

# Cornerstone Prison Church: Praises & Prayers

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**Greetings Ministry Partners,**

**GOD IS WORKING AT CORNERSTONE!!**

***Our seminary intern from Calvin Seminary had a great summer:*** Rick Admiraal (me) completed my 10 week internship with Cornerstone on August 7th. I had many service opportunities. I preached both inside the walls and also at five supporting churches. In addition, I led Bible studies, visited prison job sites, walked the cell block, and had many 1 on 1 visits. The internship was outstanding. I'm grateful to the Cornerstone Board for making this opportunity available. I'm also indebted to Steve for taking on an intern. I'm prayerfully considering prison ministry after my final year at Calvin Seminary (2009-2010). Please contact me sometime.

Another blessing was that my wife Rose joined me in prison ministry this summer. Rose used her gift of music on the praise team with Diane Moerman.

***Prison Fellowship Weekend:*** God blessed our Summer Prison Fellowship Weekend on July 11-12. The theme of forgiveness was timely for the men in attendance. Nearly 100 inmates participated! The weekend had large group presentation, praise songs, and small group discussion. We had a special treat each afternoon - cookies! The summer PF weekend is exciting because inmates present talks and testimonies. I was able to coordinate the weekend and led the Sunday morning worship service at 8 am! Thanks to all our volunteers!!

***Pastor Steve Heads East:*** Pastor Steve went on vacation at the end of July. Steve spent one week at the Timothy Institute in Grand Rapids in training. Steve and Diane also went to Canada to visit Diane's family. Maybe she took some ribbing for her new status as an American citizen! Meanwhile, I was left holding down

the fort. This gave me an invaluable opportunity of providing pastoral leadership somewhat independently. Of course, others helped in Steve's absence. Fellow pink-tag volunteer Jim Uthe was a big help. Rose led our inside praise team. Inmate Ralph and the chapel orderlies helped set-up AV equipment before Friday worship. And everyone who came to the Friday night services provided encouragement and support.

***We began to pursue organization for Cornerstone:*** In July, two meetings were held in the prison chapel to address questions about formal organization. Pastor Steve led the first meeting. At the second meeting, Rev. Jim Hoogeveen of Heartland Community Church and Rev. Eric Verhulst of Shalom CRC came to the prison to provide additional insight. Some men expressed hesitation but most were excited about the possibility.

***Cornerstone Bible College Begins:*** On Monday August 3, Pastor Steve hit the ground running after his vacation. The first Monday night session had ten inmates in attendance but more are expected in the future. Steve's plan is to teach courses on theology, church history, stewardship, and pastoral care.

***Make plans to visit us.*** If you or your group is interested in attending one of our Friday evening services please contact Pastor Steve.

***Remember:*** Cornerstone receives no government funding and is entirely dependent on the outside church for our continued ministry. If you would like to contribute, donations can be sent to: Cornerstone Prison Church, C/O Marlin Van Ruler, 3909 E. 15<sup>th</sup> St., Sioux Falls, SD 57103. All donations are tax deductible. Please pray that God will continue to provide for the ministry.

Yours in Christ,  
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***Our text is 1 Peter 2:4-5***