



# Compassion

2021 - Second Quarter

## Ministry Behind the Walls

When we began making plans to update our website, we decided that this would be a good time to revisit the design of our logo and incorporate this into the project as well. After looking at several logo possibilities, we decided on a design that reflects the heart of our ministry, by including imagery found throughout Scripture – the imagery of *light*.

Among the many word pictures that God uses to teach us about sin and grace is the concept of *light* and darkness. “Look,” Isaiah writes, “darkness covers the earth and deep darkness covers the peoples.” With this same imagery, Isaiah foretells the Savior’s arrival: “The people walking in darkness have seen a great *light*. For those living in the land of the shadow of death, the *light* has dawned.” Centuries later, Jesus uses this same word picture to announce His mission to save mankind: “I have come into the world as a *light*, so that everyone who believes in me would not remain in darkness,” and “I am the *Light* of the World. Whoever follows me will never walk in darkness but will have the *light* of life.”

By incorporating God’s imagery of *light* shining down from the cross in our logo, we have created a visible reminder of what Institutional Ministries is all about: *shining the light of Jesus’ love* – the *Light* that gives eternal life. The four walls surrounding the *light* remind us of the people

we serve: the walled-in souls of our communities. Often these are forgotten and overlooked souls living behind physical walls. Others are behind walls that cannot be seen. Yet every one of these souls is someone for whom Christ has died. Our great privilege is to let the “*Light* of the world” shine behind these walls so that they will “never walk in darkness but always have the *light* of life.” Finally, just as our logo has four sides, our behind-the-walls ministry is divided into four areas:

**Correctional Care** – Ministering to souls in jails and prisons.

**Extended Care** – Ministering to souls in nursing homes, rehab centers and hospice facilities.

**Health Care** – Ministering to souls in hospitals and mental health facilities.

**Caring Support** – Ministering to souls behind unseen walls such as addiction, depression, PTSD, and moral injury.

As we begin using this new logo, you may see it accompanied by the tagline: *Shining the light of Jesus’ love on the walled-in souls of our communities!* This



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**Thanks to you, we now have 565 followers on Facebook. Are you on Facebook? Follow and Like us on Facebook and help us promote this ministry!**

simple phrase expresses the symbolism behind our logo while also highlighting the very heart of our ministry.

May the LORD continue to bless our efforts to let the “*Light* of the world” shine behind the walls.



by Chaplain  
Joseph Radsek

# Opening Doors

Despite all the turmoil caused by the pandemic, 2020 was actually an incredible year for Institutional Ministries. While COVID closed the doors to in-person contact with inmates, God used this illness to open new doors for us.

Amid the COVID panic, inmates began turning, not to scientific experts, but to God's Word for comfort, by requesting email devotions from our ministry. We began supplying devotions six days a week and soon found ourselves so flooded with requests that we *daughtered* a congregation of inmates in no time at all. As of today, our devotion list has grown to over 225 grateful recipients, extremely thankful for our ministry.

One thankful inmate wrote:

*Dear Pastor Henselin,*

*Thank you for your letter inviting me to begin receiving Christian Devotions from Institutional Ministries.*

*Yes, I cannot tell you what a wonderful blessing it has been to have your Chaplains shepherding the Institutions I have lived in for more than 30 years now. It has been one of the great honors of my life to learn about God's word through this string of wonderfully gifted and inspired teachers. I will forever be grateful for the certitude their combined teaching has given me regarding my eternal Salvation through our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.*

