

# Alaska Correctional Ministries

To Set the Captives Free

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*"Behold I will do a new thing, now it shall spring forth ..."*

*Isaiah 43:19*

## Happy New Year!

In spite of all 2022 threw at us, **God was so very faithful** through it all. We are looking forward to much more in 2023 with his Grace and your assistance.

Please keep all 13 Institutions and 16 Chaplains in prayer as we go forward with all God is laying on our hearts.



ACM is honored to receive a grant from Bishop's Attic II to help with the cost of consumable items used by Chaplains, Inmates & Volunteers in prisons throughout the state.

Thank you, **Bishop's Attic II**, for your dedication and support of non-profits in the Valley and throughout the State of Alaska!



## Christmas Giving:

**A Most Wonderful Thank You** to all the churches and volunteers who so generously gave, donated and participated in a very successful giving to all the institutions during Christmas. Clothing, Gifts, Personal Items, Equipment and Food Items were given in abundance.

I wish you all could see the joy and happiness on each face of those behind bars. You and your gifts really do make a difference!

Thank you, again.



## Chaplains Needed:

Institutional Chaplains are needed:

Several of our chaplains are in one stage or another i.e.: A) Part Time, B) Needing 2nd Chaplain, C) Considering Retirement, D) Needing Counseling Chaplain.

Would you please consider one or all of the following:

- ⇒ Praying for each and every current chaplain.
- ⇒ Praying for new chaplains. Most institutions need a 2nd and 3rd chaplain.
- ⇒ ACC TLC Program needs a counseling chaplain.



Chaplains Rudy Bosley, Gerald Silliman and Paul Schindler

All chaplains are pretty much part time. 5-6 hours a day 3-5 days a week. Would you, your church group or your church consider fully or partially supporting one chaplain?

If you are considering prison chaplaincy with some degree of ministerial experience, please contact Chaplain Jim Duncan at 907-269-7414 or myself Chaplain RJ Bosley 907-339-0432. We'd love to talk with you.



## Mostly Open:

As many of you are aware, all the institutions are operating at close to pre-covid status. It is great to see most services and ministry continue or once again start in most of the facilities. Please contact your institutional chaplain for any information or opportunities.

See [ACM Website: www.GodinPrison.com](http://www.GodinPrison.com)





## Clothes for the Newly Released:

This falls in two categories; 1) Those who are leaving prison either don't fit their old clothes they came in with or they don't have any at all and are given the limited choice the prison has on hand. 2) Those who get out and only have a limited amount of clothes and personal items to begin with.

Most people leaving prison have next to nothing. All your donations can help them to get a decent start. And yes, those being released come in your sizes. All the prisons can use your donations.

Please consider donating your decent hand me downs (freshly washed and folded), gifts and gift cards to ACM at our office if you are in Anchorage or the Valley. If you are in other areas of the state, reach out to the Chaplains at the Institutions near you.

Reach out to Karen, our Office Manager, at 907-339-0432 for questions or to coordinate your drop off.



## Rent Support:

Most folks getting out don't have the full rent for either their own apartment or the rent necessary to begin at one of our Reentry Homes. For example a one-bedroom apartment in Anchorage can be \$900 a month with the same for a deposit. Not counting utilities. Our Reentry Housing is \$600 a month plus a \$250 deposit. They may have some or none of this.

Would you consider assisting a newly released man or woman with some or all of their first months rent or deposit.

If so, contact our ACM Office Manager, Karen, and she will help you donate in this direction.

All your donations will be strictly and solely used as you intended.



## Prayer:



1. Mr. G.: Mr. G has been incarcerated most of his life. He comes from a horribly abusive childhood, scarred mentally, emotionally and his body is terribly scarred all over. He was considered impossible. Eleven months ago God got ahold of his life in the most amazing way. People across DOC are dumbfounded. He has been compared to the Gadarene.

He has grown with leaps and bounds and it is most manifest in his heartfelt attitude, demeanor and love of God.

Please pray for Mr. G. The enemy has powerfully attacked him on all sides and through the grace of God he remains resolute. Please, please, please pray for my dear brother Mr. G.

2. Future Ministerial Opportunities: We are considering some major ministry opportunities within Alaska. We need your heartfelt prayers.

3. Corrections Staff: Please remember all the Correctional Staff members in every Institution. They are tasked with a serious responsibility every minute of every day while on duty. Remember them in prayer!

And of course, I want to deeply thank you for a very successful 2022. It was due to your most generous giving, support and tremendous kindness we were able to do what God has called us to.

We have such an awesome group of chaplains and volunteers at every level. I'm very grateful for you and all those who join with us.

## From the Director:

Every day hundreds of men and women find themselves incarcerated with the State of Alaska. Every day with additions and deletions Alaska maintains close to 5000 souls needing God. He still "desires that none should perish, but come to repentance..."

Thank you for caring and coming alongside us.

*RJ Bosley*

*Executive Director*



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