



October 1, 2018

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Well, summer is over and I think we are headed straight into winter. It was actually snowing this morning as I drove my bus route. Yes, I turned on my furnace over the weekend. Love it!

This Friday we begin programing with the students at Red River Alternative Learning Center and we have some exciting things happening. We have a new church partner in Fargo who has offered space to host programing and are more flexible on scheduling. It is also such a joy to know how much support we have from the staff and administration at the school. This year we actually get the kids over their lunch period and they will be bringing their bag lunch with them. We feel this is great for two reasons. One, we get them for a longer period of time, and two, is that we get a chance to feed them. We would love to see some volunteers or small groups get involved and bring in a hot meal on a Friday. I believe, if we started feeding them a hot meal on Fridays, we would get every kid in the school to come. To introduce the year ahead, Danielle and I went to the school on Thursday during lunch to say hi and bring ice cream treats. They were all excited to see us. We were greeted with a big hugs, handshakes, fist bumps, and questions about when we were going to start "going to church" again. Please be praying for Danielle and I as we plan for the year ahead and for the hearts and souls of the teens God will bring into our lives this year.



Going into the West Central Regional Juvenile Center in Moorhead to share Christ with kids has truly been an honor and a privilege. These last few months, we have had some amazing discussion with kids in chapel. We have had great attendance, especially on third floor (the secure detention floor). As we share Christ with them it is amazing to see the change in the attitudes and the

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openness they have about sharing their life stories with us. One of my highlights from chapel has been to experience how the confidently kids have started singing our closing hymn, Victory in Jesus. It is truly a joy to hear them sing this song so boldly. Another highlight is from a couple of weeks ago when we talked about heroes in at our chapel service. We had a young man go back to his cell and give his life to Christ! When I visited with him the following Wednesday you could visually see the change on his face and the joy that flowed from him. It

was AWESOME! Many other kids have requested bibles and are reading them often. Some bring their bibles with them to follow along during chapel, or to read together when I meet with them on Wednesdays. The last two Wednesdays I have been reading the story of Sampson with another young man. I try to share scripture and pray with every kid that visits with me. Some kids just come to ask for prayer, like the young man who started smoking meth with his Dad at age 8. It truly is

a privilege to get to know these kids and hear their stories. I believe I may have shared this with you before, but there is no greater joy than knowing that I was created for this very moment. I love being in there with the kids and sharing Christ with them.

Last week Danielle and I meet with the staff at west central and they shared with us some of the new opportunities that are coming with their remodel. They will be implementing some exciting new programming with the expanded facility. This is going to present some amazing opportunities for us to partner with them in these new programs. Along with construction, there have also been some changes in staff at West Central. We are excited about the new leadership and have a great relationship with a majority of the staff. It is incredibly exciting to see God open up doors for us to love these kids. Please be praying with us that God would bring workers for the harvest.

Patty and I are officially licensed for foster care! Now we are just waiting for the transition process to take place. Please be praying for the young man who will be moving into our home and our lives. Pray that God would bring peace to his soul, and that Patty and I would love him like one of our own children.

It was great having the opportunity to see our brothers and sisters in Wisconsin over Labor Day. We love all of you and miss you very much. I also want to thank the Church, for loving us as you do. We are the Hands and Feet of Christ. AMEN!

To God be the Glory,



Mike & Patty King

