

CLAYTON CO. UPDATE



BUILDING BRIDGES

COLLAPSING THE WALLS

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When the trumpets sounded, the army shouted, and at the sound of the trumpet, when the men gave a loud shout, the wall collapsed; so everyone charged straight in, and they took the city. (Joshua 6:20)

Sometimes when building bridges, there are walls that must be torn down. The issue of 'separation of church and the state' has been around so long, it has become the norm, acceptable, and "permanent". When in reality the **institution of the state cannot survive without the church** no more than a plane fly with one wing.

The great news is that it doesn't take a whole army to pull those walls down when you have the power of God's Word. He is true to His Word.

On August 1st, seven of our team of Gwinnett Co. court hall volunteers joined forces with **Carolyn Foreland**, whom God has called to be the Court Hall Intercessor in Clayton County.

In order to claim stolen territory that was ordained by God, we each read aloud Deut. 4-8,11,13, 17:8-13 & Joshua 3-4, 5:13- 6 ch. Walking around the court house and detention center. Then we prayed these walls would collapse before our eyes.

It is an amazing story how God has already laid the groundwork to see these doors open to the Gospel of Jesus Christ. It will be for the sole purpose of tearing down spiritual strongholds behind these walls that have destroyed thousands of families for years.

We walked through those courthouse doors with confidence that the territory was already in our possession. We came with God's Word and over one hundred homemade cookies. The cookies were presented to the chief security guard with a plaque stating our sincere thank you to all officers for their endless hours of being like "Watchmen on the Wall" – What a delightful surprise to all 100+ officers.

Then we gathered on the second floor to rehearse the full purpose of a court hall ministry in the midst of people all along the halls. It was climaxed by singing "**How Great Thou Art**".

We broke into pairs on all floors sharing and praying with hurting people. One lady, Yolanda, came up to us saying, "**I want to be SAVED!**" We all gathered around her to witness the miracle of her salvation.



The greatest crisis in your life is God's platform for His calling on your life!



Volunteer: Carolyn Foreland

The beginnings of the Clayton Co. Court Hall ministry

I was incarcerated in Gwinnett County Jail. I really didn't know what to expect, one thing I knew was that if I couldn't reach God my mother could. I prayed a little, not much, but I knew he would keep me. When I met Chaplain Burgher, he prayed for me, and with me. He told me that God loves me, and He sent a Savior just for me and that this was my appointment with the Holy Spirit.

I knew then I had to connect him with my mother! Even though I don't do all I should do, **I felt they were supposed to meet.** Chaplain Burgher has inspired my mother to **do something she already had a passion for, for years.** I'm grateful she's happy, that makes me happy. Keep praying for the incarcerated, and God's mercy will cause the judges to see people in a different way than they judge. Thank you and May God bless and prosper Bridge the Gap Prison Ministry in Jesus Christ's Name, Amen.

Calvin Douglas – son of Carolyn Foreland

Hi my name is Carolyn Forehand, and I met Chaplain David in 2013. My son Calvin Douglas met Chaplain David, while incarcerated in the Gwinnett County Jail. He connected with us, not knowing what he had unleashed. God used my son being in Gwinnett County Jail to connect me with Chaplain David. Neither my son nor I knew what God had brought forward! Little did I know my life was about to change for the better in the Spirit. God was taking me to another level; a level that I did not expect.

Before I met Chaplain David, I was sick. I had been attacked in a satanic way -- I lost everything and didn't have any money or anywhere to live with my two grandkids! But Abba Father had a plan, he connected me with a man that does not back down, a man who doesn't look at the negative but sees the positive. I used to say to myself who is this man and why is he concerned about me and my family.

Then one day God revealed to me that he was a Samuel in my life to direct me in the right path to be who He has called me to be. I am so grateful that God connected me with Chaplain David, because I don't see things the way I used to see them. He's a Pastor that I have never had in my life before, one that has the wisdom of Solomon, one that saw and heard about what was going on in my spirit, one that connects with your spirit and you have not even told him what was going on, one who is a serious encourager. So now I am the spokesperson for Clayton Court Hall Prison Ministry, with Bridge the Gap Ministries. I am very excited about what God has done, is doing and truly what he is getting ready to do in Clayton County. I am so grateful for this Chaplain and Bridge The Gap Ministries and am waiting to see a mighty move of God in Clayton County.

