

70x7 LIFE RECOVERY – GRAND RAPIDS PROGRAM CENTER
Formerly: CRIMINAL JUSTICE CHAPLAINCY
PRAYER LETTER– March & April 2018

PRAISES:

1. Criminal Justice Chaplaincy has now successfully merged with 70x7 Life Recovery. Our name and location has changed and we are welcoming all who support us and those we serve to an Open House on Friday, March 9, 2018 from 10:00am – 2:00pm at our new location:
70x7 Life Recovery – Grand Rapids Program Center
2950 Clyde Park Ave SW
Wyoming, MI 49509
2. Praise for the excellent attendance, networking opportunities and fellowship that we have experienced at our Reentry Networking Lunches. This lunch provides everyone attending with resources and support for returning citizens, connection opportunities with mentors, members from local churches, and other local service agencies, and with a good meal!
3. We are excited to have been able to meet with and make presentations to 22 Michigan parole agents and 5 federal probation agents and share with them the work we are now doing in workforce development in addition to our other support services and mentoring program. We have also had opportunities to meet with other community partners and area churches and we look forward to further developing relationships.
4. We are thankful for the job and employment opportunities many of our clients are currently experiencing and pray for more employment connections for those who have completed our program.
5. We are grateful that our Mentor & Training Manager, Reuben Ndjerareou, had a blessed trip and a safe return from Chad, Africa where he had an opportunity to visit family and work with a local school he has long supported.
6. We are so grateful for all who contribute financially this ministry. We are thankful for your prayers and words of encouragement.

REQUESTS:

1. As we settle into new systems and new routines as 70x7 Life Recovery, pray for a continued smooth transition. We are continuing our current programming serving returning citizens and have added workforce development. We are excited about this opportunity and new possibilities for this ministry. Pray for our clients as they adapt to a new location and changes as well. Pray local churches will be willing to become “Serving Together” sites for our new programs. Please also pray that start up technology issues will be completely and permanently resolved quickly.
2. Housing is a tremendous struggle for many low/no income individuals, more so for those with a criminal background. Pray for those who are struggling to find safe, affordable housing, especially during the cold weather months.
3. Pray for the children of our clients. Many children, especially those in single parent homes, are separated from parents and placed in foster care situations while birth parents are incarcerated or recover from addictive behaviors. Upon completion of programs or release from incarceration, it can be very difficult and daunting for birth parents to regain parental rights. Please pray for all involved in these very complex situations.
4. We have had many staff members, volunteers and clients struggling with illness this winter. Also, many have also been affected by the recent loss of loved ones. Please pray for healing and comfort.
5. Pray for the participants of our 70x7 recovery class: CHANGES, as they prepare for employment. Pray also for the upcoming mentor training; that mentor / mentee matches will be strong and beneficial.
6. Pray for the participants in our partnership with Goodwill through the Training To Work (T2W) program. Many of these ex-offenders are young men who would benefit from the support of a mentor. Pray these T2W participants will take advantage of this program and request a mentor.
7. The Take Charge Program serves as a life skills and support group for female ex-offenders and other women who can benefit from the topics featured. The Winter 2018 program runs through March 22. Pray for the women attending that what they learn will be positively life changing. Pray for wisdom and insight for the speakers and blessings on the volunteers who faithfully help. Pray that new volunteers will step forward to assist!
8. As we launch this new chapter of ministry, pray for continued blessings on the work we do, that we will have staff & resources to meet the needs presented, that donors continue to support these programs and those in them, and that changes being made will bless all involved now and going forward into the future.

THANK YOU:

Thank you so much for praying. Without your support the work we do is not effective or long lasting. “The prayer of a righteous man (woman) is powerful and effective.” James 5:16.