

Alaska Correctional Ministries

To Set the Captives Free

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HAPPY NEW YEAR

If you scrub your hands of sin and refuse to entertain evil in your home, you'll be able to face the world unashamed and keep a firm grip on life, guiltless and fearless. You'll forget your troubles; they'll be like old, faded photographs. Your world will be washed in sunshine, every shadow dispersed by dayspring. Full of hope, you'll relax, confident again; you'll look around, sit back, and take it easy.

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JOB 11:14-18

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Christmas Season

As most of you are aware the Holidays are the most difficult for anyone behind the razor wire. Yes, one reaps what they sow "for he does not bear the sword in vain..." There are necessary consequences for crime. BUT ... **with great grace God has provided hope for those who truly repent and turn to Him.** Instead of rejection – **forgiveness**; discipline – **discipleship**; shame – **healing**; isolation – **restoration**; instead of fear of the future – a **God Promised Hope and a Future!** Jer. 29:11

New Chaplains

We want to greet and welcome **Chaplain Elwyn Fischer's appointment to the Palmer Correctional Center.** Chaplain Fischer comes highly recommended via his church, pastor and Chaplain Duncan.

Chaplain Fischer is no stranger to Prison Ministry, having been involved for years through the Prison Celebrate Recovery Ministry in Wasilla. **We are thrilled to have you onboard Chaplain Fischer.**

Hearty welcome to **Chaplain Brandon Scott to the Wildwood Correctional Center in Kenai, Alaska.** **So thrilled to have him there facilitating all the ministry of staff and men at Wildwood.** Chaplain Scott also pastors locally in Kenai and we are excited per his ministerial experience. **Blest to have you Sir!**

Transformational Living Communities:

Chaplain Eileen shares **the ladies of Hiland Mountain TLC had an amazing Christmas Celebration.** Worship with Christmas Songs, Gifts allowed by HMCC Staff, Christmas Party and Godly New Years Celebration! **For some ladies it was the first healthy and Godly New Years they've ever had.**

Chaplain Eileen and her team of volunteers continue to provide a first-class discipleship program to the women of HMCC. **Could not happen at the depth and success it has if not for all the supporters. Thank You!**

The Anchorage Correctional Complex TLC Program continues to excel on every front. Any person who enters the program surrenders to the Lordship of Christ in a very short amount of time. **These men are growing with leaps and bounds through the powerful Godly materials and subjects they are exposed to on a daily basis.**

Huge shout out to the Chaplains, Bible Teachers and Volunteers who serve sacrificially every week. The richness of this ministry is beyond words.

Consequences of the TLC Programs:

1. **Faith in Christ**
2. **Strong Discipleship**
3. **Healing (spiritually, mentally, emotionally)**
4. **Acknowledged by many State and Federal Judges**
5. **Recommended by many Attorneys**



New Equipment @ GCCC & PCC:

We at Alaska Correctional Ministries were excited to **assist the Chaplaincy Staff at the Goose Creek Correctional Center with the purchase of musical instruments to facilitate worship with their Praise Team.** Chaplain Patterson so appreciates the talent and worship of their Worship Team there at Goose.

Music Instruments were also provided to the Palmer Correctional Center under the supervision of Chaplain Phil Markwardt. PCC has had Worship Teams for several years in the past and ACM was thrilled to be able to assist the brothers there to lead the institution in Godly praise.

Lastly, due to your tremendous and generous support ACM was able to assist in the purchase of an institutional baptistry for the Lemon Creek Correction Center. With all the delays in their remodel program several have been desirous of believer's baptism.

What a great joy to assist in this direction!

Thank You Bishop's Attic II

We shared with you in our November 2024 Newsletter about our Support Group, **Beyond Walls; a ministry for adult family and close friends of those incarcerated.**

We are excited and grateful to receive

Prayer & Specific Needs:

1. **Remember those in Prison:** God truly desires to save, cleans, heal and restore.
2. **Remember all the Institutional Chaplains:** They are an awesome bunch!!!
3. **Remember all DOC Staff members:** It's a difficult job and at times dangerous.
4. **All the Volunteers** who sacrificially give of their time, skills and person every week.
5. **Chaplain Lewis of GCCC:** Struggling with health issues – a Prince of a Man!
6. **A Powerful Move of God within all Institutions!**

