

Jesus Sets the Captives Free! PTL!!

Isaiah 61:1-3a:
**LEADING
CAPTIVITY
CAPTIVE**



Shalom friends! Spring is the time when nature comes alive after the lifeless cold winter. We celebrated the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the grave this month. Life conquered death! It was proof that He was who He said He was, God in the flesh. The fall of man in the garden created an impasse between God and man. It produced death or separation from Him. We are declared dead in our trespasses and sins. Pride jumps in and gives us a mindset that my works or religious rituals can appease God if I just try harder. These self efforts fall far short of God's glory or His complete and perfect holiness. Nothing can suffice for the debt we owe. Only a perfect Lamb and His shed blood could satisfy our heavenly Father's holy demands for the cost of sin. Life can only be found in Christ Jesus who said, *I am the Way, the Truth, and the Life no one comes to the Father but through Me* John 14:6. He was wrapped in flesh. Emmanuel, God with us came to take away our sin. Jesus came to ransom us from sin's grip. He wants us to be held captive by His love so that we might trust and serve Him with our lives. God's love story for the world is found in the Scriptures and confirms His eternal plan that was expressed in Christ Jesus His Son. Knowing the Truth is the key to freedom. We are privileged to share this good news with all the incarcerated and the Sheriff's office staff. You are the difference maker by your faithful prayers and financial support on a monthly basis. You are greatly appreciated, and heartfelt thanks to each of you!

I recently met a man who was held captive by unforgiveness. His state of mind was darkened by hate for many offenders in his life. The sad

thing is this type of hate leads people to go deeper in darkness and death. He tried to obtain a book about the goddess of death as a type of bible. It wasn't permitted by the Jail. He talked to a man in his housing unit who had a relationship with the Lord, and chose to have me bring him a Bible instead to read. I knew God was at work so I scheduled a meeting with him. He told me of multiple times of deep woundedness. After sharing he was ready to heal. You see the Bible states, *confess your sins one to another and pray for one another, that you may be healed* James 5:16. I shared with him that to forgive one must be forgiven. He had spent many years in prison sharpening his attitudes of hatred. At the same time he was drawn to a teacher of a Bible study, so he began to attend. From this new information I knew God had been working to sow seed in his life. It was time to share the love and forgiveness of Jesus Christ, and His atoning work on the cross. It's so hard to let go of what has hold of us.

Unforgiveness, holding grudges, and hating people are so exhausting. No wonder Jesus said, *Come to Me all who are weary and heavy laden and I will give you rest* Matt. 11:28. This man was finally ready to surrender his life to Christ. The atmosphere in the room changed, and so did his attitude. When he prayed and surrendered his heart to Jesus Christ, his brand new life began. PTL!

*In His Service,
Chaplain Jerry*

Tip of the Month: Our freedom came at a great cost to God. Has His cost impacted you?

A captive soul rescued!! – Dawn Jarnat

I was conceived out of wedlock, and born 12/17/63. My maternal grandfather was a true German/Jew and grandmother, an Irish/Indian who was abused on the reservation in the 1920's. They were to marry immediately, and it only lasted two years. My upbringing was abusive in multiple facets of physical, mental, emotional, molestation, alcohol addiction, multiple marriages and divorces, not speaking families, turmoil and facade. Mom was now single in the 60's and dad went to Vietnam. I

was blessed to be able to spend most of my preschool years with both my Great and Grand parents. They taught me the story of Jesus' birth, that He died for our sins and why. We could go to Heaven to be with the Lord and that He would one day judge the living and the dead. They taught me about the Devil too. My Great Grandma was a Baptist Bible school teacher. She took care of and taught me childhood prayers for my daddy's safe return and my list of thank yous.

