



**Forgotten Man  
Ministries**

# Reaching The **FORGOTTEN**

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## **From Drugs to a College Degree: A New Life through Christ**

When Andrew was released from prison, he didn't want to look back. But God brought him back to the Allegan County Jail to minister with others the way other chaplains had ministered with him.

Andrew grew up in church, but in his teens he began using drugs and alcohol. From 2002 to 2006 he was in and out of jail and probation for drug-related crimes. In 2006, his lifestyle caught up with him and he was sent to the Newaygo County Jail awaiting federal drug charges.

While in jail, he remembers the chaplain came by day after day to ask inmates if they wanted a Bible or to join a Bible study. One day, in a moment of desperation, Andrew said "yes."

"My life was so out of control. I almost died from all the drugs I was using. I

didn't have any hope, and I knew my life was either going to be spent in and out of jail or I would end up dead. If it wasn't for the chaplain who faithfully offered me a Bible study even after I had turned him down week after week, I would not be the man I am today."

Andrew spent his incarceration learning everything he could about God and faithfully studied God's Word. He completed the Forgotten Man Bible studies and was given an award Bible.

In June of 2007, Andrew was released from prison. He relocated to Holland to start anew, away from the influences he knew could not be part of his new life in Christ. Although it was a challenge to find a job with a criminal record, he began working at McDonalds.

Within months he was promoted to Assistant Manager and continued to receive promotions as he pursued his degree at GVSU. Andrew graduated magna cum laude from GVSU with a degree in business and is currently an operations manager over ten McDonald's locations.

Today, Andrew is married with four kids. He is actively involved in his church



*Andrew and his family.*

serving as a deacon. A few months ago, his pastor asked if he would help with a jail visit. It was then Andrew came face to face with the ministry that changed his life over ten years ago.

"While I owe it all to God, I know that if that chaplain did not minister to broken and lost sheep like me, I would be back in prison or dead. These chaplains and volunteers offer themselves to some of

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the most destroyed and wrecked people and I am so grateful."

Your financial gifts put chaplains in the jails and Bible courses in the hands of those who need

it most. Thank you, supporters, for how you make success stories like Andrew's possible through your prayers and donations.

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# Announcing FMM's New Executive Director



Rev. Nate DeWard

The FMM Board of Directors is pleased to announce that beginning January 1, 2019, Rev.

Nathan DeWard will begin serving as Executive Director. For the past four years, Rev. DeWard has served FMM as a fund developer, regional director, and is currently the Assistant Director. Rev.

DeWard brings 18 years of experience as a pastor, chaplain, and leader with non-profit organizations.

FMM Board President, Dave Ellis, commented, "The Board has been very prayerful and intentional in following a succession plan that continues the strong leadership foundation that the Lord has provided the past fifty-two years. Rev. DeWard's heart for Jesus, passion

for those incarcerated, and proven leadership skills position him well for the future of Forgotten Man Ministries.

Current FMM Executive Director, Bill Cariano, will continue to use his gifts to serve FMM throughout 2019. Bill will provide leadership to priority donor initiatives, special projects, and financial operations at the FMM home office.

## The Tireless Doc Chapin: Recipient of FMM Volunteer Award

Maurice "Doc" Chapin is somewhat of a legend in the Tuscola County area. He has been serving those around him for as long as anyone can remember. Forgotten Man Ministries has been blessed by his service for the last 20 years.

Doc was born in 1929 in central Michigan and began practicing medicine in Tuscola County in 1960. He retired in his 70's—and has done little to slow down his life of service to others. Shortly after retirement, Doc completed the volunteer training to work with Forgotten Man Ministries.

One of Doc's favorite ways to serve in the jail is through the book cart ministry. Our book carts are filled with Christian

books that inmates can choose from to further their knowledge of God and the Scriptures. Most of these books have been donated by Doc himself.

"There are many times I come into the jail on a hot summer's day at 10 or 11 in the morning and Doc has already been there making his rounds for several hours," says Mike Slocum, Tuscola County chaplain. "When I leave at 3 or 4, he is still there and will be there for several more hours."

In addition to his love of the book cart ministry, Doc regularly volunteers for the Friday evening Bible study and the Saturday church service. When he had some medical issues earlier this year



"Doc" Chapin with his wife, Dorothy

that prevented him from driving to the jail, he had his wife Dorothy drive for him.

Last fall, Doc was honored at the 2017 Christmas in the Jail event with the "Basin and Towel Servanthood Award" for his many years of faithful service. From all of us at FMM, "Well done, good and faithful servant."

"FMM turned my life around in every way. Please pass on my extreme gratitude. Forgotten Man Ministries saved my life!"

- LuAnn

"I was in a GRO Pod when I was reborn in Christ and I am not looking back! The Holy Spirit guides me, but your support plays a role and I am thankful for you."

- Jim

"Your Bible studies have taught me so much about God and Jesus, helping me to be a better Christian. May God bless you always."

- Jamie

"As an inmate, I sometimes feel like nobody cares about me. But I am grateful for people like you who are willing to share His love with someone like me. Thank you for caring!"

- John



## Unlocking Hearts

with your support

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



# Volunteers: FMM's Unsung Heroes

by Bill Cariano,  
Executive Director

*“And when the chief Shepherd appears, you will receive the unfading crown of glory” (1 Peter 5:4).*

This year, more than 200,000 men and women will spend time in Michigan county jails served by FMM. It provides inmates the rare occasion to focus on themselves and reprioritize their lives if they choose. The FMM army of nearly 2000 volunteers go into the jails to

meet inmates and help them discover a new life in Christ and ways to follow him.

