CRC in Michigan, and the Chinese Church of Iowa City).
- Families being reconciled!

We ask for prayers of:

- Comfort for Ron and Linda Turner following the loss of Ron's sister and their best friend.
- Healing for Pastor Rick and Rose's seven-year-old nephew, who is battling acute leukemia.
- Encouragement for the brothers in prison, as it is very difficult to be apart from loved ones during the holidays.

New Life Prison Church Outside Council

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God moves in mysterious ways

by Rose Admiraal

In October, I had the opportunity to attend the Pastors' Wives Conference in Albuquerque, NM. (This conference was previously cancelled in 2020.) It was great to see old friends and make some new ones!

Our theme this year was "Chosen," with a focus on the text from 1 Peter 2:9-10. The conference refreshed me and reminded me that I am a daughter of the King, chosen to do priestly work for Him. After two and a half years of dealing with isolation and separation due to the pandemic and prison shutdown, it was good to hear God's voice directing me.

Following the conference, Rick and I had the opportunity to travel west and visit old friends and return to where we met. Prior to arriving in Gallup, Rick received this message: "Are you in New Mexico?" Bill, a returning citizen from our time in Sioux Falls, SD, had noticed Rick's picture on Facebook. "Can you stop and see me?" Bill asked.

Feeling compelled to take some time out of our journey, we stopped at Bill's place in Grants, NM. Little did we know how God directed our paths together. Bill cried as he told his story of falling away from God. As we prayed over him, we felt the Spirit of God come upon him, giving him peace.

As we continued to travel, we found that several people really needed us. Our presence was being used by God to bring comfort and peace. Thank you, Jesus, for using our conference and southwest vacation to bring glory to YOU!



SAVE THE DATE

Sunday, January 8,
4:00 p.m.

We will host a worship service at the Calvary CRC Youth House (408 Maple St., Pella, IA 50219). A fellowship meal will follow worship. Celebrate the New Year with New Life!