

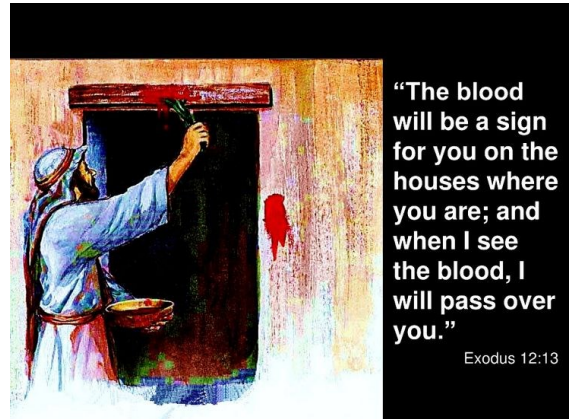
Alaska Correctional Ministries

To Set the Captives Free

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Son." **Christianity is the one and only time God reached out to man stating, "I Am the Way, the Truth and the Life, no man comes to the Father except through Me."**

When the Jewish slaves were instructed to wipe the blood of a spotless lamb on their doorposts it was a symbolic reference to the need of mankind bound in his bondage and desperately needing redemption. Redemption only found through the shed Blood of Jesus Christ. **"For God so loved the world that He sent His Only begotten Son that whosoever believes in Him shall not perish but have everlasting life!"**

That is our mission to the wounded and broken within and outside the correctional facilities of Alaska. **We are extremely grateful for your support, in every form, to reach our precious loved ones throughout our state.**

HE IS RISEN ...

HE IS RISEN INDEED!"

Exodus 12:13 English Standard Version 2016 (ESV): **The blood shall be a sign for you, on the houses where you are. And when I see the blood, I will pass over you, and no plague will befall you to destroy you, when I strike the land of Egypt.**

Jesus Christ the red thread from Genesis 3:15 to Revelations 22:21 (From Genesis to Revelation, the Bible has at least some type of reference to Jesus Christ — either directly or indirectly — through every single book in the Bible. Sometimes referred to as, "The Red Thread").

Through all time past to present man has attempted to reach out to god in numerous ways espousing various spiritual attempts to communicate or attain unto god. **God's Word says, "attempting to be wise they became fools," and "their foolish minds became darkened."** The Bible says, "in the fullness of time God sent His only



INTO THE LIGHT



1 Peter 1:3-6 All praise to God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ. It is by his great mercy that we have been born again, because God raised Jesus Christ from the dead. Now we live with great expectation, and we have a priceless inheritance -- an inheritance that is kept in heaven for you, pure and undefiled, beyond the reach of change and decay. And through your faith, God is protecting you by his power until you receive this salvation, which is ready to be revealed on the last day for all to see. So be truly glad. There is wonderful joy ahead, even though you have to endure many trials for a little while.

As prisoners, we clearly understand that our salvation is not something we deserve. We have blatantly, habitually sinned. It is completely the grace of God that we have been saved and born again. Praise God that Jesus came specifically to seek and save the lost and the sinner. Our hope for the future is not worldly, because everyday in jail can be repetitious. But, our inheritance in heaven keeps us going everyday. Every step of the way, we know our loving, caring God is with us and protecting us. God has given us this time locked up to protect us from making more mistakes, until He has finished preparing us for His service. We are learning how to be better disciples each day, looking forward with joy and gladness to what Christ has in store for us. We know the many trials we go through now are not forever, and they are refining us.

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Before coming to jail I was lost, confused, and hopeless. I needed God in my life. Everywhere I turned there was more and more sin. But a month and a half into my stay in jail I began to have this feeling, like I was being drawn to something important and pure. I found myself writing to the chaplain for a Bible to study. With it he gave me a study book as well. I began my journey of getting to know God. At the end of my first self help Christian book I accepted Jesus back into my life. From that time on I built joy and freedom in my heart. It was then my goal to be accepted to the TLC mod where I became a disciple.

I grew up on a small farm, with every opportunity in the world. But, at 16 I decided to start smoking meth, and slowly destroyed my life. Six years later I found myself in a sketchy situation, and cried out to God for the 1st time. I got arrested, and spent the first 5 months in jail hopeless, depressed, and lost. But then another inmate started talking to me about Christ. I did a Bible study on the story of Noah, who never lost hope in the face of impossible circumstances. I decided I wanted that, repented and came to Christ. Now I have hope, joy and peace which I had never experienced before.

Expanding ACM's Outreach!