Carolyn Foreland - volunteer

REAL RESULTS

Amazing results in the court halls of Clayton County Courthouse on 8/11/16: there were 26 people who received the message, and five who received Christ as their personal Savior.

One particular young man, Tyrell, had no knowledge of Christ at all, **he didn't know what to believe or who to believe!** The Holy Spirit gave me a strategy that had to be released to get his attention. And once the Holy Spirit revealed some things of his past that no one knew about, I saw a light turn on. It was a done deal, at that point God had His way with Tyrell. The Scripture that the Holy Spirit used, Jeremiah 29:11. "I know the plans I have for you... for a future and a hope." It was a much needed Word of hope for Tyrell, regardless of what happened in his past or what was happening now with the courts. Abba Father already knows what the end result will be. He revealed to him that he must stand still and see the salvation of the Lord!

There was another young man, Ben Bank. I was standing by the probation department office. There were about 17 people. The Holy Spirit caught their attention as we joined in prayer! Knowing that before we even go into His presence we must see that **He can do anything, and believe that He can do the impossible.**

He can remove any mountain. We must have faith that it's already done before we ask.

Most of these people were believers. This particular young man, though, gave so much attention and his spirit was wide open to receive what was said. Once the Holy Spirit was finished with that group I walked off and found another group of people, yet I kept watching this young man and I wanted to pray for him. But at that time there was a young lady and she was in desperate need of prayer.

When I finished praying for her, I looked over to pray with him, but he had already gone to the probation office. But later, when I left the building, I saw him and he told me that his probation officer released him off of probation. He couldn't figure out why she did it.

Then he said, ***"I gotta find that little lady, whom God use to speak to me and tell her what happened."*** This young man was literally shaking he was so surprised. He was so happy that God showed up that moment and they gave him his Walking Papers, when it should have been a violation. God worked and he was exonerated, and relieved. ***To God be the glory.***
Carolyn Foreland

Just as I promised. Emailing you as soon as I got to work. It was such a pleasure to see you again. Thank you so much for praying with me today. With everything that is going on in the world it's so good to see people that love God. I am going to make a copy of the material that you gave to me and give to my friends. Awesome stuff. I thank God for running into you today. May God continue to keep on blessing you more and more as you continue to be a blessing to others.

Felicia Wynn – (Gwinnett Co.) PASSING THE WORD ON !

God's Amazing Redemptive Grace in July

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*"For this my son was dead, and is alive again; he was lost, and is found.'
And they began to celebrate."* Luke 15:24

Celebrate with us all those who prayed for forgiveness and salvation. Please pray for each name as they face the opposition because of their new faith in Christ alone. Pray they not lose heart in spiritual warfare.

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| Chris Dowling | Sarah Godby | Inani Jordan |
| Jack Faulk | Sunan Faulk | Brian Park |
| Tia Richard | Davion Ellis | Steven Lewis |
| Kemeisha Lewis | Richard Luebee | Hailee Brown |
| Stanley Maddox | Ray Lalani | DerrickWoods |
| Lavanti Mayfield | Tyrell Canada | Leron Eli |
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| Justin Rita | Saeyoh Rita | Erick De |

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We still need your used paperback Christian books!

Your used Christian books can be priceless treasures in the hands of hundreds of inmates, and they are used again and again at the Detention Center. They are so eager to learn the Word of God and to receive mentoring in their new faith in Christ!

Just call me for a pick-up (in Gwinnett County or the greater Atlanta area) or arrange delivery to First Baptist Church of Lilburn.

Thank you in advance for your help!
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OUR VISION is to Bridge the Gap between the justice system and the mercy of God to effect lasting change in the individual lives and families of incarcerated persons with the Gospel of Jesus Christ, so that they rejoin our community as (law-abiding, good, or honorable) citizens. Justice and mercy meet at the cross. The name is taken from Ezekiel 22:30, where God says, *"I searched for someone to stand in the gap . . . but I found no one."*