

Harvest Ministries

Newsletter

"I tell you, open your eyes and look at the fields! They are ripe for harvest." John 4:35

Jail Ministry

It was the end of March 2020 when all the volunteers at the Lewis County Jail were informed that we could no longer come into the jail, about 50 people total. With that tough news the three chaplains were given an internet link so that we could still interact with inmates from our home computers. For the next seven months I was able to talk on the phone and email inmates. Starting November 1 I was able to go back into the jail, but I am the only one of 50 volunteers. There are still many restrictions but I am so thankful that God made a way.

Jan - Feb 2021

Lots of Changes at the Mission

Praise the LORD, the Lewis County Gospel Mission has only been closed a few days since the craziness started in March. Before that we were a day shelter where anyone could have a safe place to rest, drink coffee or tea, or eat a hot meal. After the first lockdown started nobody was allowed to be inside the mission for more than a few minutes. All hot meals started being served to-go, and our food and clothing banks were emergency only. It was a very hard change, for everyone. We had opened our day shelter for only a week when the second lockdown was declared. Then our new Executive Director, Tricia Ziese, got the mission declared a warming center with the Health Dept. With that our guests can get out of the cold winter weather and have a safe, warm place to be. We currently have two Bible studies going on Wednesday and Friday mornings at 9 am (all are welcome), and hopefully by February I will start leading one on Tuesday mornings. I also started leading worship music before the Bible studies. God continues to work in spite of our restrictions and I am very thankful for that.

Prayer Requests for Jail Inmates

Jesse H wants so badly to be saved. Requesting prayer rugs and particular Bible translations. I keep telling him it's just about his relationship with Jesus, but he cannot seem to rest in that.

Benny M just got sentenced to at least 20 years in prison. I believe that he is saved but he is still a teenager and he is very scared.

Joe G. is a friend of mine from the mission and the jail. Joe is one of those guys who does **great** when he is in jail but not so great when he is not. Praise God Joe is in jail.

Brett M got out of jail in early January after a pretty long stay. He

wants Jesus to change his life and he seems to be seeking Him.

Andrea H. would love it if you all would pray for her because, as she put it, she is bound by rage and anger and needs the courage to move forward.

Joe D is a friend of mine from the mission and jail. I have written about him before. Joe gave his life to Jesus last year and he did well for a few months but then he disappeared from the mission. Recently I received a kite from him asking for a Bible. This time he is in the mental health unit and I am very concerned for him. Most of all I just don't want him to give up on his relationship with Jesus.

Please Pray for Me

I love being back at jail, but meeting with inmates 1-on-1 was a big part of my ministry that I am currently not allowed to do. I want to be content with where God has me. I am tempted to talk to the powers that be about it but I sure don't want to make things worse.

Leading a Bible study at the mission is a unique thing. Very chaotic. People coming and going from week to week and minute to minute. Please pray for wisdom to choose topics that guests can understand and engage in.

Thanks for praying

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