

Alaska Correctional Ministries

To Set the Captives Free

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Romans 12:2, Colossians 3:5-10

Each of the men and women in our TLC programs, and indeed each of us prior to surrendering our lives and wills to Christ our Savior, lived lives conformed to this world.

It is easy to fall into the trap of justifying ourselves by comparison to others ... I'm not as bad as "that person" so I must be OK. But that isn't true.

To God, sin ... any sin ... is sin. God does not grade on a curve. The penalty for sin is death; regardless of the nature or severity of the sin. **All sin is an egregious affront to God;** from Adam and Eve eating fruit from the forbidden tree, to the most horrendous thing human kind has dreamt up to do to one another.

As we grow in our relationship with God, we find guidance throughout the Bible on what is acceptable and not acceptable in His eyes.

As we review Colossians 3 we find His admonishment to **5"Put to death therefore what is earthly in you**



...” (followed by a specific list of sins) ...
**8" But now you must put them all away; ...
9" ... seeing that you have put off the old self with its practices 10and have put on the new self, which is being renewed in knowledge after the image of its creator.”**

When we believe in the saving grace of Christ's death, taking the penalty for our sin onto Himself, and conquering the grave in His resurrection we find God's forgiveness and begin the transformation process of becoming all that God has designed for each of us, individually.

The Chaplains and their volunteers at all the correctional institutions across the state are honored and humbled to participate in God's transformation of the men and women they encounter within the razor wire.

TLC Graduation:

The Transformational Living Community (TLC) Program at Anchorage Correctional Complex (ACC) is excited to announce the upcoming graduation of 5 men from the program.

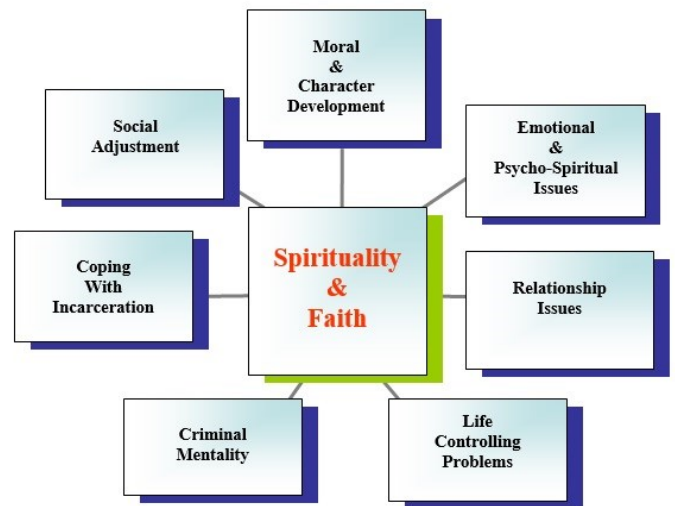
We ask for your prayers for these men as they move forward in serving the Lord:

Each of these men have worked very hard in the program and have been transformed by the great hand and power of our Lord and Savior!

- ⇒ Mr. G has been in the Alaska DOC system for many years, and prior to joining the TLC program two years ago, was known as one of the most incorrigible men throughout the state correctional system.
- ⇒ Mr. K's life as a drug dealer and gun runner landed him in jail, where, in the TLC program, his life was forever changed.
- ⇒ Through Mr. M's illegal activities and association with the Sinola Cartel, he found himself in jail thousands of miles from home and has learned the depths of God's love for him.
- ⇒ Mr. J's arrest for felonious assault brought him to the ACC and the TLC program.
- ⇒ Mr. C's life as a drug addict caught up with him and through the TLC program has learned a different life style in Jesus Christ.

You may wonder what is so significant about graduating from the TLC program. If you've been to college and earned a degree in higher education, you will have an idea of how much work they've completed.

- ◇ **For the 18 months (more or less) that an individual spends in the TLC program, they will have attended 4—6 classes every day, 5 days a week.** Similar to college classes, for each hour in the classroom, they will spend an additional 2—3 hours on reading assignments, papers, projects and homework.



- ◇ During the Primary Stage, **the main objective of inner transformation is vigorously pursued through classes, counseling, and peer groups, and through the activities and dynamics of community life.**
- ◇ In Phase I of Stage II The goal is to **become adjusted to the daily schedule and regimen of our community through full participation in all community activities and to prepare for long-term change in the program.**
- ◇ The goal of Phase II is to **become a committed and contributing member of this community; experiencing an increasing sense of belonging and identification with the TLC values and to become a role model, as you begin to demonstrate greater degrees of transformation in your attitude, behaviors and choices.**

- ◇ In Phase III community **members move from surface compliance to a deeper level of internalization, and authenticity, resulting in greater levels of growth, maturity and transformation.**
- ◇ **Upward movement to successive phases is determined by progress made by residents toward the accomplishment of their change goals.** Emphasis is placed on the internal transformation (being and becoming), which brings forth the new external behaviors consistent with right living. As the authentic internal changes are realized, they should be manifested in new right living behavior. Each phase advancement will bring greater privileges, community status, and responsibility.

A certification of Graduation is not guaranteed. Qualifications for graduation consist of the following:

- ◇ Resident has experienced the degree of change, growth, and maturity that would be anticipated at the completion of 12-18 months of TLC residency. **The resident will have achieved significant consistency in their spiritual walk, become a healthy role model, experienced inner healing, and demonstrated new patterns of healthy behavior and thinking, personal responsibility and accountability, attainment of their personal change goals, and commitment to their Relapse Prevention Plan (RPP) and pre-release plans.**
- ◇ **Resident satisfactorily completes a graduate assessment** and turns it in to chaplains with copy of their RPP.
- ◇ **Completion of all assigned core classes.**

- ◇ **Completion of GED as applicable.**
- ◇ **Completion of program residency time requirements.**



2024 Annual Fundraiser:

Planning has begun for the 2024 Annual Fundraiser, and the date has been set for **Saturday, September 28, 2024.**

We will be at Mountain City Church again this year, this time in the large gymnasium.

We were excited with the turn-out for last year's event and look forward to an even bigger turn-out this year!

For those of you who mentioned to Chaplain Rudy that you would be interested in volunteering to help with this year's fundraiser, please reach out to our Office Manager, Karen Wilbanks, at 907-339-0432 or via email at Info@ACM180.com.

There is much to be done both before and during the event. As she gathers your names and contact information she will begin creating teams and assigning volunteers to them.

Thank you!

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:

Your support of this ministry allows us to witness and participate in God's miraculous transformations. We are so proud of the efforts of those to whom we minister to learn and apply that learning to their lives so that whether they remain inside to complete their sentences or when they are ultimately released, they are ambassadors for God and contribute to the growth of God's Kingdom in the communities in which they inhabit.

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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