

County-Wide Chaplaincy

Thanks you!

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STORY: Al Walter

In last month's letter, I talked a bit about "story" and the importance of sharing our individual "story." The hope is, that in the next few months, we will hear from each of our chaplains and learn more about them and their call to this valuable ministry. This month we will learn a bit more about Chaplain Al and his heart for the Lord.

Jan Richards

From Al:

In 2011, I retired from the Department of Corrections, having worked for 30 years at Washington State Penitentiary as a Correctional Officer, Classification Counselor, and Unit Manager. When my wife and I moved from Walla Walla to Vancouver in order to be closer to our children and grandchildren, I asked the Lord to put me in full time ministry. He answered by placing me in three ministries: Bible teaching, The Gideons International, and County-Wide Chaplaincy.

When I first learned about the chaplain ministry from Sam LaPore, my wife and I both agreed that I was not well suited to be a chaplain; I did not have the right spiritual gifts. Sam persisted in asking me to do a trial run by going on a few calls with another chaplain. I did so, and God led me to join. I think the Lord wanted me to join because I would have to depend on Him 100%. Even after 14 years of doing this, I still fervently pray to God for help each time I respond to a call. He has been extremely faithful in answering those prayers by guiding my words and actions, and on many occasions sending another chaplain with me who is especially gifted for this service.

My prayer is that this ministry of mercy to hurting people in the Name of Jesus will lead to God's glory.

"Let your light shine before people in such a way that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father who is in heaven." (Matthew 5:16)

Chaplain Al Walter

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