



Cornerstone Prison Church Newsletter

As you come to him, the living Stone - rejected by humans but chosen by God and precious to him - you also, like living stones, are being built into a spiritual house to be a holy priesthood, offering spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ. For in Scripture it says:

"See, I lay a stone in Zion,
a chosen and precious **cornerstone**,
and the one who trusts in him
will never be put to shame."

1 Peter 2:4-6

July, 2018

EXPANDING THE KINGDOM FROM THE INSIDE-OUT

Faith Fellowship Weekend—A Recap

On July 14-15, we were blessed to have another great Faith Fellowship Weekend. The theme for the weekend was "Discipleship" The Outreach Team, consisting of inmates and Pastor Doug chose Act 8:26-40 as the basis for the weekend.

Faith Fellowship Weekends are intended to be a time of retreat for the guys inside. Throughout this retreat, we have speakers who share on various topics, all tied to the main theme. After each speaker we break out into small groups for discussion. At this weekend, we had five talks, four of them were given by inmates and one was given by one of our frequent outside visitors.

One of the talks was on Love for Jesus, this is the poem that the inmate wrote and incorporated into his speech.

"A Smile"

It goes a long way towards showing kindness. . . yet to some pure blindness.

It shows respect towards your fellow man. . . even in a place some view as a trash can.

It's worth a million dollars with no real effort spent. . . yet it doesn't even cost you a single red cent.

42 muscles is all it takes. . . to show this act of beauty He will not forsake.

This simple act can do so much. . . without a word or even a touch.

It can brighten a day or lift a spirit. . . even though you can't even hear it.

This act is a smile which comes from ones heart. . . so lets try it and see what kind of love you can start.

TN (July 2018)

Upcoming Visitors:

- Aug 3 - open
- Aug 10 - open
- Aug 17 - 1st Ref., Edgerton
- Aug 24 - Concert - Milo & Nancy VD
- Aug 31 - open
- Sept 7 - Hope CRC, Hull
- Sept 14 - open
- Sept 21 - Dordt College
- Sept 28 - 1st CRC, Hull
- Oct 5 - open
- Oct 12 - Faith CRC, Sioux Center
- Oct 19 - Immanuel CRC, Orange City
- Oct 26 - Dordt College

If you would like to schedule a visit, email Jean at office@cornerstonepcsd.org.

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AVP is not affiliated with Cornerstone, but we see value in their work, encourage men to attend and offer this opportunity to you.

Want to get more involved with prison ministry..

The Alternatives to Violence Project (AVP) is a multi-cultural, non-denominational, all-volunteer organization, dedicated to reducing interpersonal violence in our society. We do this through monthly weekend workshops and monthly refresher meetings.

The AVP philosophy is simple, but effective:

People DO NOT have to live their lives violently!

AVP works through monthly weekend-long training workshops, monthly afternoon refresher meetings, and on-going community support. We help inmates learn and grow through a whole series of exercises from communication skills to role-playing, from community building to meditation, all of them specifically designed to teach how to practice non-violence. We don't lecture. The inmates do the work themselves. And we also throw in a lot of fun! I urge you to talk to some of our AVP participants and ask them how AVP has changed their lives for the better – I know they would be happy to share their stories with you!

If you are interested in learning more, please contact us:

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For more information, please check out the websites:

National: <http://avpusa.org/>

AVP-SD: <https://www.facebook.com/AVPsouthdakota/?fref=ts>

We hope to hear from you!

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