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"Restoring lives to the community with the love and compassion of Jesus Christ."

Giving Hearts Day 2014 was Sweetest Ever!

Sandy's Donuts again partnered with Jail Chaplains and the results were the sweetest ever! For every red velvet cake donut sold on GHD Sandy's donated \$2 to the ministry. Pre-orders were encouraged and orders of 2 dozen or more were delivered by Jail Chaplains board members, staff & volunteers. Special thanks to Pastor Curt for returning from Florida and coming out of retirement to assist with deliveries!

Pre-event donut deliveries 5 teams 30 stops 45 dozen
to media & special friends

GHD donut deliveries 5 teams 42 stops 77 dozen

On-Line gifts	\$21,038	191 donors
Sandy's Donuts	\$ 4,000	
Match fund	\$10,000	
	\$35,038	165% over last year

Thank you to everyone who made an on-line donation, purchased donuts or contributed to the match fund. The volunteer teams were awesome as they braved the near blizzard conditions to make the deliveries. Special thanks to Mark & his team at Sandy's Donuts for their 'over the top' unique partnership! It was a fun day with great financial rewards for God work!



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May 2014

Called to Pray By Kathy Spriggs • Jail Chaplains Board member



...Prayer...trust...relationship. I believe we are all connected. God desires a relationship with 'His kids'. Prayer, two way communication, builds a strong relationship and from there we learn to trust Him.

I first recognized prayer as a part of worshiping God through Mom's In Touch and in leadership with Bible Study Fellowship. We used a model of; praise, thanksgiving, repentance & petitions. I started learning to praise God always, even thru the storms. It certainly is a learned discipline and the Holy Spirit continues to prompt me to pray instead of worry. Where would we be if we could not go to God?

Twelve years ago I was asked to co-chair the National Day of Prayer in Fargo & ND. One of the promotional pieces for that event contains this statement. "As we humbly and diligently seek Him, we will be changed and will see transformation in America through prayer." I have been changed!

Jail Chaplains have the opportunity to host luncheons where guests can visit the secure area of the jail. In March 29, 2012 I attended a luncheon. Ryan, an inmate, shared his story and told us how he had given his life to Jesus during one of the Bible studies lead by the Jail Chaplains. He went on to tell us he had been sentenced recently and would soon be going to prison. Ryan was at peace in his consequence and was determined to continue growing in Jesus during the time he was to be incarcerated.

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While Ryan was sharing I felt God nudge me, "Kathy, I want you to pray for Ryan." When I got out to my car I found myself sobbing and struggling with God. "I don't know Ryan. I've never seen him before and probably won't see him again. Why are you asking me to pray for him?" I had been invited on several previous luncheons dates, however I know it was a divine appointment for me to be there the day Ryan shared.

God worked on my heart as I was obedient and prayed for Ryan, the young man I'd met at the jail luncheon. By July, 2012 I was asked to consider serving on the Jail Chaplains Board of Directors and quickly recognized the invitation as a 'God calling'.

For a number of years Kathy Mitchell & I have been co-leading women's ministry at our church. We have felt the Lord calling us to do something outside of the church and even researched different opportunities. As I shared with Kathy about my involvement with Jail Chaplains she said, "Kathy, do you think maybe that is where God wants us to lead a study?" Again, as I recall there was some wrestling with God, "are you sure that's where you want us?"

Monday, September 16, 2013 Kathy and I arrived at the Cass County Jail shortly after 8 a.m. like school girls a bit timid on our first day of class. What we discovered was a group of six women eager to engage in the Christianity 101 lesson we had shared with them.

What a privilege and honor it is to 'do life' with the ladies passing through the jail. They various ages, nationalities and have made a variety of unhealthy decisions. Some remind us of our daughters and all of them are beautiful in God's eyes. I praise the Lord we have a Sheriff and his staff who boldly support faith based programs and allow Jail Chaplains the opportunity to have staff and volunteers go into the jail six days a week to share the good news of Jesus. We bring the ladies hope.

Each week we end our study by taking specific prayer requests from the women and intercede for them with our Heavenly Father. What a beautiful way to share the burdens of our sisters.....

OUR MISSION

- Provide inmates with spiritual guidance and support
- Share the Gospel of Jesus Christ
- Help bridge the gap between the inmate, their family and a local church
- To assist and help in practical ways, to encourage and help our graduates in a positive spiritual journey with Jesus Christ.

The second chance that makes all the difference in life!

- Majority of prayers are for their family and children.
- One asked us to pray for her grandmother who was in the hospital dying
- Another tearfully requested prayer for freedom from her addiction.
- Several ask for praying for right relationships to help them change their lives as they re-enter the community.

Leach named YWCA Woman of the Year - by Matthew Quanbeck



We are not to serve the Lord for the accolades of man, but for the glory of God. Sometimes, though, God brings honor to Himself by awarding a faithful servant with an earthly award.

On April 21st, Gerri Leach received the YWCA's Woman of the Year award in the faith category. The executive director of the Jail Chaplains appreciates being named the recipient, and she is quick to give the glory to God and the others involved with the ministry. "What the award is really about is recognizing the changes that the Lord is making in the lives of men and women and their families through the Jail Chaplains," she says.

