



Polk County Jail Ministry

- JESUS ALIVE IN LIVES -

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# Repent America! Turn to God!

On July 4th Patty and I saw the movie about child sex trafficking called Sound of Freedom with Jim Caviezel Jr. He also played Jesus in the movie Passion of the Christ. *The Sound of Freedom* was a sobering film. All of you need to see it. Sex trafficking is a form of slavery which is much more prolific now than all the slavery that the civil war was fought for! It's the fastest growing international crime network that the world has ever seen! It has already passed the illegal arms trade, and will soon pass the drug trade. Sex trafficking is a **multi-billion** dollar industry! This movie took five years to get to theaters due to the opposition of it's subject matter. America, sadly leads the world in about every category of debauchery that one can only imagine. Pornography - we lead it! Human trafficking (women and children) - we lead it! Abortion (murdering the unborn) - we lead it! Right now some states in our nation are even looking at legislation to make it legal to be a pedophile! Our debase culture has moved from

the truth to relativism, from mutual respect to disrespect, from working to welfare, from unity to discord, from discipline to rebellion, and from law and order to anarchy. Folks, we need **revival fires** to break out across our land! I believe they will start in prisons and jails across America as the Holy Spirit changes hearts. I want to encourage you prayer warriors don't ever quit praying! Your prayers are mighty for the tearing down of strongholds of every kind. Do you understand the power of prayer that moves the hand of God to the sinner's plight? God is still changing lives one at a time here in the Polk County Jail, the Sheriff's office, and around the world. **Amen!!** Because of your faithful partnership in prayer and financial support we are able to make a difference in presenting Him to them. **Thank you!**

In His service, *- Chaplain Jerry*

## PC Jail Ministry Clothing Closet Volunteers

Soon after the Jail moved to our new location in 2008 I asked the Chief Jailer if we could open a clothing closet for inmates who needed clothing when they leave. Let me assure you that this closet isn't for creating a wardrobe, but meets a specific need on an individual basis. Inmates come to Jail at various seasons of the year and leave in different climate conditions.

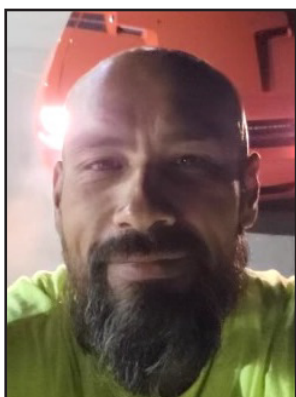


Sue Wickert and Ann Agans

We accept men and women's clothing, and shoes of all types. We can use coats, sweat shirts, jeans, dress clothes, hats and gloves. The clothing closet is an excellent way for gifted organizers to come in and minister to the inmates indirectly as a Chaplain

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Quote of the Month: **People will thrive under godly leaders but will be oppressed when leaders don't honor God.** - Prov 28:12, 15-16, 28.



## Jesse Mosa - One of the Harvest!

I was a 7 time felon, and a recovering drug addict. I've gone to prison twice and I was a gang member. I only used to look for God when I got locked up. Most of the Polk County Jail staff knows me by name, and all the red team does too. I first met Jerry when he would bring the word in Bible studies and Bibles for us. Two times I

asked this man on his way out of the pod if he would please pray with me, and both times were right before I went to prison. There was no hesitation in this man to lay his hand on my shoulder and just ask Jesus to keep me safe and to protect me. Maybe one day He would open my eyes to where I was no longer an addict or doing dumb stuff. I went to prison for just over 18 months and got out in August of 2020. By the end of October 2020 I was back in jail because of methamphetamine. I was still an addict, but I had a

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volunteer. There are two ladies who serve faithfully in this unique ministry **Ann Agans** and **Sue Wickert**. We are so

grateful for their dedication and hard work to organize the room for the benefit of all those in need. **Thank you**, ladies, for your service!

## PRAYER REQUESTS:

- Our Banquet/Fund Raiser is Tuesday October 3rd 6:00 pm at Grace Church. The PCJ Ministry presents a night to remember with this year's theme The Harvest is Plentiful. Come hear how God is harvesting souls in the fields of the Jail, and the impact of workers (volunteers) whom God has called to serve Him. This night will change you! Please invite others and pray!
- Pray for volunteer Marilyn Juengst with feet and back issues.
- I can get discouraged with the battle, but pray I keep my eyes on the Commander of the Lord's army who renews me daily to take up the sword of the Spirit the Word of God.
- Pray for an assistant chaplain to come along side me in the ministry. Pray for a man called and burdened for this ministry ten to fifteen hours a week .
- Continued prayer for David Hamlin as he takes oral chemotreatment for Agent Orange and Edna his wife who is also fighting cancer.
- Prayer for continued favor, and a mutual working relationship with the Sheriff's office as we are privileged guests.
- Safety for our public servants the Detention Officers in the Jail and those Deputies out on patrol and dispatchers handling multiple calls.
- God would grant more preaching opportunities to tell of the changed lives.
- More inmate led Bible studies and prayer groups would begin in each pod. Those spiritual leaders would see their personal responsibility, step up and more inmates would then respond to the gospel because of them.
- Sunday services at 10:00 am would be greatly attended by the inmates.
- The inmates who have gone off to prisons would stay faithful to Jesus Christ, be actively sharing their faith, and read His Word daily.
- Pray for brokenness, open hearts to hear, and receive the Word as it is shared.
- God will raise up more prayer warriors, and financial partners to come along side in this great work of God.
- We need daily prayer for spiritual oppositions that come against the ministry.
- Local churches would partner with us in receiving men and women released from the PC Jail, offer mentors, and support for their spiritual growth. This is a key component to sustain what God has begun in each life.

- Remodeling of DOC is complete! They need workers to have continued effective sowing of seed to potential disciples.

## ANSWERS:

- Many opportunities to speak the gospel to open hearts and see lives changed by them trusting Christ as their Savior.
- Provisions for the DOC upgrades and painting is finished! What a huge answer to our prayers! Thank you!
- Continued favor with the Sheriff's office!
- A growing number in pods are sharing their faith and large groups are doing Bible studies.
- Many soft cover books have been donated. Thank you.

## MOST WANTED:

- Desperate need for men's short sleeve shirts (tee shirts, polo, button down larger sizes) and men's shoes. We have plenty of women's items.
- DOC needs a lap top computer. New please.
- Left Behind series numbers 6,7,8,9,10, and 11. The inmates love these!

## Ministry Monthly Report: July 2023

	Monthly:	Ytd:
Inmate Request:	755	5,882
One-on-One inmate counseling:	651	4,991
Religious reading materials given:	933	5,468
Bible Study groups:	48	271
Inmates involved with studies:	319	1,622
View Worship Service:	252	1,578
Volunteer Hours:	173	1,143
Number of Volunteers:	22	159
Bibles given:	361	2,367
<b>Number of New Believers:</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>114</b>

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Parole Officer that gave me the opportunity of a lifetime to go to treatment and get right. I was more than willing to try, so I went to Prelude. In there I was able to attend some NA and AA meetings which were cool, but there were two men that came in every week and they called their family the **Sober Soldierz**. They showed me what family is. What sobriety is. What it is like to have a relationship with Jesus because I know He is the one that got me off the dope, and has been keeping me off the dope. I have a good life now. I got off paper this year. I've had a job the entire time, and I got my family back in my life . So what I'm saying is God is good, and well this all started in the Polk County Jail with Jerry. That's all I got. GOD BLESS!

*Here is another changed life made possible by faithful partners like you!*

*Thank you! -Chaplain Jerry*

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