



**Forgotten Man  
Ministries**

# Reaching The **FORGOTTEN**

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## **A Tale of Tragedy:**

### **A Grieving Mother Finds Comfort in Jesus**

The jail is filled with tragedy. With only 66 days left in her incarceration, Breanna received a phone call that no mother ever wants to get. Her four-month-old son, Nathaniel, was clinging to life at an Ann Arbor hospital. The doctors at Mott’s Children’s Hospital told her that her son no longer had any brain activity. Breanna petitioned the court to be released so she could spend the last moments of her son’s life by his bedside.

FMM Associate Chaplain Pam Erickson came alongside to pray with Breanna as she waited two days for a court date. When Breanna was finally granted a release, she went directly to the hospital. Once there, she was forced to make an impossible decision—allowing Nathaniel’s life support to be turned off.



*Breanna and her children.*

“I had to turn my baby over to the hands of Jesus. I knew that everyone was praying for my Nathaniel and my family during this horrific time. Pam called me daily to pray over the phone and

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-Breanna

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provided so much comfort to me. That meant the world to me!”

Pam and another Associate Chaplain, Debbie Evens, were able to attend Nathaniel’s memorial service and provide further comfort to Breanna during one of the darkest times in her life. Breanna returned to jail and continued to be mentored weekly by Chaplain Pam. They are still involved in each other’s lives today.

“I am forever grateful that Forgotten Man Ministries is in the Livingston County Jail. They were a great comfort and help to me in a very difficult time of my life. I am forever grateful.”

It is your support that puts our chaplains and volunteers in the jails and allows them to minister to inmates struggling through many problems. Thank you for making a difference in Breanna’s life. Through your support, we are able to go above and beyond in the jail.



*Breanna with FMM Associate Chaplain Pam Erickson*

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God has blessed your life in many ways. Champion His good work with a bequest to Forgotten Man Ministries. A gift in your will or trust can make a profound impact in your community and eternity.

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*Let us know if you have already taken steps to share in building a strong future for FMM.*



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We are so grateful for the many ways you continue to support FMM.



**Unlocking Hearts**

with your support

***Inmates and their families want you to know that you are helping to transform their lives.***

“These lessons keep me close to God in a place that tries to deny God’s existence. The attempts to push us away from our faith are strong. Then my next lesson appears in the mail and I am encouraged once again.”

- Earl

“I thank God for putting me in this place. I have turned my life to the Lord and am so grateful that you never gave up on me.”

- Brenda

“The best gift from FMM was the Bible with my name on it. It was such a proud moment and humbling to receive it. We are so often forgotten in here by friends and family. To know that a complete stranger cares for us is simply amazing.”

- Jonathan

“I know many people would say ‘He has nothing to live for,’ but because of FMM, I learned I have a life to live for. Everlasting life.”

- Jeffrey

Psalm 107:2 “Let the redeemed of the Lord tell their story—those he redeemed from the hand of the foe...”



# A Mission Not Forgotten

by Bill Cariano,  
Executive Director

*“...Therefore **go and make disciples** of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and **teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you**. And surely I am with you always to the end of the age.” (Mt. 28:19-20)*

As disciples of Jesus (persons who strive to emulate Jesus) our job is to go and make disciples (help others move towards Jesus). At FMM we are blessed to have over 2,200 disciples of Jesus casting seeds in 35 Michigan county jails from which the Holy Spirit grows

disciples. Some of them are starting far away from Jesus; others are already moving towards Jesus; and some are followers of Jesus who have stumbled.

How about you? Do you think your community will benefit if we help those incarcerated become like Jesus? Over 90% of those incarcerated in your local jail are returning to your community’s neighborhoods. What if those returning citizens started down a path emulating Jesus as better parents, spouses, employees and overall better citizens? I think your community would be a safer place to live in this otherwise chaotic world.

This is the impact of the generous disciples we call FMM volunteers. We have an army on a mission who go

above and beyond to make disciples by teaching those in jail to obey God’s commandments. This is the only way to realize the FMM vision—that every departing inmate can start a new life in Jesus Christ, becoming a productive citizen and never returning to jail.

