

US JIP Committee Report – July 2016

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July 2016 Activity - There are no updates for the month of July 2016. Karen at ISO reported that a new team member was not aware of the procedure for reporting Starter Kit Requests and Prison Information requests to the JIP committee. This will be rectified next week and we anticipated receiving information from July next month. This did *NOT* impact processing of SKRs requested by inmates and institutions. Below is June's report to provide the most current available information to our membership.

Committee Meeting/Update

The JIP Committee met at the International Conference in Phoenix. Thirteen (13) GA members attended and volunteered for various service opportunities including communicating with inmates as pen pals and/or temporary sponsors, assisting with revisions of GA literature "*Towards Recovery in Prison*" and starting meetings in institutions.

Inmate Requests

Four (4) Inmates from **CSP Solano (Vacaville, CA)** individually wrote to ISO requesting additional literature for an ongoing meeting at that facility. ISO confirmed that, in addition to the Blue book requested, full literature packets were sent to all 4 inmates. This ongoing meeting is well-stocked with GA literature.

Chowchilla CA State Men's Prison – Four individual GA members reached out on behalf of a male inmate in Chowchilla Penitentiary who requests literature, connection to the fellowship and recovery support. In addition to any ongoing support from the members who contacted the JIP chair, two (2) committee members have volunteered to be Pen Pals with this inmate.

Institutional Requests

Branchville, Indiana – Medium Security Men's facility. Addiction Recovery Specialist requested meeting starter kit from ISO, which was provided in May. Chair has contacted the institution to see if additional support is needed. Meetings are in formative stages. Due to remote location, they are not seeking outside assistance for this meeting. They have all they need right now.