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Jail Chaplains Programs Positively Impacting Lives

I've attended the Jail Chaplains Dessert Fund Raiser many times over the past years. The first time I attended, it was a very new experience for me. I didn't know much about the Jail Chaplains or the people running it. This year, was different. I joined the Jail Chaplains three years ago as a volunteer teaching journal writing skills to female inmates. I know many of the staff and volunteers who spoke. I've seen their dedication from the inside. I have gained some understanding of the incarceration system. **The more I have learned, the more I have grown in respect and admiration for the Jail Chaplains.**

This year at the dessert social, what stood out to me were these words:

This is working.

God is changing lives.

These programs do work.

These programs impacted me personally.

This program is the one I just smile when I talk about it, because it really works.

These words were spoken across the board. They came from Sherriff Laney, from various corrections officers and staff at the jail, and from staff and volunteers working in the Jail Chaplains program. The words came from returning citizens themselves.

Our city is searching for answers to its increasing opiate abuse problems, to crime, to repeated incarceration, and the Jail Chaplains programs are not just offering answers. **The Jail Chaplains programs are offering answers that work.**

Attending the Dessert Social and Fund Raising event was uplifting and inspirational. I listened to stories of reluctant volunteers who chose to say yes, and the joy it has given them. I listened to Corrections Officers talk about programs that changed the atmosphere of the jail and the attitudes of the inmates. I listened to the history of this program and how it began with one man. And God's calling.

Sitting in the room, watching people in our city bid \$1,000 for a carrot cake, because the proceeds were going to the Jail Chaplains, blessed me. **The support offered throughout the evening touched me deeply and I came away from it believing.** Believing there are answers. Believing that God is working right here and right now offering both forgiveness and restoration.

I am grateful to all the men and women who support the Jail Chaplains financially. I am immensely thankful for the work of the Jail Chaplains, bringing the Word of Christ into a needy population, and by doing so, changing the city that we live in.

I drove home from the dessert social thinking about the words of Christ, "I was imprisoned and you visited me." And I realized that tonight, I had seen Christ. I saw Him in those who volunteer to work at Cass County Jail; I saw Him in those who support that work, and I saw Him in those who have been set free.

Article submitted by Jill Kandel, local author & Jail Chaplains volunteer.



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Captain Andrew Frobig, Cass County Sheriff's Office, Jail Administrator Chaplain Mike Sonju & Pastor Curt Frankhauser, founder of Jail Chaplains



Gerri Leach, Executive Director, Jail Chaplains, Ryan Anderson, son in the family who were the first death notification Pastor Curt went on Dec 1, 1979. His father had been killed in a tragic car accident. Sgt. Ben Schwandt, Cass County Sheriff's Office Programs Administrator. Ben worked the transition to the new jail and saw the change Jail Chaplains programs made to inmate behavior. Jeff Frankhauser, brother of Pastor Curt. Jeff worked at the Cass County Jail and connected then Sheriff Don Rudnick with Pastor Curt who became the Chaplain for the Sheriff's Office.



Kerstin Kealy, Master of Ceremonies visiting with returning citizens who shared in the video. Mevlin Lewis joined by his daughter Ivory and wife, Nanda. Wil Dort whose wife, Mb also shared how Wil was impacted by Jail Chaplains programs. Shelia & Bruce Smith, volunteers who lead the women's church service at the jail. Bruce told of the physical change they saw in a female inmate after she had given her life to Jesus.



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Tim Kerr sang "God will Make a Way" accompanied by Mary Motta. The lyrics of the chorus in this song shared the perfect message for the evening, "God will make a way, where there seems to be no way. He works in ways we cannot see, He will make a way for me."



Linda Holdman, shown on the screen, as she told how God's call to lead programs at the jail helped her grieve the sudden death of her husband, Jim. He loved the Jail Chaplains ministry and mentored both Pastor Curt and Gerri in fundraising. Harvey Seidel, told the audience how God also helped him learn a new normal after the death of his wife by calling him to share Jesus with the inmates at the jail. A journey Harvey started over 10 years ago!

