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Free Inside - Prayer Bulletin.

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Up to this point I have been concentrating on networking with others in Prison Ministry, the Alpha leadership in New England and with officials in the DOC. I am encouraged by the fact that I have been well received in all these circles. I am beginning to understand the opportunities, challenges and even the pitfalls that are involved in this ministry.

What's next?

My next step is to begin networking with folk in various churches and most importantly with the Missions committees in these churches. I want to thank those of you who have given me names to contact. I am preparing a brochure describing the ministry, once it is ready I will send it out with a cover letter from the NLCF Missions committee, requesting an opportunity to present the ministry of Free Inside.

Summer doldrums.

I have made a few phone contacts with people and I have run into comments like: *"Our missions committee won't be meeting until September, please send some information so that they can discuss it when they meet."* Clearly summer is not the time for a quick response.

Some positive responses.

Friends of ours in Virginia are planning a series of meetings to present FI, they have already lined up 3 meetings. I will be going down there for 5 or 6 days in mid-September. I hope to be able to speak at least 5 or 6 meetings. I will also be speaking at the Sunday service of a local church in late November.

NewLife Christian Fellowship Missionary lunch.

I am looking forward to the Missionary lunch, that the NLCF missions committee is arranging for Free Inside, on a Sunday in September after church. The date is yet to be announced. Once it has been announced please make an effort to attend, and come with your comments and questions.

Summer reading.

I am taking the opportunity during the summer doldrums, to prepare for the future by reading as much about Prison Ministry, prison culture, prison reform as I can.

Have you ever thought . . . ?

Have you ever thought of perhaps hosting a meeting in your home for people to come and hear about Free Inside? All you need are a few friends, some chairs, a welcoming attitude and some coffee and cookies. I will do the rest.

Volunteers ready to go.

I have three volunteers trained, signed up and ready to help with the first Alpha.

What you can pray for.

1. For the power of the Holy Spirit to rest on Free Inside.
2. Open doors to present Free Inside to churches, small groups and Missions groups.
3. Patience to get through the summer doldrums.
4. The volunteers who have signed up and for additional helpers.

Sincerely,

Peter.

For Christ and His Kingdom.