

## Reentry Workshop focuses on transition

by Pastor Rick

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On November 19, New Life hosted a Reentry Workshop at the Calvary Youth House in Pella, Iowa. The workshop was led by Rev. Carroll Lang and his wife Judy. The Langs worked together, describing the challenges faced by people released to society after serving prison time. They advised the formation of aftercare teams to help people who are making that crucial transition. Led by Howard & Cathy Vroom, one such team is forming in Pella to assist Randy Schneider, who has recently completed a seven-year prison sentence. Having already secured a job and housing, Randy is ahead of the curve.

Overall, the workshop was a tremendous success. Thirty people in attendance gleaned from the wisdom of Carroll and Judy Lang. One critical piece is writing a Team Covenant. One of those attending the Saturday morning conference was Judy Strong, a member of New Life’s launch team. Judy made these observations: “I was amazed at how much was involved in making a covenant. There are a lot of steps

involved. A big key is holding each other accountable.” New Life appreciates Carroll & Judy Lang for leading this workshop in a highly interactive and interesting fashion. They also provided some helpful resources such as a binder to be utilized by aftercare teams.



Above left: Rev. Lang addresses those in attendance at the Reentry Workshop. Above right: Rev. Carroll Lang and his wife Judy shared their wisdom at the Reentry Workshop. Bottom left: Howard & Cathy Vroom (left) mentored Randy Schneider while he was incarcerated. They have maintained their friendship following Randy’s release. Read Randy’s story on page 2.



## Give to New Life

by Rick & Rose Admiraal

As 2011 comes to a close, we give thanks to God for all your prayers and financial support! We could not survive without them. Please consider giving to New Life Prison Community before the end of the year. Your gift will make a big difference to our ministry. In August, New Life received confirmation from the IRS of its official tax-exempt status as a 501(c)(3) charity. That means all of your gifts to New Life are tax deductible.

God has blessed the first year of New Life by providing the necessary resources to do ministry at the prison. By sending a gift today, you will participate in this Kingdom work for those who are incarcerated. May New Life continue to receive your crucial financial support so that this important ministry may go forward into 2012 and years to come.



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## Randy Schneider shares his New Life story *by Pastor Rick Admiraal*

During his incarceration, Randy was a key member of New Life Prison Community. Now, he is planning to settle in Pella. His mentor Howard Vroom is forming a team of dedicated individuals to aid in the transition process. Randy has already found work at LDJ Manufacturing, Inc., in Pella.

### Q - How did you find out about New Life Prison Community?

A - We heard of the blessing being brought in from the volunteers that visited the Newton Prison.

### Q - What did you like best about New Life?

A - In the Bible studies, we would interact with the men and women who entered the facility as volunteers.

### Q - How did New Life assist your Christian walk?

A - Many of the visiting volunteers have become my brothers, sisters, and friends in the community where I live.

### Q - How did New Life Prison Community impact your release/life?

A - Rick, you were there at the gate with the Vrooms on my release date.

### Q - What challenges do you face?

A - I need to make the right choices every day. By putting God first, the rest will fall into place.

### Q - How will your Christian faith and other Christians help you on the outside?

A - We are the Body of Christ—all for one and one for Christ.



Randy Schneider (left) and Pastor Rick met when Randy began attending New Life Bible studies.

Want to hear more from Randy? Go to [www.newlife-prison.org](http://www.newlife-prison.org) and select Testimonials on the main menu.

## New Life hires new office manager *by Rick Admiraal*

In October, the New Life Prison Community launch team approved a new part-time office manager position. Shortly thereafter, Rose Admiraal joined her husband Rick as an official staff member. Rose has become a tremendous asset to the ministry by performing essential administrative tasks. Overall, she helps the office function more efficiently. In addition to her organizational abilities, Rose brings a wealth of prison ministry experience to the table. She loves to sing and aids the ministry by organizing praise teams for worship.

Pastor Rick and his wife Rose found inspiration from Rev. Steve & Diane Moerman who work together at the Cornerstone Prison Church within the South Dakota State Penitentiary in Sioux Falls. May God bless Rick & Rose as they serve as an efficient and dedicated ministry team.

## Praise and Thanksgiving service

*by Pastor Rick*

On November 17, New Life celebrated Thanksgiving by hosting a worship service at the prison gym. Nearly one hundred men were in attendance.

The praise music was inspirational. Rose Admiraal led a praise team composed of members of five churches in Pella and Sully. Pastor Art Van Wolde sang in the praise team alongside his friend Cliff, an inmate at the Newton Prison. Pastor Art also prayed and helped serve communion. Reflecting on the worship service, Pastor Art mentioned that the services keep improving. It was our best one yet! He was impressed by the participation of the inmate-members who read Bible passages, prayed, and shared personal testimonies of thanksgiving.

Pastor Rick gave a message entitled "Why Only One?" based on the story of the grateful Samaritan healed of leprosy (Luke 17:11-19). The end of the message pointed us to the Lord's Table where we celebrate a feast of thanksgiving. Most of all, we are thankful for Jesus Christ.

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- Jean Goemaat

Volunteer Jean Goemaat, a resident of Monroe, Iowa, made these observations: "I just wanted to tell you how much I enjoyed the service on Thursday night. It was truly an anointed service. The power of the Holy Spirit was certainly evident. The music was beautiful, your message was super. Everyone was touched and blessed."

It was good to be in the House of Prayer behind the fences of the Newton Prison on November 17. All of us can express our faith in God by thanking Jesus Christ. And this includes our brothers and sisters in prison. May God be praised!