

## **Be Bold:**

Recently our pastor, Stan Grant, spoke about how the boldness of our prayers indicate where we are in our spiritual walk. We see Peter and the others with him in the 4<sup>th</sup> chapter of the book of Acts, filled with the Holy Spirit. In spite of being threatened by the authorities at the time, they prayed to be able to speak the truths of God's word with great boldness – and that is what they did. Many came to believe in the Lord. This is exactly what we need today!



## **Recent News:**

- In spite of recent restrictions from the administration both on me and the inmates at Deep Meadow, God continues to work in His miraculous ways. God uses the stumbling blocks in His way to accomplish even greater purposes. The inmates at the prison are having to dig deeper on their own since they do not have the freedoms they had previously to worship or study God's word as before.
- We recently had a wonderful reunion of graduates from our Faith-Based Reentry (FBRE) program who had been released and are doing well on the outside. River of Life Community Church, pastored by Peyton Harris, was gracious enough to host the event for us. The turnout was great and many shared inspirational stories of what the Lord is doing in their lives.
- I am very concerned not only for those who are incarcerated, but also for those who are returned to society with little or no help. The mentors and volunteers from our FBRE program, along with the volunteers from KAIROS and Prison Fellowship are anxious to assist in aiding those who have recently been released, however, we need funding in order to be able to do this desperately needed ministry. Please pray for me as I seek the Lord's way and timing in this endeavor.
- As believers, we are a challenge to Satan's schemes. We carry something precious from the Lord to those in great need. At just the right time, in just the right way, God does the miraculous in transforming the lives of those who come to Him. The powers of hell will not be able to stand against God's kingdom.

## **Sean's story** (given with his permission):

Sean was a recent graduate of our Faith-Based Reentry program at Deep Meadow and upon his release his "home plan" involved going to a place in Maryland. He was released on a Saturday. VADOC dropped him off in downtown DC that afternoon with no assistance to get to Maryland where he was supposed to check in with the parole office within a couple of days. Lost and desperate with only a few dollars in his pocket, he called me for help. I called some of the churches in the area but they were all closed. Fortunately, I remembered that Mark Batterson's National Community Church in DC had a Coffee House downtown and that they might be open. Sure enough, I called them and they were glad to help Sean. He was only a few blocks away from there so I called him back and directed him to the coffee house for help. The believers there put him up, gave him food, and assisted him to Maryland the following Monday. Upon checking in with the parole office Sean was told that the paperwork had not been properly filed by the authorities so they put him in the local jail, where he sat for the next three months until he was brought before a judge. The judge realized that he had already served all his time so they put him back on the street. Sean went back to the folks who had helped him before in DC, retrieved what little belongings he had and was finally able to call me again and tell me his story. He was looking for a job, a place to stay, and some folks who cared. Fortunately, God directed him some caring brothers and sisters in the church in downtown DC.

Sean's story graphically illustrates why we need faith-based re-entry ministry to provide support and guidance to returning citizens when they re-join society. Will you join with us in reaching this ever growing population of lost men and women?

May God bless you, David L. Cheyne

## **Assisting those who are being released**

We hope to be able to assist many more "returning citizens" who are re-entering society. They really need help as they begin a new life on the outside.

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