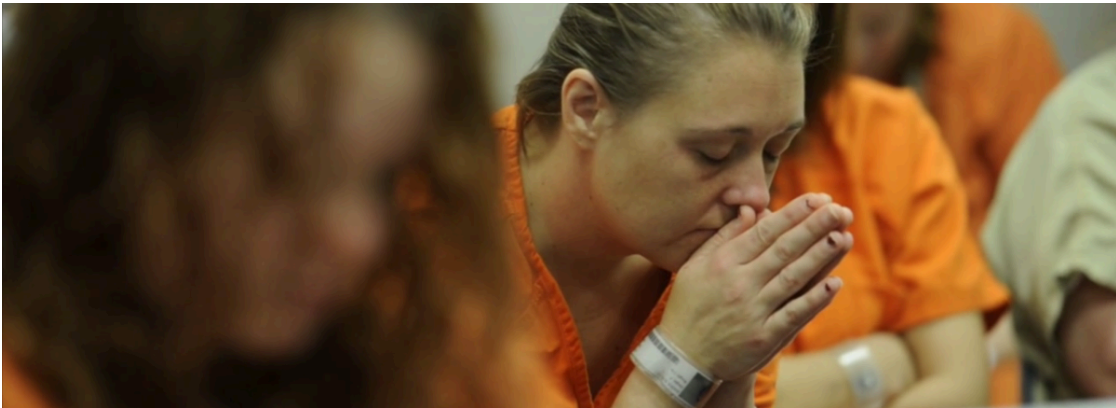


Dear Pastor Meechan,

I think about all the gospel encounters you help make possible—moments when a chaplain is there at just the right time to listen, pray, and share the hope of Jesus. We don't always know what happens next, but we know God is at work. And I'm so thankful you're helping make those moments possible.

Here's one of those stories. - *Gary*



"I think I love Jesus! I just love Him so much!"

When "Beth" first came into Chaplain Julie's jail office, she made it clear she was a "Christian" ... and a Buddhist and a Muslim, believing in it all. She was even dabbling in occult activity and happily offering tarot card readings to the inmates in her pod.

But as Chaplain Julie continued meeting with her, **Beth began asking questions about faith, attending Bible studies, and reading Scripture on her own.**

Then one ordinary Tuesday morning, Beth burst into Julie's office with a huge smile. She said, *"I think I love Jesus! I just love Him so much!"*

After announcing her love for Jesus, she sat down and asked, *"How could a person ever be that pure? I want to be that pure. How could He ever accept me?"*

As tears began to flow, they talked about the hope and freedom she could have. This time, she understood and prayed to accept Jesus!

Before Beth left the office, she announced she was headed back to her pod to tear up her tarot cards and flush them down the toilet.

This young woman is now on fire for Jesus! She spends time in God's Word every day. Other inmates say she's stopped fighting and has become an encourager. When conflict arises, she goes to her cell to read her Bible. She shares Jesus with other inmates and invites them to Christian services.

And thanks to your generous support, Beth is working on our Renew Bible correspondence course.

As Beth reflects on her life after prison, she talks about attending Bible college. She hopes to be the kind of mom her daughter needs. She knows the challenges that led to her incarceration will not magically disappear when she leaves.

Please lift her up in your prayers as she serves the rest of her sentence.

Thank you for your prayers, encouragement, and support, which make it possible to share Jesus with men and women behind bars who desperately need to hear the Good News!

"The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it."

~ John 1:5



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