If you want to change your community, let God use you to make disciples. Through the power of Jesus, it is happening! I see it every week. Please join the loving and generous army of FMM disciples emulating Jesus with their prayers, time and financial support.

**Do not forget the mission God has called all Christians to!**

**You won’t be alone. Jesus is with us always.**

## Don Sleeman: a Volunteer Who Understands

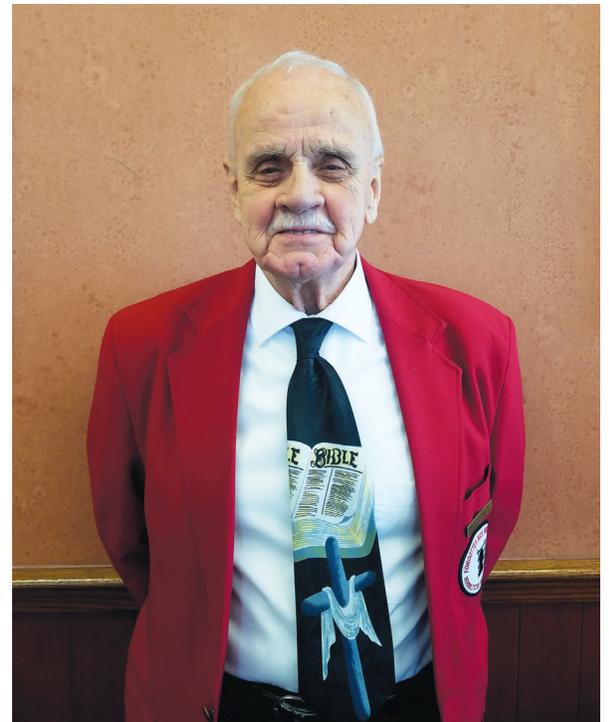
When Don Sleeman was a young man, he found himself in the Kent County Correctional Facility for some minor offenses. Even upon his release, he still struggled with drugs and alcohol. When he learned about Jesus, his life changed. He felt God calling him to serve.

Thirty-five years ago, Don began serving in the Eaton and Ingham jails. He felt like he could relate to the young men serving their sentences because he had once been there himself. “Outside of the Bible, our testimony is the most important way we can lead others to the Lord,” Don shares.

For 33 years Don served FMM faithfully in Ingham and Eaton counties. Two years ago, Don and his wife of 54 years moved to Barry County to live near their children and grandchildren. He

reconnected with Forgotten Man Ministries and now leads a Tuesday night Bible study and spends Thursday and Friday mornings mentoring inmates. “I am 77 years old and would love to do more, but when the Lord asks me to serve, I do what I can.”

It’s through the support of FMM’s loyal donors that we are able to impact young men and women who, like Don, are restored and lead lives of service to others. Thank you, Don, for your years of faithful service to FMM.



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- Don Sleeman



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## SPRING BANQUET SCHEDULE

Our annual banquets provide an uplifting opportunity to hear how FMM has reached the hearts and souls of inmates in your local jails. It's a time to gather with community members and experience how powerfully your support has impacted lives. We look forward to seeing you there! RSVP online at [forgottenman.org](http://forgottenman.org).

DATE	COUNTY	DATE	COUNTY
Mar. 15	Allegan County	Apr. 26	Berrien County
Apr. 10	Huron County	May 1	Osceola County
Apr. 17	Branch County	May 1	Midland County
Apr. 19	Kent County	May 10	Roscommon/Crawford Counties
Apr. 24	Kalamazoo County		

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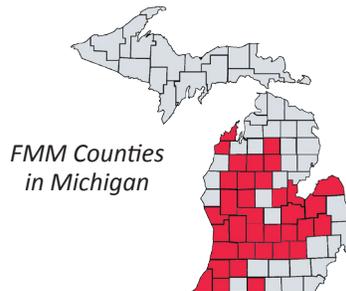
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## BBB Selects FMM For Rare Honor

FMM has made a short list of best running non-profits based in West Michigan! The organizations were chosen using 20 standards established by the Better Business Bureau (BBB). Those standards are in

the area of governance and oversight, effectiveness, finances, fundraising, and informational materials. We are honored to be recognized for the work that you make possible with your support.



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