



ALLEN COUNTY JAIL CHAPLAINCY

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Dear Friends of the Allen County Jail Ministry,

On behalf of the Board of Directors, Staff and Volunteers of the Allen County Jail Chaplaincy Program, I would like to extend our best wishes for the Holiday Season to you and your families.

Jesus went through all the towns and villages, teaching in their synagogues, preaching the good news of the kingdom and healing every disease and sickness. When he saw the crowds, he had compassion on them, because they were harassed and helpless, like sheep without a shepherd. Then he said to his disciples, "The harvest is plentiful but the workers are few. Ask the Lord of the harvest, therefore, to send out workers into his harvest field." (Matthew 9:35)

Your petitions to the Lord of the harvest have been answered. The men and women God has called to minister inside the walls of the Allen County Jail are shepherding the lost sheep. They are giving them the water of life offered by our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. Most of us face the burdens of life with a knowledge that God is with us through it all. Most of those in the Allen County Jail face the burdens of life with only themselves, hopelessly lost.

I write you this holiday season with more urgency than I have in the past few years. This year we find ourselves in a difficult financial position. We have always been able to enter the new year without any debt, and prayerfully ask you to help us do it again this year. We need your financial gifts. You have been faithful and we have worked hard to be good stewards of your gifts. This year many in our community are hurting and not able to give. It is up to those of us who are able to bridge the gap.

God has blessed us with a supportive Sheriff, dedicated staff, and a spirit-filled group of volunteers. It is now up to us to do our part. Please consider giving a gift to support this ministry. When you do, you will get much more than a tax deduction. Also, please tell your pastor how much we need his or her support. Your prayers and words of encouragement lift our spirits and enable us to do more than we ever thought possible.

Your brother in Christ,

John Alexander, Board President
Allen County Jail Chaplaincy Program

"As you loved the least of these you loved me." Matthewe 25:32