Our Executive Director, Rudy Bosley, frequently praises God and expresses his appreciation for being able to do what he does ... minister to those behind bars, sharing the love of Christ and the Hope of an eternity in the presence of God! For many years, he has felt there has been a missing element. We praise those organizations that provide essential help and support to the victims of crime. Heretofore, our ministry has focused on being Christ's hands and feet in the redemption and rehabilitation of the offenders. There is another group of people that also suffer ... the family, close friends and loved ones of the offenders.

ACM has now expanded to include support to this last group of people.



Beyond Walls:

"Beyond Walls" – ACM has fully and excitedly **joined with Recovery Alaska** in facilitating a hugely needed ministry for Anchorage and all Alaska.

Beyond Walls will be specifically ministering to adult family members and loved ones of those incarcerated, whether on State or Federal charges.

The main emphasis will be healing and restoration of loved one and family through Christ.

Secondly, no one is trained nor prepared when an arrest takes place.

What do you do initially, what do you do progressively, how do you handle the prison time; numerous questions and situations powerfully rise to the surface. The average person has no idea which direction to turn while fear, confusion, hurt, grief and a myriad of other thoughts and emotions flood and overwhelm the mind.

Beyond Walls will have a safe venue as well as reference books, workbooks, information booklets and speakers specifically in this arena.

Beyond Walls meets weekly and has its first meeting on **Thursday, April 4, 2024, from 7:00-9:00 pm at 6505 DeBarr Road in Anchorage.**

For more information check out our websites at www.godinprison.com

or www.recoveryalaska.com

or email rjbosley@acm180.com

or tsmith@mountaincity.church

or call ACM Office Manager, Karen, at 907-339-0432.

Christian Educational Funding:

A month ago, an inmate in the TLC Program mentioned his daughter had to cease attending private schooling due to lack of funds. Mom, residing in a little village in Mexico, was barely surviving and their daughter wept and wept at the loss of her friends and the safety of her Christian school. The story was passed on and a donor came forward to make a one-year commitment to support this child in her education.

The donation was sent to ACM, an account was set up, and ACM office staff reached out to the school to make arrangements with them to pay the tuition for this child. As only God can do, in His perfect timing, two days before ACM spoke with a bank representative at 1st National Bank Alaska to coordinate the wire transfer to the school, this bank representative's husband suggested they spend a few days in Mexico during their upcoming vacation ... in the same community where this school resides. Upon hearing ACM's plans, the bank representative was immediately excited and wanted to participate! She graciously took time out of her vacation to stop by the school to meet and greet them on our behalf to help strengthen the long-distance relationship between ACM and the school.

Since this event, others have asked about supporting children of incarcerated parents. ACM will be establishing a specific fund account for anyone desiring to assist an inmate's child attend a Christian school. We will be establishing criteria for eligibility and contacting local Christian schools to explore partnership opportunities. If you are interested in making a one-year commitment or donating to this fund please call Karen at the ACM office 907-339-0432 for more information.

Criteria, at a minimum, will include:

- ◇ The inmate is powerfully in love and fully committed to Jesus Christ.
- ◇ Has totally committed to and participated in all aspects of the TLC Program.
- ◇ Has had zero violations, write ups and is not a behavior problem.
- ◇ Has progressed to a coordinator position in the TLC Program.



Chaplaincy Meeting:

So exciting to hear of all God is doing through each and every chaplain. Though there are always struggles **all chaplaincy programs are making great strides through weekly services, bible studies, worship services and special faith events.**

It is amazing to hear all God is doing through your chaplains and volunteers at your specific location. Again, thank you for your tremendous support.

Mountain City Church (MCC)

MCC Pastoral Staff spent 3 hours observing and touring the Anchorage Correctional Complex TLC Program last week. Senior Pastor Ron Hoffman and MCC have been powerful supporters of ACM for several years. Later Pastor Hoffman shared with the MCC congregation of how disciplined, in-depth and biblically sound the ACC TLC Program is.

Both ACM TLC Programs, one at ACC and the other at Hiland Correctional, are tremendously thorough discipleship ministries bringing the healing and restorative power of God as well as raising up leaders, ministers, healthy Moms and Dads for the future and Glory of God!

Prayers & Needs:



1. Prayer – Intercessory, continuous, fervent, intentional...never ceasing to storm heaven!
2. Media Volunteer – loves to play with the computer and rebuild FB, Web Site, Twitter etc..
3. Part Time paid Cold Call position as ACM Representative....Call Karen – Office Manager at 907-339-0432.

From the Director:

As we remember and celebrate the death and resurrection of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, let us also remember that God our Savior “desires all people to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth.” We are to fulfill His charge to us in the Great Commission to “go, therefore and make disciples of all nations ...” being “doers of the word, and not hearers only ...”

As always, thank you so very much for joining us on this mission field through your prayers, volunteer efforts and financial support of this Ministry!

May God Bless You Abundantly!

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