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The monthly newsletter is published to promote the work and activities of God here at the Polk Co. Jail Ministry. He is certainly moving in the lives of those incarcerated, and the Polk Co. Sheriff's office staff. It is my intention monthly to let each of you know through this publication just how huge your prayers and sacrificial giving is to this ministry. Your prayers are so vital and make such a significant impact every day. **Thank you** from my heart to yours! A volunteer recently came to me to tell of an experience that happen to him after completing his Bible study where he had shown a video about the Word of God and it's Gospel story. A young man came up to him after the video and said, "Could I speak to you privately?" The volunteer took the young man into the nurses room inside the pod. Where almost immediately this man broke down uncontrollably and sobbed for about five minutes. Finally he lifted his head and said, "In all of my life I've never heard that message before. Please let me tell you how I ended up in your class today. I was over setting at the table minding my own business not really wanting anything to do with you, your Bible study or God, but all of a sudden I found myself in the room watching the video. And then this conviction came over me and I surrendered my heart to Jesus Christ, and now I feel this release of all my past with all it's junk and I can't stop crying." The volunteer said, "You have learned two things today, one about salvation, two the Holy Spirit is going to take you places where you need to be." Wow!!! The power of prayer, your prayers. What a difference they make in a life, and the countless lives, that are moved literally by the **"Spirit of God"** daily as they hear and respond to the Gospel message.

In His Service,
Chaplain Jerry Van Cleave

Volunteer of the Month:

Congratulations, Brian you've been selected as the ministries volunteer of the month. Brian has just been a volunteer for two months, and he's doing a great job. Brian became burden to come to the Jail ministry after repeatedly listening to Maxine Sieleman's talk host program on AM 940 radio where she happened to be interviewing Chaplain Jerry as they were talking about the incredible movement of God in the hearts those incarcerated at Polk Co Jail. After months of prayer Brian responded to the Holy Spirits prompting's, and obeyed the call. Now Brian comes in once a week on Tuesday nights, and distributes the Christian book cart to three south pods of 64 inmates each. You won't think that standing by a cart and watching men sort through books could simulate much spiritual dialog. But often, men will open up and have spiritual questions, and or occasionally break down and respond to the Gospel message and receive Christ. Ministry is all around us here at the Jail. We simple need to watch to see where the Father is working and join Him. Brian recognized His workings by listening to God's voice through a radio broadcast. How about you? Are you listening and observing His activity so you can join Him in His Kingdom advance. Brian we are so glad you did. So we can have one more called of God to share in this ministry for His glory. Thanks Brian for obeying and responding to the call.



Brian Rogers

Tip of the Month:

The Bible; *Study* it to have in your head, *store* it in your heart, *show* it in your life, and *sow* it in the world.

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What is the one thing that pleases God? Answer **FAITH!!!!** Hebrews 11:6 How are you doing in exercising your faith? Prayer is one of the best methods to exercise and reap the benefits of trusting His heart with your childlike faith.

PRAYER REQUESTS:

- Prayer for the annual Volunteer banquet and Fund Raiser Saturday Oct. 8th @ Grace Church from 6-8PM. First that the banquet would be well attended with at least 150. And secondly that the Holy Spirit would move on hearts of those attending and that they would catch the vision of what our Great God is doing here at Polk Co Sheriffs office and the Jail.
- Prayer for true repentance and godly sorrow with those we minister too.
- God stirring the hearts of staff and those incarcerated with the Gospel message communicated through His Word and faith based materials.
- Prayer for volunteers to have a renewed love and passion for those they minister too.
- Prayer for my wife Patty as she receives her quarterly Botox shots in her neck, for her chronic torticollis pain (like having a Charlie Horse) all the time. Pray for God to use the shots to bring much needed relief to her neck muscles effected.
- Safety for our public servants the Detention Officers in the Jail, and those Deputies out on patrol as they drive our highways.
- More inmate led Bible studies would begin in each pod. Those who are disciples would see their personal responsibility to testify and led others to Christ. More inmates would then respond to the gospel because of them.
- Inmates would awaken to watch Sunday services at 10:00 A.M., as well the detention officers would be convinced of their benefit to the inmate population.
- More and more local churches would participate in this incredible ministry prayerfully, and financially as a viable mission's effort.
- God would move on hearts of those family members at home. That they too would understand the glorious Gospel and receive the LORD as their Savior.
- Those who have gone off to prison would stay faithful to read God's Word daily, and be active in sharing their faith.
- Prayer for those released to have the self discipline to be in a live Bible believing local church. Where they would use their spiritual gifts for God's glory. That they might find love and acceptance.
- Someone to fill in for Terrie, the Chaplain's secretary three days a week when she is gone on vacation or on mission's trips.
- God would be raising up more prayer warriors, and financial partners to come along side in this great work of God.
- Prayer warriors to do battle for the inmate lives who have strongholds that are generational. That they might find victory and begin a new legacy for their futures and families.

ANSWERS:

- Volunteer's are seeing many respond to the Gospel in their Bible studies.
- Inmate requests have really increased significantly each week.
- God is priming the hearts of those incarcerated so that they are so open and broken.
- It is so evident that the Holy Spirit is moving here with His convicting power.
- Many salvations have come as a direct effect of inmate led Bible studies.
- The ministry has received a lot of clothing.

MOST WANTED:

- Clothes closet needs; all sizes of shoes for men and women, and coats. Please donate only items that are listed.
- Need 2000 stamps for the annual Christmas card give away.
- Tim La Haye & Jerry Jenkins Books: The Rising; The Regime; The Rapture; and Kingdom Come the Final Victory

Ministry Monthly Report: September 2011

	<u>Monthly:</u>	<u>Ytd:</u>
Inmate Request:	286	2473
One-on-one inmate counseling:	452	4392
Religious reading materials given:	561	3879
Bible Study groups:	106	967
Inmates involved with studies:	1120	9516
View Worship Service:	235	2389
Volunteer Hours:	303	2465
Number of Volunteers:	31	262
Bibles given:	301	2645
Number of New Believers	25	266