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Christian Jail Ministry (CJM) Is Grateful To The Churches and Individuals Who Sow Into This Ministry

Chaplain Washington is so grateful for the churches and the individuals who have been steadfast in supporting this ministry. CJM would not be able to carry out this mission without their help. Not only their financial help but also their prayers. Very seldom will a week pass where Chaplain Washington won't get a text or a phone call from a returning citizen telling him the changes God has made in their lives through CJM. For an example here is a text the Chaplain received from George Defibaugh a former inmate at the Howard County Detention Center (HCDC) six years ago. "Hello Mr. Washington, how are you? I'm doing good. I just wanted to let you know that I'm truly doing better than I have in my life and I credit it all to God. He blesses me every day. I'm still in church and you were right, He will put good people in our lives if we ask and will only believe. Take care of yourself and I love you my spiritual brother and friend." Texts like these come from individuals who have spent time at HCDC and you, who have made donations to CJM play a major part in the changes God has made and is making in their lives and Chaplain Washington wanted to acknowledge you.

In March of this year Chaplain Washington received a phone call from Kim Hall, a concerned mother whose son was at one time incarcerated and was looking for a way to help families of loved ones who were incarcerated. She knew all the things she had to go through, and she wanted to take what she learned and pass it on to others who were in similar predicaments. Ms. Hall attends St. Mark United Methodist Church in Hanover, MD and they formed St. Mark Prison Support Ministry and wanted to know how they could help CJM. They wanted to focus their attention on inmates who were returning home but was also opened to help anywhere they could. Chaplain Washington was introducing the inmates to a program called "Life's Healing Choices" which is a segment of Celebrate Recovery (a Twelve Step Recovery programs that deals with a person's hurts, habits, and hang-ups) and needed books to provide for the inmates and St. Mark's Prison Support Ministry volunteered to provide the books. Chaplain Washington was invited to a Meet and Greet at the Cantina Mama Lucia where he was able to meet their team and thank them for their support. Chaplain Washington also plans to connect their team with HCDC's Re Entry program to see if they can aid in helping those who are coming back into the community. They are pictured above, left to right: Joyce Sanders, Mary Dailey, Chaplain, Jim Thomas, and Kim Hall.



What's Happening at The Jail

Great news!!! The administration is allowing Chaplain Washington to bring in volunteers with him to give testimonies, preach and observe. Attendance at the service is very small because of the pandemic, only one unit is allowed in the chapel at a time and because of that the average attendance is five. The services are held Sunday through Thursday in the morning, one at 9:45 a.m. and another at 12:45. Presently the administration is not allowing evening services. Chaplain Washington would like to thank Pat Barber who attends Bridgeway Community Church for coming to preach to the ladies, she preached out of the Book of Esther. She wanted the ladies to know the impact women has had in the history of the Bible. Prior to the pandemic Pat has been volunteering at the jail for over 6 years. She is pictured on the right. Gerald Lamkin came and gave his testimony. Gerald was an inmate at HCDC four years ago. He spent most of his childhood in and out of foster care and his adult life in and out of jail. In 2016, God intervened through the programs and



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the services and changed his heart. He connected with Chaplain Washington when he left the jail, struggled somewhat, but stayed the course. Chaplain Washington connected him with The Church at Covenant Park with Pastor Dan Crow, he has been gainfully employed, he was able to get custody of his son and has been on fire for the Lord ever

since. His kind of testimony is much needed at the jail and allows those sitting in the seats to know that with Christ all things are possible. Gerald is pictured on the left giving his testimony. Mike Durlwanger, a friend of Chaplain Washington came and gave another powerful testimony and offered opportunities for employment training upon their release.



Mike is pictured on the right. If you have been through the CJM training and you have resubmitted your HCDC application and are interested in coming in during those hours send Chaplain Washington an email at majellaw@verizon.net.

CJM Could Use Your Financial Support

Because of COVID-19, donations have dropped off. Chaplain Washington would like to thank those who have responded to CJM's financial need. If God is leading you to give to a mission, CJM is an effective organization impacting the lives of the men and women who are incarcerated at the Howard County Detention Center (HCDC). If your church is looking for a mission to sponsor and you need Chaplain Washington to speak to your congregation virtually, send him an email at majellaw@verizon.net. Chaplain Washington would love to do that. If you would like to donate you can visit our website at www.christianjailministry.org and donate there or if you would like to send in a donation the address is CJM, P.O Box 6037, Columbia, MD 21045-6037.

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