



Freedom Works Christmas Newsletter

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Christmas—A Time To Be Thankful!

When we think of the Christmas season, often the first thoughts that come to mind are the gift buying, decorating, Christmas cards, or the Christmas programs and parties to prepare for.

In all of the busyness of the season I encourage you to remember to be Thankful. For it was on that clear starry night over 2,000 years ago that our Lord and Savior was born...

For to us a child is born, to us a son is given, and the government will be on his shoulders. And he will be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace. Isaiah 9:6 (NIV).

What an awesome gift! His life, His death and His resurrection provide for us the way to forgiveness, redemption and salvation.

She will give birth to a son, and you are to give him the name Jesus, because he will save his people from their sins. Matt 1:21 (NIV)



We, the staff and participants of FreedomWorks, would like to wish you a very blessed Christmas and New Year!

Amazing Grace

I continue to be troubled and amazed at the many obstacles and difficult challenges the men we serve face upon their release from prison. However, I am overwhelmed with what God is doing and continues to do in the lives of these men that have continued their walk with The Lord. Their lives continue to change as they continue to build upon God's unconditional love, mercy, and grace.

The more I read and study scripture, the more I realize the men we serve resemble people from the Bible. David committed adultery. Moses and Paul committed murder. Rahab was involved in prostitution. Peter, who had he been under oath, would have committed perjury. These are just a few. The Bible is filled with stories of people who have made serious mistakes. Yet, in the end, they found favor with God because God gives second chances. The first person Jesus promised heaven to was a criminal. The criminal said, "**Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom.**" **He replied, "Truly I tell you, today you will be with me in Paradise."** Luke 23:42-43 What does that say to us?



FreedomWorks is a body of men who come around each other in prayer support and loving accountability.

With A Thankful Heart

On Thursday, November 18th, we held a special Thanksgiving dinner to honor our many volunteers. This night was hosted and served by the men of FreedomWorks. Many of the guys commented, "It was a time for us to give back to those who have given to us." The night included a tremendous meal, special music, and inspiring testimonies. In addition, the ladies were given a rose and the men received a FreedomWorks lapel pin.

We are so thankful for all of you who have shared in this ministry through your prayers, gifts and volunteer services. We are thankful as we realize that without you there would be no FreedomWorks. Thank you!



Dick presented Mentor Pat with a FreedomWorks lapel pin while his mentee, Derek, looks on.



What a joy it was for our FreedomWorks men to serve over 120 faithful volunteers!

Through God, FreedomWorks is continually striving to not only restore lives, but make disciples for Jesus Christ. Please help us to continue God's work through your prayers, volunteering, and financial support. We need your help as we reach out to more men for the Kingdom of God. Please remember FreedomWorks and the men we serve this holiday season.

Dick

Dick Kluge,
Executive Director

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*A higher standard.
A higher purpose.*

JOIN US FOR THESE UPCOMING EVENTS:

December 16—Christmas Party (see insert for details)

January 1—New Year's Celebration, Noon to 5:00 p.m. at the FreedomWorks Apartments, 3559 Penn Avenue North, Minneapolis, **RSVP by calling 612-522-9007**