

## TESTIMONIALS

I was lost, confused and did not have an identity. Living Stone Prison Church welcomed me with open arms. When I came to Living Stone I was able to experience the power and presence of God, biblically based messages, worship, and fellowship with my brothers in Christ. As a result, I feel like I am no longer broken and I have found a church home. Through Living Stone I have been able to reconcile broken relationships with my family and friends, which has helped me find healing and peace. It has surrounded me with a Christian family that cares and supports one another. It is the compass that I was missing to stay on course to salvation. It is a powerful community where God's power to heal is alive and working. Living Stone is a major foundation in my life and has changed my life. I am now blessed to be living this new life.

*Jose*

I appreciate Living Stone Church because there are opportunities to grow, develop, and mature in our faith. We are blessed to have a church that has a place for inside men to participate in sharing The Word, music, and prayer. In the time I've been involved with Livingstone, I've found it to be a place that is safe when I'm struggling with life. We are blessed, not just with the support of a solid outside church family and pastors, but also with a great group of inside brothers looking to honor Christ.

*Jeff*



## HOW TO BE INVOLVED

At Living Stone Prison Church we appreciate all those who have given and served in various ways. Here are some ways you can get involved:

- † **Consider coming to worship with us.** Every Sunday night the men gather for worship and are truly blessed when outside guests come in to worship with them. For information on how to come inside for worship please reach out to Pastor Dan, Lauri at 712.470.4165, or through the Living Stone Prison Church website.
- † **Consider giving to the ministry.** We are not a ministry funded by the State of South Dakota and we function strictly on the support of individuals outside churches. If you feel led to give, please make check payable to Living Stone Prison Church and send to address below.
- † **Consider engaging prison ministry where you are.** Maybe you are reading this information but live far away from Springfield, SD. Chances are you have a facility near your home with incarcerated people who need to hear about Jesus. My encouragement to you is to look for opportunities to get involved in your area.

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4 As you come to him, a living stone rejected by men but in the sight of God chosen and precious,  
5 you yourselves like living stones are being built up as a spiritual house, to be a holy priesthood, to offer spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ.

1 Peter 2:4, 5 (ESV)

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Stone  
Prison  
Church

Pastor Dan Ebbens

## WHO WE ARE...

In 2011, God placed a burden in the heart of Pastor Jason and Ruth Wiersma to plant a church inside the prison at Mike Durfee State Prison. Jason had previously worked as a correctional officer before going to seminary. He had seen the desperate need for a Christ centered, biblically based ministry to exist inside the prison walls. Since its beginning, Living Stone Prison Church has passionately sought to see men invited to worship, to be discipled, and to help prepared them to live godly lives for the honor and glory of God through Jesus Christ.

Since then, Pastor Jason and Ruth have been called to plant a new church for men and women coming out of incarceration. Our sister church, Freedom's Gate began in 2020. This church is outside of the prison in Sioux Falls but the ministry inside continues on.

In 2020, Pastor Dan Ebbens became our full time pastor inside the walls of Mike Durfee State Prison in Springfield, SD helping men change and grow thru Christ.

### What does this look like inside the prison walls?

There are many aspects to this ministry that happen inside Mike Durfee State Prison as we invite men to a life in Christ.

## WHAT GOD IS DOING...

### † Through Worship.

Every Sunday evening the men inside the prison are invited to worship together to bring our praise, honor, and glory to Christ. This includes preaching and teaching, a time of singing, a time of using our gifts such as poetry, a spoken Word, leading readings, and preaching an opening word.

### † Through Weekly Bible Studies.

Twice a week we have a Bible study available for the men to grow in their understanding and depth of faith. We study the Bible together verse by verse and find joy in growing together.

### † Through one on one discipleship.

Throughout the week there are opportunities to get together and engage in discipleship. We believe discipleship is crucial to someone growing in their faith and this is a key element to the ministry of Living Stone Prison Church.

### † Through Partnering Ministries.

Living Stone Prison Church is committed to working with ministry partners who are like minded in a desire to grow in our understanding of the Gospel, to rely on the inspired Word of God, and to invite men

inside to have a thriving relationship with Christ. Some of these partnering ministries are:

- » **PALMS**  
(Prison Association of Lay Ministries Springfield)
- » **Kingdom Boundaries**  
(Christ centered prison aftercare)
- » **Pathfinders**  
(Discipleship ministry inside the prison walls).

### † Through Intentional Prayer.

We have a dedicated group of brothers who are meeting together to pray. They pray for the continued work of God inside and outside of the prison, for the needs of the men we walk with every day, and for God to be lifted up and glorified in all things.

