

US JIP Committee Report –January, 2016

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January was a fairly busy month for the JIP committee. In addition to ongoing communication with inmates and their pen pals or sponsors, we have had several requests for meeting starter kits from inmates, institution program managers and GA members actively involved in starting or continuing Prison meetings. ***Many thanks to ALL who volunteer to serve in our fellowship through the JIP!***

SKR Requests ISO received and processed 6 JIP Starter Kit Requests

Inmate Requests for Prison Starter Kits – 3

PA – 1

Omaha - 1

TN – 1

Institutional Requests/GA Member Requests – 3

WI – Milwaukee Women's Correction Center -1

NJ – (Keansburg) 1 – New meeting

VA – (Bowling Green) – 1

PENPALS

We have had robust participation in the PenPal service program. New relationships are being formed and we are most grateful to those members who are sharing their experience, strength and hope with inmates in need of support and recovery! This is especially powerful in institutions that do not have GA meetings, which is the norm. Compulsive Gamblers in prison and institutions generally have access to AA or NA, but rarely GA. Materials provided by ISO, and service offered by our fellows who are willing to write to these individuals, is often the *only* exposure to Gambling Addiction Recovery these folks receive!

Pen Pals Placed

Male Inmates

Texas -2

Nevada – 1

New Jersey – 1

CA – 1

Female Inmates

CA – 1

NV – 1

New Meetings:

Milwaukee Women's Correction Center

Northern NJ Men's Prison

SERVICE OPPORTUNITIES –

- Male inmate in **Soledad, CA** needs penpal/sponsor in the Monterey area
- Female in Central California. (Chowchilla area). This female inmate has served 19 years in prison - coming up for parole in 2017. She would like to establish a relationship with a female in the Central CA area prior to release. UPDATE: ***A Penpal relationship has been initiated by a female in Nevada GA. Service opportunity is still open for women in the Chowchilla area.***

~~Male Sponsor needed – Newark, NJ. This male inmate is up for parole in spring 2016 after serving a 20-year sentence. In need of sponsorship in the area. Newark~~

UPDATE: Thanks to Joel C, Joe F and several other GA members in New Jersey, this penpal sponsorship relationship has been initiated. Further thanks to New Jersey for starting a prison meeting in the Trenton State Prison AND assisting with a meeting at the Northern New Jersey facility!

Central CA male seeking a sponsor. ***Thanks to Hamid K. and Ara H. for answering the call and reaching out to this male inmate!***

LITERATURE REVIEW - We reported in fall 2015 that the US JIP Committee will be reviewing GA Approved Literature "Towards Recovery in Prison" (Current edition Approved 10/02.) This initiative is pending and will be initiated in spring 2016.