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Dear Friends of the Allen County Jail Ministry,

Greetings from the Board of Directors, Staff and Volunteers of the Allen County Jail Chaplaincy. May the Good News of our Lord's birth fill your heart with joy this Christmas Season!

While in prison, Paul said, "Pray also for me, that whenever I open my mouth, words may be given me so that I will fearlessly make known the mystery of the gospel, for which I am an ambassador in chains. Pray that I may declare it fearlessly, as I should." (Ephesians 6:19-20)

Each day in the Allen County Jail, the gospel of Jesus Christ is proclaimed. Sometimes the mystery of the gospel is made known during one of the eight worship services held each week in the Chapel. Sometimes it is laid open through a prayer offered during a Bible Study inside one of the blocks where the men and women live.

Some people claim that Christ is no longer relevant in our society; but many men and women in the Allen County Jail testify to the redemptive love of Jesus Christ. Lives are changed, and relationships are restored, because someone fearlessly declared the Word of Christ.

This is a very stressful time for our nation. Many people have lost their jobs, and others are in fear of losing theirs. Some wonder how they will pay their bills, feed their children, or heat their homes. As Christians, we need to base our hope on the promise of God, and not on the economy. God promises to never leave us or forsake us. We, in turn, must promise not to forsake those who need to hear the Good News of God's love.

God has given us the desire to share the gospel with those who desperately need to hear it, and the Holy Spirit has empowered us to pronounce it boldly. You can help us continue the work, which has been set before us. Please consider supporting the Allen County Jail Chaplaincy. With your prayers and financial gifts, the gospel will be made known to all who seek a different way of life. With your help, lost souls will be saved.

In Christ's Service,


Charlie Hatten

Treasurer, Allen County Jail Chaplaincy Board of Directors

Wishing you a very Merry Christmas