



Hi <<First Name>>,

After being closed for over a year and a half, the prison briefly opened for a few months last fall, only to close again before Christmas. While it was nice to briefly go inside and see the inmates, the second closure due to Covid was tough. As of mid March, 2022, the prison has reopened once more for the foreseeable future. Here is a snapshot of what's been happening, and what the rebuilding of religious programming at Donovan looks like. Enjoy! 🍷



Ministry Praise Reports

- **Kairos Worship Night:** Last fall we were able to gather at Mesa Church as a community of volunteers for a night of worship and prayer. Not only did this give our musicians an opportunity to knock the dust off their fingers and guitars, but it was a holy moment of sweet fellowship as we prayed for our community. We look to make this a biannual event. I'll be sure to make sure you get the invite for the next one!
- **Eager to Rebuild:** While volunteers were prohibited from entering the institution over the past two years, Jesus and his ministry was not hindered, for he nurtured and grew a remnant of the Body of Christ on all the yards. In the absence of religious program, a hunger grew within the institution to rebuild better. It's such a blessing to work with men (inmates) who are so invested in their walk of faith and in rebuilding the chapel programs.
- **Gospel of John:** During the lock out I've been making video recordings of a Bible study through the Gospel of John. While I have been putting these Bible studies on YouTube for the world to see, the main purpose of making these videos is to send them to the prison for the entire inmate population to see via their in-house TV network. To date, the first four videos have been sent to Donovan and should be airing sometime soon! If you would like to view these videos, or see the notes we use for them, you may check out either by clicking the corresponding button below.

[Gospel of John YouTube](#)

[Gospel of John Notes](#)

Ministry Prayer Requests

- **Rebuilding Program:** As we rebuild the religious program at the institution, there are a lot of logistics which need prayer: building the release list, coordinating chapel space, ensuring volunteer coverage, etc. "Unless the LORD builds the house, the laborers build in vain" (Ps. 127:1).
- **Baptisms:** On April 3rd, we will be having baptisms for the first time in over two years! Please pray this will be able to happen and that all who are being called to make such a decision would respond to the Spirit's promptings.
- **Revelation:** In addition to the Bible study through the Gospel of John, given the times, I've decided to build a short Bible study on the book of Revelation. I have a goal of completing this project by the end of the year. Pray for the Lord's wisdom and revelation as I process His Word and the many commentaries.
- **Mentorship Program:** Last but not least, for a long time it has been known that there's been a great need for a volunteer mentorship program within the Kairos Prison Ministry. Over the past several months I've been working with a team of men to build such a program. With your prayers and the Lord's favor, this process should

be complete and ready to implement come July!



Personal Praise Reports

- **Wedding:** I'm getting married on Saturday, 4/9 to Victoria Farrow! I know, I can't believe it either. 😊 Years of unanswered prayers will finally be vindicated on that glorious day. 🍷



- **R.J. Donovan Chaplain Journey:** Last fall I interviewed for the Protestant Chaplain position at RJD. This was a position I earnestly prayed for as I prayed "Thy will be done." In a disorienting blow, for the second time in my life, I was denied the position. That was a tough pill to swallow as I asked, "Lord, what are you doing?" In the months following the disappointment, I became frustrated as my professional life fell into limbo. Do I wait to apply for a potential second Protestant Chaplain position, or do I press forward working with the non-profit Pastors to Prisoners? For months I sought the Lord's guidance with no response...waiting...and waiting. Have you ever seen a movie where there is a big twist revealed at the end, like The Usual Suspects, where after the reveal is made they recap the entire movie in 30 seconds in light of the reveal and it all makes sense? Well, two weeks ago God gave me such a revelation about my life. In that glorious moment of clarity, He showed me how He had been protecting me from the chaplain position in order to more fully utilize my gifts within the institution as a Yard Pastor. All that said, I'm greatly looking forward to May, once I return from my honeymoon, to fully invest myself at Donovan and within the Pastors to Prisoners organization as a Yard Pastor!
- **Prayer Walks:** Throughout the pandemic, two practices were placed upon my heart: the desire to spend more time in prayer, and the need to do more workouts. As wedding preparation and planning began to consume, I found myself falling short with both desires. In a rare stroke of genius, I thought, "Why not combine them and nail two birds with one stone?" What a wonderful idea that was! Ever since then, my prayer walks have quickly become a cherished part of my weekly rhythm.

Personal Prayer Requests

- **Pastors to Prisoners:** As I invest myself fully into the non-profit, may the Lord continue His faithfulness to me by raising up donors for support.
- **Married Life:** As a man who has never been married, I beseech all who have to pray for this brother who has no clue what he doesn't know. 😊
- **Pride:** The other day I was angry, a rare emotion for me, and wasn't really sure why. As I sat in introspection, I realized I was tired of dealing with a multitude of low level frustrations. Digging deeper, I realized pride was at the source. At that very moment, the profound words of Rick Warren slapped me in the face, "Aaron, it's not about you." While the fullness of this insightful moment is far too lengthy to expound upon here, suffice it to say the Lord is working on my heart when it comes to ministering to people who are difficult, angry, and hostile. Please pray for His ever shaping presence in my life, and for my ability to grow as a conduit of His grace.

As always, thank you for your support with all of this. While prayer is the biggest need, know that any financial assistance you may be led to give goes a long way.

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May the LORD bless you and keep you. May his face shine upon you and be gracious to you. May his countenance turn toward you and give you peace.

In Service of The King, With Love,

Aaron



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