

# BUILDING BRIDGES

## When the puzzle pieces just do not match up...

*"If cases come before your courts that are too difficult for you to judge—whether bloodshed, lawsuits or assaults—take them to the place the LORD your God will choose. Go to the Levitical priests (chaplains) and the judge who is in office (court hall) at that time. Inquire of them and they will give you the verdict. You must act according to the decisions they give you at the place the LORD will choose. **Be careful to do everything they instruct you to do. Act according to whatever they teach you and the decisions they give you. Do not turn aside from what they tell you, to the right or to the left. Anyone who shows contempt for the judge or for the priest (chaplain) who stands ministering there to the LORD your God is to be put to death. You must purge the evil from Israel. All the people will hear and be afraid, and will not be contemptuous again."** Deut. 17:8-12*

As a chaplain, counseling people in the court halls is an extremely serious responsibility. Representing, administering, the full counsel of God at a crucial moment of decision has very serious results, either for blessing or for something worse. Moses' instructions here in Deuteronomy from God to establish order among a wilderness wondering nation was very precise. He ordered the judges and priests to execute God's decisions on every criminal or domestic case. Without it would be chaos each one arguing for themselves their view of justice.



When Pharaoh rejected Moses' instructions, **everything got worse** not better until His entire nation collapsed before his very eyes.

The same results of contempt of court ruling: God gave to Moses in Deut. is still valid to this very day.

Counseling in the court halls is equated to seeing that **"puzzled look"** not knowing **WHERE THAT DARK PIECE** fits into their situation. And they will never know if they do not pick up the cover box picture that shows them the completed puzzle!

Oh how beautiful their faces light up when they look at the **cover of the box, God's Word**, and where that "puzzle piece" GOES. It is truly a **"YES, I GET IT"** moment.

Yet if they refuse the counsel of God's Word, things will only get worse. We often see inmates released who not listening not seeking God's counsel we shared, go from **BAD to WORSE**. This newsletter could not begin to cover the heart break stories of total loss for those who refused to heed His warnings.

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## 7 prayers enclosed for you and your friends !

Amazing **"two word prayers"** that can assist us how to place life's most puzzling situations into a perfect fit. Please make copies and share with your friends by mail or in person wherever you go. It will be a life saver where you least expected it.

# FIRST of many Thank You's !

We posted last month plans to increase our credibility by thanking each division for all their endless efforts and loads of work sifting through all the paper work of every case.

As noted we are starting with the 70 security guards posted throughout the court house providing them with an assorted finger snacks with a **laminated sign poster** with the following words in front:

*"We cannot forget nor take for granted all of our "first responder" security guards in the Gwinnett Co. Justice and Administration Center. You give endless hours to assure this building is peaceful and safe for the entire population.*

*Your role is priceless as you watch every person that enters this building. Thank you for being the silent monitors of prayer.*



*Each person coming there is going through either a serious crisis or a joyous celebrating day. What else to be said but "THANK YOU SO MUCH".*

*As chaplain and volunteers of Bridge The Gap Ministries, we witness your noble faithfulness, and offer these snacks as a simple appreciation to **YOU!**"*

## CLAYTON COUNTY HISTORIC PRAYER WALK

**August 1<sup>st</sup> Monday 10 – 12 am**



The **VISION** of Bridge The Gap Ministries for 13 years in prayer has been to see the day when a court hall ministry would be established in the all Metro Atlanta Counties.

This is now on the blueprints for Clayton County "The Harold R. Banke Justice Center" by prayer walking the building. There will be a van load of Gwinnett Court House volunteers uniting with volunteers in Clayton County. We will be providing the same assorted finger snacks for their security guards with a posted sign of thanks. If God impresses on your heart to join us, please contact David Burgher at 770-601-0265 or email at [davidburgher@comcast.net](mailto:davidburgher@comcast.net)



## Visions sparked in jail !

In the next 5 years, I see myself owning my own mobile detail business. I also see myself with a **“feed the homeless and hungry ministry”**. Within 10 years, I see me with my CDL’s and having my own truck hauling company. Within the next 20 years, I see myself happily married living in a nice home and still doing God’s will. Still growing in my spiritual relationship and outreach within the community. Being a great father to my children and a great husband to my wife. If my plan aligns with God’s will for me, it should be a great event.

**Shannon**

## Books that do not collect dust

Thanks for sending me this book, a blessing to me. Love to have more! Since being in here, I have asked for God to come into my life as my God and personal Savior. I have confessed my sins. I am grateful and appreciate anything you are willing to send that will help me follow Jesus and obey staying positive every day.

Would love to have the first lesson of the Bible course needing all the help I can get. Would be great to stay in touch if I am released. Thank you for your support.

Luke 1:37

**“Nothing is impossible with God.”**

**Satiya**

May the reader of this card be blessed and highly favored. I appreciate the gift God knew I needed. It has made these few days here through prayer. I’m no stranger to God, but at times I do backslide and need a little help remembering that only through Him I shall prosper. Since I read Proverbs daily, this book opened my eyes and I knew He was with me. He makes no mistakes. Love to start the Bible course also.

**Tynesia**

## Holy Spirit sparked in jail !

I met David in 1993 in the work release. My journey started a year before when I was in bed. The Lord me feel the fear that people in hell feel. I got out of bed and on my knees and prayed. Within a month, I had gone to jail 3 times. The third time I was in a holding tank laying on the floor and had no hope. Laying there the Holy Spirit came to me and filled ME!

God did not get me out of trouble. But He was with me through it all giving me a true new life. One that doesn’t have those old desires. I have peace that surpasses understanding. The only way you can have that is studying His Word and having a relationship with Him through prayer.

When I first read the Bible, He showed me a verse. **“When you seek me with all your heart you will find me.”** I did that and He sure did. The Lord spoke to me. I know what the Lord wants from me. That is to share the Good News He has given me which He has been doing.

Seven years ago, I was working in my yard. Resting I told Him thank you for blessing me so much. He said, **“There would be many in heaven because of your testimony.”** He filled me with the Holy Spirit to over flowing for about 10 days. But with the blessings also come a test!

I was in a very bad car wreck three weeks ago. I died 2 times before I got to the hospital. I have a bad fracture in my neck with nerve damage. It is in constant pain. But what get me though this is my relationship with the Lord!

**Robert**



## God's Amazing Redemptive Grace in June

*"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.

Jerome, Justin, Santos, Chris, Malik, Tony, Glen, Derian, Sukontreay, Mark, Noble, Quan, Juan, Gilberto, Atrice, Jose, Juan, Herlinda, Phil, Leonela, Freda, Dwane, Tomas, Whitney, Keith, Luis, Fatinah, Victor, Agripina, Gary, David, Arlene, Derrick, David, Aubrey, Justin, Jean, Will, Charez, Armonze, Shamar.

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Thank you for your faithful financial and Prayer Support! It keeps us on the front lines with our judges as the "priest" delivering God's atoning grace through the power of our Lord Jesus Christ.

### Still need your used Christian books!

Your used Christian books can be priceless treasures in the hands of hundreds, and they can be 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."*