

## **US JIP Committee Report –December 2016**

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### **CORRECTION:**

The November US JIP Report indicated, “Chowchilla (CA) has a thriving GA meeting and has repeatedly asked for & received additional combo books.” This is incorrect and should have read “*Vacaville*” not “*Chowchilla*”.

### **NEWS:**

December was slow in so far as requests for information from institutions or SKR's sent by ISO.

Committee focused on cleaning up loose ends and following up on various requests and correspondences. Coordinating communication between inmates, institutions, ISO and GA members on the outside can be tricky...we do our best. Sometimes there is a significant time-lapse between requests from “the outside” ie. GA members, clergy and family trying to support inmates with recovery tools AND communication from the inmates or institutions.

We DID successfully connect the dots between an inmate in OK and their fellow GA members on the outside, and have assured GA materials were sent and received.

We also followed up with a member of the clergy in Ohio who is counseling an inmate in need of GA.

Additional “loose ends” included work with a mental healthcare facility in San Diego, a Texas jail requesting literature (English and Spanish) for their library, and an inquiry from Coffee Creek, OR Women's Facility.

### **SERVICE OPPORTUNITIES:**

#### **Male Pen Pal/Sponsor - TEXAS**

An inmate in Allred (Iowa Park, TX) is seeking a sponsor who is willing to work the Steps with him via correspondence.

#### **Meeting Assistance - PENNSYLVANIA**

FCI McKean, Lewis Run, PA – Want help starting a meeting.

#### **Literature Review**

Proposing revisions in GA Approved literature “Towards Recovery in Prison” Anyone interested in providing input for proposed revisions is WELCOME to submit suggestions. All help and input is greatly appreciated!

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