



The Call:
Volunteer or Chaplain – Discerning Your Fit
Jon Nienhuis – Good News Global
Lead Recruiter



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Focus = Gospel Encounters

To disrupt the cycle of darkness and despair
for all who are behind bars and their families
by advancing the Gospel



41,700+

Decisions for Christ



70,000+

Counseling
Sessions



185,300+

Bible Lessons
Completed



44,000+

Services/
Bible Classes



20,700+

Staff
Interactions



700,000+

Attended
Services/Bible Classes



23

US States

23

Countries

70

Chaplains -
US Domestic

161

Chaplains -
Internationally



2024

Global Ministry Impact



Jon Nienhuis - Bio

- Married with 2 adult children and 2 bonus children and 3 grandchildren
- BA from Hope College
- MDiv from Western Theological Seminary



Jon Nienhuis - Bio

- Pastored 2 churches for 11 years
 - Illinois
 - Wisconsin
- Volunteered for GNG for 5 years
- Joined GNG as a Chaplain in 2015 at the Brevard County Detention Center
- Full-time Recruiter in 2023



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- Chaplain vs. Volunteer



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➤ John 4:1-45



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 - Vs. 8



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- John 4:1-45
- It's not about...
 - You or Me
 - Growing your church
 - Advocate or Social Justice or Social Work or Attorney



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- It's not about...
- It's All About the Gospel



Presence vs. Purpose

- Dr. Jim Browning – Marsh Center for Chaplain Studies



Presence vs. Purpose

- Need is Greater than we can meet
 - Matthew 26:11 “*For you always have the poor with you...*” ESV
 - Bob’s Advice



Presence vs. Purpose

- Need is Greater than we can meet
- Need to Prioritize
 - Prioritize Personal Devotions
 - Prioritize Ministry Devotions
 - Prioritize Important vs. Urgent



Presence vs. Purpose

- Need is Greater than we can meet
- Need to Prioritize
- Need to Plan
 - Weekly Visits to every housing unit
 - Visit all Departments regularly
 - Visit all Shifts



Unexpected Duties of Chaplaincy



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- All Faith Facilitator
 - We work in Ceasar's Household – Two Hats
 - Treat with Respect and Honor



Unexpected Duties of Chaplaincy

- All Faith Facilitator
- Relationship with Facility Administrators
 - Seat at the Table
 - Their #1 must be your #1



Unexpected Duties of Chaplaincy

- All Faith Facilitator
- Facility Administrators
- Community Liaison/Spokesperson
 - Ministry presentations
 - Invocations & Prayers
 - Funerals, Graduations, other Ceremonies



Unexpected Duties of Chaplaincy

- All Faith Facilitator
- Facility Administrators
- Community Liaison/Spokesperson
- Legal Issues
 - PREA
 - RLUIPA
 - Named in Facility lawsuits



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➤ Whole Pie



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- Breaking the cycle of darkness in justice involved individuals and their families



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- Serving the Correctional staff



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“You are the light of the world. A city set on a hill cannot be hidden. Nor do people light a lamp and put it under a basket, but on a stand, and it gives light to all in the house. In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father who is in heaven.”

Matt. 5:14-16 ESV



Questions & Answers

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