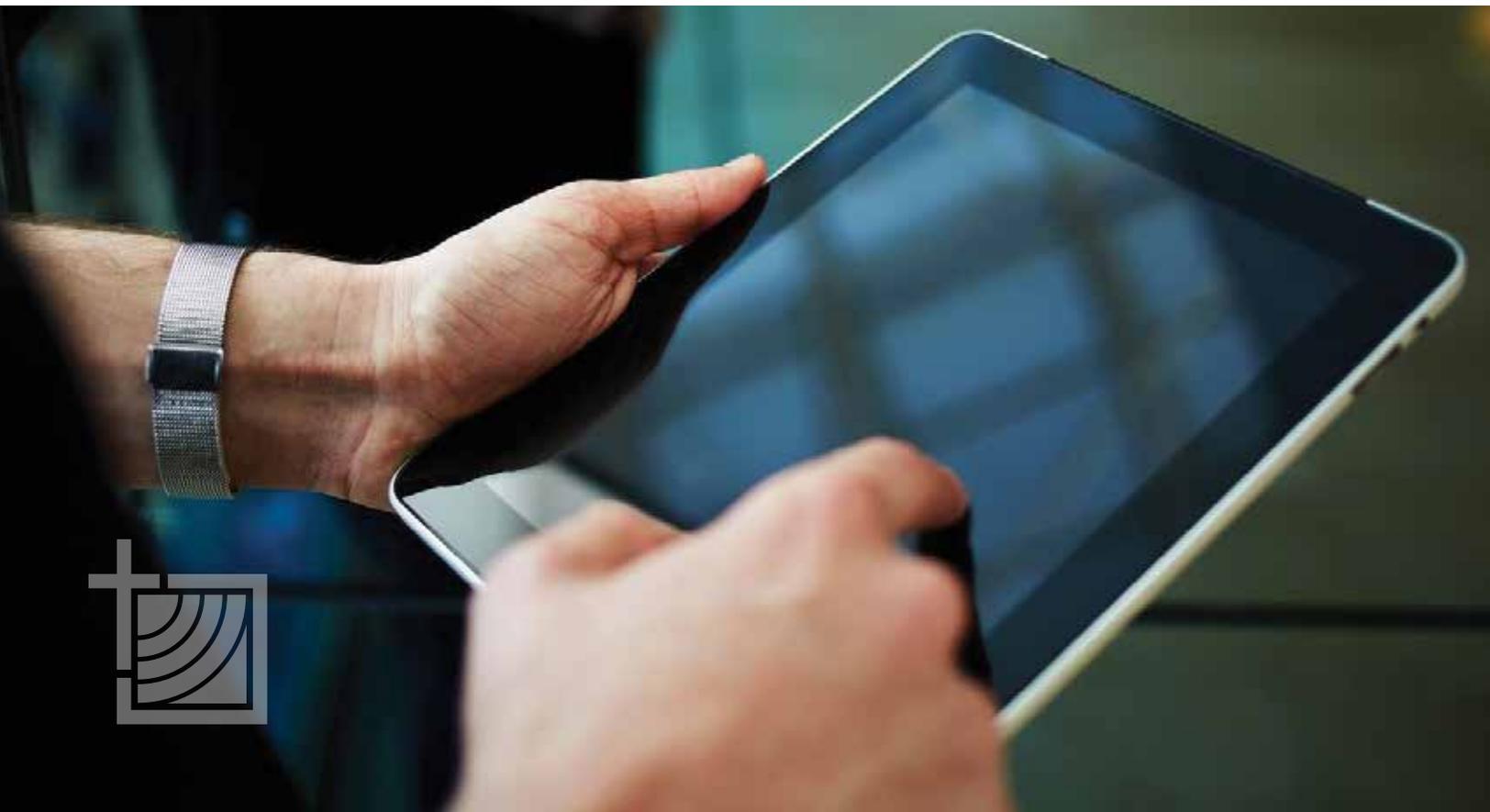
*Sincerely,  
(Inmate name withheld)*

Our prayer is that the COVID shut-downs will end soon and we will be able to resume our face-to-face ministry with inmates. But in the meantime, God has opened a door for ministry, which I expect to remain open, even when the prison doors finally reopen. To say it another way, I see God is doubling our outreach through COVID!



*by Pastor Philip Henselin  
Executive Director*

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# Just Forget About It

The older lady looked tired. Admittedly, she had experienced several painful events in her life – a “series of downfalls” as she put it. “I just want to forget about all of this and move forward,” she said. I understood where she was coming from. How many times haven’t I just wanted to act like something never happened and just move on. While many have tried to erase a painful event with the use of drugs or alcohol, it doesn’t work. You just can’t wipe away a memory stored in your brain just because it’s painful.

As it turned out, this mother and grandmother of six had been recently arrested for her third DUI. She wanted it to be her last. From what she said, it was clear that her children were getting tired of her behavior. I told her that while we cannot erase our past, God can help us face it head on, by admitting our failures and seeking his help to heal and move forward.

God isn’t one to encourage forgetting. As a matter of fact, from a brief study I did on the words “forget” and “remember,” I discovered that the word “remember” is in the Bible four times more than the word “forget.” What’s more, when the word “forget” is used, it is most often preceded by the words “do not.” God wants us to remember, and He especially wants us to remember how He has atoned for our sin through the death of His Son.

With God’s love and wisdom, let us not forget (1) how He has taken care of us every day of our lives; (2) how He has given everything for us to be with Him someday in Heaven; (3)

how our good God sees and knows all that has happened and knows how to take care of it; and (4) how we are written on the palms of His hands and will never forget us.

In time, as we work through the things we’ve been running from, they will become less scary. We won’t feel the need to hide from them. With God’s help, we may even see His amazing plan for us. While we may feel at

times that He has forgotten us, God has promised that He will never leave us or forsake us regardless of our history of “downfalls” and hurts.

We may then find that we have more energy to remember who we are as God’s creation. We will cherish who we are in Jesus and that God remembers our sin no more. With a focus of faith and moving forward, we will look ahead to even more awesome adventures with Jesus by our side.

*“...while we cannot erase our past, God can help us face it head on,...”*



by Chaplain  
Sarah Guenther





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on the walled-in souls of our communities!

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## OUR MISSION

*“To provide  
direction, comfort,  
and hope by shining  
the light of Jesus’  
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communities!”*



## Special Gifts & Memorials 01/19/2021 to 04/15/2021

### IN HONOR OF

#### Don Gebert's 93rd Birthday

Mrs. Marjorie Gebert

#### Gail O'Keefe

Mary Johanknecht

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Mrs. Gail Okeefe

#### Mark Fairfield and Thankful for

#### Hearing Pastor Rafael

Ms. Nancy Hensley

#### Pastor & Mrs. Philip Henselin

#### & Family

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Krist Maedke

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#### Tyler Wenzel

Ms. Constance Wenzel

#### Wayne Krueger

Ms. Kristin Krueger

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#### All of Our Blessings

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#### 97 Birthdays

Mrs. Dolores Lindner

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Mr. & Mrs. Garry Sydow

#### 67 Years of Marriage

Rev. & Mrs. Harvey Witte

#### Our Savior

Mr. & Mrs. James Boisen

#### God's Blessings

Mr. & Mrs. James Boisen

#### God's Continuing Blessings

Mrs. Joyce Thompson

#### The Work IM does for the

#### Gospel

Mr. & Mrs. David Wege

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Ms. Ruth Lampe

#### God's Blessings

Mrs. Shirley Hilden

#### God's Undeserved Love

Mr. Steven Nelson

#### My Grandchildren

Ms. Sue Miller

#### Kettle Moraine Lutheran

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#### School

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