The YWCA Women of the Year event gives awards to 11 women and 1 business each year. "I can't think of a better way to empower women but to recognize them for their accomplishments, their passion, their service and their inspiration. It truly is incredible," says Erin Prochnow, the organization's executive director. Leach was nominated for the award by Harriet Light.

Leach has served with the Jail Chaplains since 2012. Before that, she was the Community Relations Director for The Salvation Army. She often shares how the Lord used her time with The Salvation Army to prepare her for 'the jail'. The legacy that she wants to leave in the community is a heightened awareness to consciously extend grace to returning citizens and their families.

This award has helped to further reach the community with that message. The Forum ran a story about the YWCA Women of the Year event and gave a short biography of each of the recipients. Publicity like this helps to increase community awareness of what God is doing through the Jail Chaplains. Leach is thankful for this. She doesn't want the attention to be on her but expressed that she wants "Jesus to be made famous" through this award.

Let that be the desire of each of us as we humbly serve our Savior and Lord in the ministries that He has given us. "Everyone who competes in the games exercises self-control in all things. They then do it to receive a perishable wreath, but we an imperishable." I Corinthians 9:25 (NASB)

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~ NEW ~ BY PAULA HARLAND

BRIGHT COLORS... PRETTY STRING... COLORED PAPER... GLITTERY THINGS
BRAND NEW CLOTHES... HIGH HEELED SHOES... LINGERIE
... BUY ONE... GET TWO
GIANT BUILDINGS... TINY SHOPS... NOVELTY STORES... IT NEVER STOPS
SUV'S... COMPACT CARS... HYBRIDS... TRUCKS WITH ROLL BARS
THESE ARE THINGS THAT COME TO MIND WHEN "SOMETHING NEW" WE WANT TO FIND
MATERIAL THINGS I DO NOT SEEK... I WANT A "NEW" LIFESTYLE... TO LIVE WHAT I SPEAK
I WANT TO BE DRUG-FREE & LET GO OF MY PAST... TURN A "NEW" CORNER & BE HAPPY AT LAST
I WANT TO FEEL GOD'S LOVE... HIS MERCY & GRACE... I NEVER EVER RETURN TO THIS PLACE
I ADMIT I AM POWERLESS & MY LIFE'S OUT OF CONTROL... I NEED TO SLOW DOWN & LET MY LOVE FOR HIM SHOW
I MUST SURRENDER & LET GOD LEAD MY WAY... SO I MAY RECEIVE... A "NEW" LIFE... A "NEW" HAPPINESS... A "NEW" DAY!
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the Author,
Paula Harland

If Nothing Changes...Nothing Changes

Is there something in your life you would like to be different than it currently is? Do you have any ideas about how that change could become a reality? Bottom line is; if nothing changes, nothing changes.

Dr. Wyatt Mullinax, pastor, consultant, author, teacher and counselor in Cognitive Behavior was invited to Fargo by Jail Chaplains to lead several workshops May 2-4. Dr. Mullinax has more than 25 years of experience helping individuals correct thinking errors. As individuals change their thinking a number of social goals have been addressed, recidivism reduction, welfare to work, family life improvement and addiction recovery.

Friday, May 2nd seventy professionals from across the community gathered to sit under Dr. Mullinax's teaching. The attendees work in the areas of; health care, adolescent, social & human services, law enforcement, corrections, homeless shelters, drug & alcohol rehabilitation, ministry and accountability housing. It was unusual for helping professionals from this broad range of disciplines to sit together for teaching and we are confident this opportunity will benefit our community at large.

Saturday, May 3rd thirty-four individuals working as volunteers and mentors with Jail Chaplains along with some friends from local churches gathered to study the same material and consider its application with a faith focus.

Sunday afternoon, May 4th a combination of professionals, volunteers and returning citizens gathered for a mini seminar looking at ways to move dysfunctional family traits toward more healthy relationships.

A special thanks to Dakota Medical Foundation for partnering with Jail Chaplains to make this training available. One hundred and ten people are now better equipped to overcome their own thinking errors and therefore be healthier to assist others in their journey toward being a more productive member of our community.

"If thinking the way you thought got you what you want, then keep thinking the way you thought, and you will have what you got. If nothing changes, nothing changes."

Jail Programs Update

2013 Recap-

20+ hrs of faith based programs weekly
Attendance 7,345
Volunteer hrs 1,430 (equivalent of 35 weeks at 40 hrs)
One on One Chaplain visits 312+

2014 Initiatives-

- Expanded ministry to females-Chaplain Elizabeth 20 hrs per week
- Volunteer training & team building
- More intentional advocacy for returning citizens
- Development of mentor program
- Encourage healing communities in congregations

Praising the Lord for the expanded ministry opportunities He continues to reveal. The Jail Chaplains board of directors & staff desire to faithfully stay in step with what God asks us to do being confident He will provide the finances for the work He calls us to! We covet your prayers & appreciate each of our financial partners.

Thanks to each person who has invested prayer time and finances to ensure the good news continues to be shared through this ministry!



SAVE THE DATES!

THURSDAY JUNE 19
We Care About 2nd Chances
Picnic & Wedding

TUESDAY - OCTOBER 21
Dessert Social