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COMMENTS FROM EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR STEVE WRIGHT

For those who follow the liturgical calendar, the start of the New Year brings with it the Day of Epiphany. Epiphany is a celebration for followers of Jesus to remember the moment the Magi arrived to acknowledge Jesus Christ as the revelation of God incarnate. The day also marks the moment that Jesus was made known to the Gentiles when the Magi returned to their own countries and carried the light of the Christ to the world. Our chaplains have a special relationship to Epiphany that extends well beyond one day in January. Every moment they step into a briefing, sit down in a patrol car, or respond to an incident in the community, it is a reminder of the revelation of God in the person of Jesus. Their presence in the chaos helps the hope of Jesus shine.

I can give you statistics to tell you how our chaplains were utilized, but the full impact of our work may never be known. The healing power of their presence may not be fully realized for months or even years after an incident, and the lives impacted indirectly from people passing on that hope to their loved ones may be too great to count. The chaplains' work, however, is not done alone; it takes the prayers and support of an entire community to make that happen. As the New Year begins, we would like to say a heartfelt "thank you" to those who have been generous with their prayers and finances to make the Chaplaincy possible. Your sacrifice does not go unnoticed, and we are extremely thankful. If you have been following us for any period of time but have not joined our support team, this would be an opportune time to do so. We have many opportunities to grow and expand our ministry, but that cannot happen without your help. Help us bring Epiphany to those who are hurting throughout our community and throughout this new year.

Chaplain Steve

COMMENTS FROM CHAPLAIN TIM

It is the beginning of a new year which always causes us to reflect and re-evaluate. The month January is named after the Greek god Janus who had two faces. One face looked forward anticipating the future, and the other face looked backward evaluating the past. The future looks encouraging as the Chaplaincy has finalized its contract with Marshall Hospital to continue to provide spiritual and chaplain services for the hospital. The other exciting news is that we have brought on a chaplain intern to serve with me at Marshall Hospital. His name is Beau Brown, and he is the son of the late Lt. Bill Brown who served in our El Dorado County Sheriff's Office. Beau is a graduate of George Fox College and received his divinity degree from Yale University. Mentoring Beau will be an exciting step for me in the New Year as a part of our development plan for the Chaplaincy. Stay tuned!

May 2018 bring you many blessings and deepen your relationship with our Lord, *Chaplain Tim*

Please Pray With Us For

- ◆ The family of a good friend who was a member of Search and Rescue and recently died from cancer
- ◆ A Vietnam veteran to whom we are ministering whose home burned to the ground and is now homeless
- ◆ All those who suffer and are grieving from a horrific auto accident
- ◆ A 92 year-old WW II Veteran who lost his home in the Santa Rosa fire and is now living with his children
- ◆ A family who is grieving as their loved one died from exposure to agent orange
- ◆ A retired officer who is recovering from a hip replacement
- ◆ A chaplain's wife who is home recovering from a serious infection
- ◆ A veteran who found his wife had died during the night and is grieving
- ◆ A family of a retired officer who died from cancer