There is no place hungrier for hope and salvation through Christ. FMM volunteers are a physical and spiritual presence to remind inmates that God loves them, God forgives them, and God offers them a second chance. His Word is taught and preached through Bible classes, worship services, and through practical classes that apply to addiction recovery and many issues inmates struggle with.

Members of FMM's volunteer army are the hands and feet of the Lord

as they sow the seeds of the gospel daily. Because of the Holy Spirit, their efforts often bear lasting fruit in the form of changed lives, better spouses, parents, employees, and productive citizens.

I am personally grateful for the dedication of FMM volunteers. I have worked closely with many of them and see their tremendous heart.

Please help us reach the lost with your prayers, time, or financial support. If you are a volunteer or support one, **thank you** for serving the Lord, helping to grow eternal fruit.



## #GIVING TUESDAY

• 11.27.18

The holiday season is just around the corner, and we invite you to kick it off with us on Giving Tuesday! Giving Tuesday is a global day of giving back. On November 27th, the Tuesday following Thanksgiving, you'll have the chance to join people around the world and support a cause close to your heart. We hope you will choose to support Forgotten Man Ministries.

This Giving Tuesday, help us share the gospel with the incarcerated in our Michigan county jails. By joining us, you are helping to bring hope to inmates who need the light of Jesus to

find a new path. Mark your calendars and spread the word about this easy way to give back.

- \$25 will put a Bible in the hands of 5 inmates
- \$50 will provide 5 inmates with one of our Bible courses
- \$100 will provide 4 inmates with biblical counsel from one of our trained chaplains

Follow us on Facebook to keep updated on our Giving Tuesday efforts.



[www.facebook.com/forgottenmanministries](http://www.facebook.com/forgottenmanministries)

**Remember FMM and make a donation on November 27th! Three ways to give:**

Online

[www.forgottenman.org/donate](http://www.forgottenman.org/donate)

**TEXT 2 GIVE**

Text "FMM" to 41444

Call

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## DONATE NOW ON YOUR MOBILE DEVICE USING "TEXT 2 GIVE"

In less than five minutes, you can make your gift to FMM using your mobile device!

- 1 Text the word "FMM" to the number "41444" and follow the directions.
- 2 You will be guided to make a secure online gift. It's the easiest and most convenient way to support FMM.

**Try it now!**

# First Steps Marathon:

## Wellness for a Worthy Cause

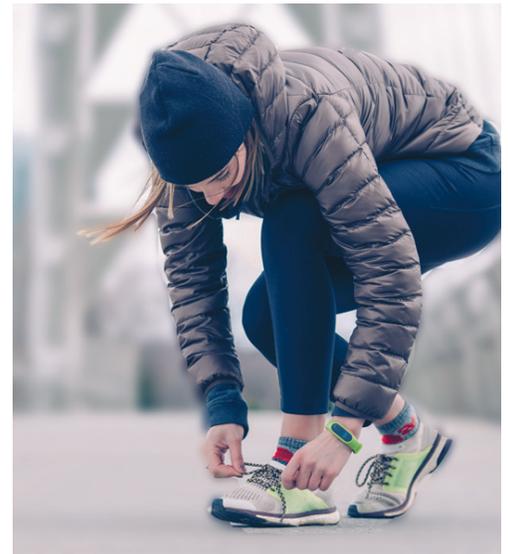
In January 2019, walkers, joggers, and runners across Michigan will lace up for their health and to fundraise for FMM. The First Steps Marathon is like many events because it enables participants to combine a passion for wellness and a desire to support a worthy cause. The First Steps Marathon is unlike other events because anyone can participate.

There are three easy ways to get involved in the marathon. There will be “steppers” who commit to stepping 26 miles in the month of January and raising a minimum of \$260 to benefit FMM. “Sponsors” will provide a gift of \$26 or more to support their “stepper” friends and learn about the work that

FMM does in the jail. Last, there will be “prayers” who support their “stepper” friends and lift up inmates at the jail in prayer. Will you consider becoming a stepper, sponsor, or a prayer?

Funds that are raised will go to helping inmates take their “First Steps” of faith and new life in the local jail by providing chaplains and self-study Bible courses. “Steppers” will have the satisfaction of achieving their health goals with their “First Steps” of 2019—all while helping others.

For more information on the event, visit [www.firststepsmarathon.com](http://www.firststepsmarathon.com). To sign up, text keyword “fmm” to 71777 on your mobile device.



### First Steps Marathon

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## Hear More of the Story: **New FMM Videos**



In shock and scared, Curt never thought he'd end up in jail. He felt alone and in darkness until the light of Christ made him see. “I was told that I had an assignment for Jesus...and that thought alone helped change my thinking. It changed the trajectory of my life.”

See more of Curt's story  
Text **FMMCURT** to 51555



I was raised in a life of drugs and prostitution, with no safe place to go. When I was in jail, I cried and asked the Lord to save me. That's where FMM found me. The words in my Bible seemed to be written just for me. But I wondered if, when I got out of jail, could I really find a church where they would love me and accept me for who I am?”

See more of Jen's story  
Text **FMMJEN** to 51555



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