Kalamazoo Welcomes New Chaplain Ministry Team

We are elated to welcome Rev. Joshua Amaezeci as our new FMM lead chaplain at the Kalamazoo County Jail, following the retirement of Dick Larson at the end of June. Chaplain Joshua and his wife, Kate, are excited to join the dedicated volunteers at the Kalamazoo mission. Joshua will be serving as the lead chaplain, and Kate will serve in the role of ministry assistant.

Chaplain Joshua and Kate have felt the Lord’s faithfulness in their lives throughout the years. Joshua, originally from Nigeria, has lived in the United States for about 18 years. He and his wife met in New Jersey and were married in 2005. Soon after they came to Michigan, Kate’s home state, so that Joshua could attend Calvin Theological Seminary. He received his Master of Divinity in 2011 and served as Pastor at Calvary Community Church in Plainwell for close to four years. Chaplain Joshua and Kate have four children—three boys and one girl: John (8), Chib (7), Isaac (6) and Chidera (2).

We thank God for all the blessings bestowed on the Kalamazoo County mission, especially for the answered prayer of a new chaplain. We look forward to having Chaplain Joshua and Kate lead our mission at the jail, bringing the strength and inspiration of our Lord to the inmates of Kalamazoo County Jail and helping them to live their lives through Christ.

Urgent Need for Clothing Donations

As residents of the jail are released, our Chaplain’s office receives many requests for clothes. Many people may have entered the jail in the summer and are now leaving when it’s cold, so weather-appropriate clothing is especially in demand. Our clothes closet supply has already been depleted and we are in serious need of donations to fill it back up! If you have the following, used or new, we can put it to good use:

- coats
- mittens, gloves, hats
- new bras and undergarments (this is an ongoing need and the women are always very thankful when we can supply these!)
- Hoodies
- Sweatpants
- Shirts, especially long-sleeved

Celebrate With Us at FMM 50-Year Anniversary Banquet

This year’s banquet, coming up in spring 2016, is gearing up to be something special as Forgotten Man Ministries celebrates 50 years of dedicated jail ministry in Michigan.

Look for more details coming soon!
Christmas in the Jail

Christmas is right around the corner! It’s the time of year when we reflect on the meaning of Immanuel, “God is with Us.” The love of Jesus invites us to bring the joy and hope of Christmas to others, especially those in the jail who are away from family and loved ones. At the Kalamazoo County Jail, we achieve this through an event called Christmas in the Jail. This is a night that the residents of the jail look forward to with great anticipation as they receive gift bags put together by a team of volunteers which are filled with goodies and a Christmas devotional.

We need your help to make this important event happen! Please step forward and help to collect gift bag items at your church for Christmas in the Jail. They should be dropped off no later than December 16 to ensure that the bags are assembled for the December 21 event.

We gratefully accept donations of the following: personal bags of chips, coffee/tea/ hot cocoa packets, Christmas cards & stamps, lunch size nut packs, granola bars, pop-tarts, and candy (think Halloween clearance!), coloring books (used is fine), colored pencils, and notebook paper.

Testimonial:
“My Eyes are Focused on Jesus”

When inmates have no one to show them a different way in life and guide them to a new path with Jesus, they often find themselves repeating a cycle in and out of jail. Your caring support makes a difference to inmates in Kalamazoo County Jail like Tyler:

"I just want to thank you so much for providing me with these Bible studies. I am 21 years old and have always known the basics of the Bible but never took it too seriously. During the past 4 1/2 months I've learned more and read the Bible more than I have in all my 21 years. My prayer life has become more important and my eyes are focused on Jesus. I couldn't have done this without you guys.”

From the Chaplain’s Desk

“The Spirit of the Sovereign Lord is on me, because the Lord has anointed me to proclaim good news to the poor. He has sent me to bind up the brokenhearted, to proclaim freedom for the captives and release from darkness for the prisoners.”

(Isaiah 61:1)

Thank you for your ongoing prayers and financial support!

Please consider supporting the Kalamazoo County ministry today by sending your financial gift in the envelope provided. Your contribution makes a world of difference.

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