WORDS CANNOT CONVEY the deep heartfelt gratitude I continually have day to day of what God has done and allowed in my life! From the pits of wickedness to sweet servitude of the Almighty! **2024 was filled with the beauty of God in all the Correctional Institutions of Alaska.** Through the calling of many, the genuine hearts of His precious body, the generosity of sacrificial giving, and from top government officials to the untitled multitude – **God's work went forth with grace, class and love. Never, ever think you don't matter.**

Daily I am blest to walk among those inside and **Oh how they convey their deep gratefulness of all WE ALL have provide in Christ!**

Thank you, Precious Saints of God, for the wonderment of this great ministry to our loved ones inside!

Your Servant in Christ,,

Chaplain Rudy



Bishop's Attic II grant of \$5,070 to be used toward advertising on Christian Radio to help spread the news of this ministry.

We encourage those who's lives have been turned upside down with the arrest and incarceration of a loved one **to join us. You will find support in your crisis and receive healthy, safe options filled with hope as you navigate this journey.**



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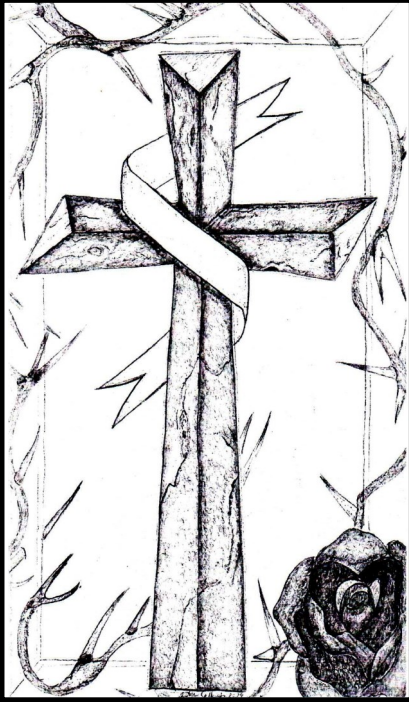
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INTO THE LIGHT

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Matthew 1:21 "She will bear a Son; and you shall call His name Jesus, for He will save His people from their sins."

A simple verse. A simple Message, one of the best known throughout the last 2000 years. But what impact does it really have? The whole world stopped and held their breathe in anticipation of this promise. Now we have received the grace revealed in this most important birth. How can we water it down to just presents under a tree? I love the Christmas season, the decorations, the generosity, the cheer, the music, the food, the fellowship. We are so incredibly blessed to experience that in here, the one mod able to celebrate like this, in the state. But it's so much more than that. This Baby was born to save us from sin. Sin that is still destructive, that separates us from God, that would have killed us, but for our Savior. So this season I want to set aside this space to celebrate the complete and full forgiveness that makes this season possible. Thank You Jesus, for true salvation.

Praise God, PB & TV

Christmas Poem- PB

Today is about Jesus, Who will never leave us.

Jesus my Love, my Life, So strong I hold so tight,

Merry Christmas to all who see, the Light that shines to all with glee, the stars of heaven from above, so beautiful my only Love,

When I'm alone I hear His voice, even when surrounded by all the noise. God speaks to me, sets me free.

Testimony

I've been in and out of prison my whole life. I was a heavy drug user for many years. I grew up in that environment and chose to live it. "There's a way that seems right to a man, but the end is death." I was playing with death, lost my life 3 times through drug overdose. I thought I knew what I was doing, that I didn't need help. I was hurting my family as well as myself. Thank You Lord for a praying mother and father. That helped me escape the destructive path I was on. The Lord reached out His hand & said it's time to go son. My life is in His hands. I'm blessed to be apart of the TLC program. It's changing my life. God's given me another chance. **Jer 29:11 DG**

What Christmas is like in TLC

"It looks like we've candy-caned our railings, we have Christmas colors all over. Outside of the mod it feels stark, lonely. But walk into TLC and there is instant peace, a certain graciousness, a true sense of the "merry" in merry Christmas. It's colorful, it's festive. This is beyond expectations and beyond our wildest dreams that we could have something like this in a place like this. As a brother in this fellowship, a member of this program, I feel truly blessed." This was written by someone here just a few weeks, with tears running down his face. God has done a work. **TJ**