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PRAYER REQUESTS:

- May God bring revival to America!
- Pray God's people align themselves to the Body of Christ in fellowship with one another, and attend a local church.
- God will use my efforts as I partner with the Holy Spirit to have an impact on the entire Jail population, and the Sheriff's office staff to touch lives with the Gospel.
- Former board member David Hamlin and his wife Edna to be healed of cancer.
- Volunteers to be effective with the inmate students who come to Bible study.
- Favor with officers in the Jail and the administrative staff.
- Prayer that we regain access to the inside of the housing units to do Bible studies, and we could get into the South end of the Jail to do them also.
- An Assistant Chaplain who's called and uniquely prepared by God.
- God will make the hearts of inmates sensitive as we emphasize the resurrection of Jesus Christ this Easter season.
- God will keep our public servants, the Detention Officers in the Jail, and Deputies out on patrol safe from harm's way. Also those in dispatch would have emotional strength and quick judgment to deal with their job and related daily stress.
- Sunday services at 10:00 AM will be well attended, a greater number of inmates wake up to watch, detention officers would realize their importance and play them.
- The Christian inmates will daily exercise more self discipline in their efforts to grow.
- An awakening of local churches to participate in this incredible ministry prayerfully, and financially as a viable mission's effort.
- Inmates who have gone off to prison will stay faithful to God's Word, and be active in sharing their faith.
- Believers who've left the PCJ or any prison would begin to contact us at the DOC for follow up discipleship.
- Brokenness will be evident in new inmates to the Jail, they'll see their need for a relationship with Jesus Christ, and message me to talk about it.
- God will raise up more prayer warriors, and financial partners to come alongside in this great work of God. Consider how they might impact this ministry.

- Daily prayer against spiritual oppositions coming against the ministry.
- Opportunities to speak at local churches about what God is doing in the Jail.

ANSWERS:

- Received many men's coats. Thank you!
- There is an amazing hunger and thirst for the Scriptures in each pod.
- Giving out many Bibles.
- Favor with administration and staff..

MOST WANTED:

- Clothing closet needs - jeans and tennis shoes all sizes for men only.
- 5 soft cover books of *The Heavenly Man*

Ministry Monthly Report: March 2024

	Monthly:	Ytd:
Inmate Request:	939	2,439
One-on-One inmate counseling:	816	2,143
Religious reading materials given:	893	2,076
Bible Study groups:	45	117
Inmates involved with studies:	299	760
View Worship Service:	245	493
Volunteer Hours:	190	477
Number of Volunteers:	24	70
Bibles given:	352	957
Number of New Believers:	11	37

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Although Grama was a Baptist Sunday school teacher and that was my foundation I was baptized Catholic days after birth, made confession, 1st communion, and confirmation in 10th grade. It wasn't long after that I began to look at church as a set of nothing but rules and in high school I met different kids, with different religions and rules. Isn't there only one God? This isn't right. I slowly fell away from the structure of the church not realizing that the church was the people. Some 30 years later I became a two time honors graduate in nursing, was a nurse educator, a leader in the community, owner of a successful restaurant, and had three successful grown children. At the same time I was abused, bruised, beaten, thrown from a moving vehicle, cheated on, drank to excess, and could not complete my continuing education. I got a DWI charge, withdrew, lost my home, lost touch, and my children distanced themselves. Bad people flocked around, and stole from me. It became very dark, very fast. I met a beautiful man with a meth addiction and fell in love at first sight. I believe the Lord told me not to ever give up on him. Along with Joe came a level of family commitment and addiction I didn't understand but tried to come along with him. After countless poor judgments on everyone's part I got myself into the most shameful moment of my life. After a few days of drinking

and partying my sister in law and I were headed for disaster. We got into an escalated argument which became physical. A few days later she and the police showed up at my house to arrest me for assault. On 09/19 I landed in the lost and found at the Polk County Jail. I was taken, booked, lost, and ashamed. I sat in complete silence staring as tear after tear fell to the floor. I had nobody. No family. No money. No phone call. No commissary. No visit. No knowledge of Angela. I was lonely, shamed and desperate for restitution but how? A girl walked over, Dawn? Yea, I say. Bible study, me? Maybe next time, thank you. I felt something about 1 minute later touch me. I really did and swore I heard, "Go He's waiting." I was close enough to see Chaplain Jerry, as he was filling in with a movie called *Every 15 Minutes*. Afterward he offered to pray and asked if I wanted to accept Jesus as my Lord and Savior? I said yes. I thank Jerry for his assistance and for the Lord rescuing me from the lost and now I'm found. 2 Corinthians 5:17.

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

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