

## Prayers & praise

by Rose Admiraal

*“Always be joyful. Never stop praying.”  
(1 Thes. 5:16-17, NLT)*

- Pray for the men as they are separated from their families and loved ones.
- Pray for our Christian brothers who are looking at parole or release soon, that they will keep their faith strong during this time of transition.
- Pray for volunteers Larry, Todd, and Jim, who have had loved ones pass away recently.
- Pray for peace at Newton, as there has been some unrest and fighting going on.
- Pray for men in prison who struggle with anxiety, anger, and depression.
- Praise God for the beginning of an inside council called Equipped to Serve Team!
- Praise God for all who support New Life Prison Community with their prayers, time, and financial support!
- We praise God for a safe bike ride for Pastor Rick, Corrine, and Bill on RAGBRAI.
- We praise God for a restful vacation for the Admiraals as they traveled to New York for the 50th anniversary of Rick’s parents.

Would you like to pray for New Life’s weekly needs as a prayer warrior? Send an email to [rose@newlife-prison.org](mailto:rose@newlife-prison.org)

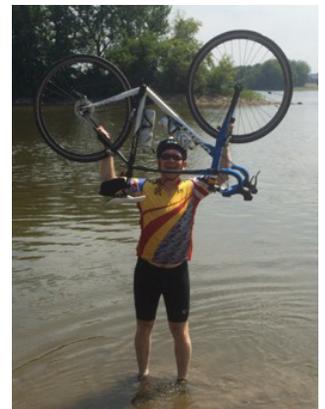
## Pedaling for New Life by Pastor Rick

For the fifth straight year, three bicycle riders supported New Life by riding Pedal for Prisoners during RAGBRAI (Register’s Annual Great Bike Ride Across Iowa). Corrine Verschuure, Bill Schinkel, and Pastor Rick rode their bikes once again. It was tremendously successful. However, we are still approximately \$1,000 short of our goal. Will you help us to reach our fundraising finish line? It’s definitely not too late to give!

This year’s RAGBRAI was one of the best. The course was enjoyable and the weather was pleasant. Every year we ride a different route. This year we began in Sioux City and headed east to Davenport. The route covered 462 miles of Iowa’s roads. Along the way we stopped to sample delicious pie in church basements and under shade trees. In Hiawatha, the three of us paused to pose for a group photo. Strong tailwinds on the final day helped us sail swiftly to the finish line. Rick was so excited to see the Mississippi River that he plunged into the muddy water and hoisted his bicycle overhead. In his haste to celebrate he forgot to close his water bottles, receiving a bath of sticky Gatorade.

Corrine expressed these thoughts: “RAGBRAI 2015 was a great week. We couldn’t have asked for much better weather and the camaraderie of the group Pastor Rick and I were a part of was good as well. I am happy to work with Rick on the Pedal for Prisoners fundraiser in support of his work at the Newton prison. It is my small way to offer support for the New Life Prison Community. Thank you to all who donated to this great cause! It is amazing to see how God is working in the lives of many of the men there.”

We know that all our efforts make a big difference. Every dollar raised goes to support the work at the prison! Are you motivated to participate in our efforts? Send an email to [PastorRick@NewLife-Prison.org](mailto:PastorRick@NewLife-Prison.org) or text me at 641-204-1954.



Top: Rick, Bill, and Corrine rode in Pedal for Prisoners. Middle: Rick celebrates at the finish line—the big river! Bottom: Corrine wonders: What is Rick thinking? “RAGBRAI is awesome!”



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### You can still support Pedal for Prisoners 2015!

Contributions may be sent to: **New Life Prison Community, 408 Maple St., Pella, IA 50219**

I'd like to donate \$ \_\_\_\_\_ to Pedal for Prisoners to support

**New Life Prison Community.**

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

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# Inescapable, Inseparable

## Director of Prison Congregations of America Visits New Life

by Rose Admiraal

In the third week of August, Mary Mortenson, the executive director of Prison Congregations of America (PCA), came to visit us at the Newton Prison. Mary led a writer's workshop during our Tuesday Prayer Group. Her purpose is to organize a Lenten devotional put out by PCA and written by inmates across the country. The theme "Inescapable, Inseparable" was explained and scripture texts were shared. This truth was proclaimed: "God seeks us, finds us, and holds onto us for all eternity through Jesus Christ and the Holy Spirit." Many men wrote short devotionals on this theme and submitted them to Mary. Then on Thursday Mary was able to worship with us at the Newton Prison. She gave encouragement and greetings to the men, as well as the volunteers.

After visiting Newton Prison, Mary shared some of her experiences with me. She was asked by one of the men why the prison congregation was so important. Mary turned the question back to him by asking him what was so special about New Life Prison Community. His answer was almost verbatim what she says to people who are new to the PCA model. He

finds value in the congregation that cares for and holds one another accountable. He recognizes the gift of the group having a pastor who is "theirs." In short, he loves his worshipping community for the same reasons she loves hers. All you have to do is walk into a New Life worship service or Bible study and you know you are in a place where there is love and acceptance with a challenge to "walk the talk."

Overall it was great to have Mary here! She returns to Central Iowa in early October for a prison ministry conference in nearby Ankeny. Find out more and register at [www.rightnextdoor2015.org](http://www.rightnextdoor2015.org).



Mary Mortenson, director of Prison Congregations of America

# Angel Tree for Your Church



**When you partner with Angel Tree, you can have confidence that your gift will be used widely and effectively.**  
-Pastor Rick Warren

Have you ever heard of the Angel Tree Program? Angel Tree is a Prison Fellowship program that connects parents in prison with their children through the delivery of Christmas gifts. In most cases, local church volunteers purchase gifts, then deliver those gifts and the Good News to children in the name of their prisoner-parent. Many churches make an annual commitment to this highly rewarding program, recognizing that it's a way to care for some of the most overlooked members of our communities.

Pastor Rick Warren of the Saddleback Church believes in the program: "When you partner with Angel Tree, you can have confidence that your gift will be used widely and effectively to minister to prisoners and their families. I support their efforts and encourage you to do so as well."

Fathers locked up at the Newton Prison have already signed up for Angel Tree; the deadline for entry forms was September 1. But it's not too late for you and your church.

Angel Tree Christmas begins when a church member registers their church for the program with the support of their pastor or other church leaders. Register online at [www.prisonfellowship.org/programs/angel-tree/register](http://www.prisonfellowship.org/programs/angel-tree/register) or contact coordinator Dee Ervasti at 571-252-6821 or [Dee\\_Ervasti@pfm.org](mailto:Dee_Ervasti@pfm.org).

## Wanted: Mentors

***New Life needs a few good men to become mentors.***

*This growing program is a great way for you to become involved in helping someone change their life.*

**Contact Pastor Rick at 641-204-1954 for more information.**