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J-Unit Recruits Editor

In this edition of our MtSM Newsletter, I would like to introduce you to Adrian and Jane. I first "met" Adrian in the spring of 2012. We have really never met face to face, but we write back and forth regularly, and we have spoken on the phone.

Adrian is friends with one of the inmates whom we have helped attend a loved one's memorial. They were in prison together, and part of a very special ministry in prison called J-Unit.

J-Unit stands for Jesus Unit; and Adrian is one of the founders of this ministry. Here is who they say they are:

"We are Jesus' Elite Special Forces, Frontline Soldiers in the Army of the Lord, fighting daily in the war against Satan and his minions, and grateful servants of Jesus Christ and our fellow man. We are an outreach ministry, reaching out to the lost and brokenhearted. It is our mission to take the men and women who have been

beaten down and lied to by Satan, and build them up into the victorious image of Jesus Christ. We do this through the power and guidance of the Holy Spirit. "For we do not wrestle against flesh and blood but against principalities, against powers, against the ruler of the darkness of this age, against spiritual host of wickedness in the heavenly places." (Ephesians 6:11-12). "And the weapons of our warfare are not carnal but mighty in God for pulling down strongholds." (2 Corinthians 10:4)"



Jane and Adrian

Through some of our correspondences, Adrian mentioned that he was writing a book and needed help with the editing. This was one of those things that just went in and out of my head. I remembered it but didn't pay too much attention, knowing that editing was certainly not something that I could help him with since grammar, spelling and punctuation are not things in which I excel.

Now, fast forward a few months. I am at church on Lopez Island where my

husband is the pastor. There was a visitor on this particular Sunday whom I had met once briefly a year or so before. But, on this day, we strike up a conversation. It turns out he is one of the chaplains at the same prison where Adrian is incarcerated and he personally knows Adrian. He had helped Adrian in the beginning of the J-Unit Ministry. As we were chatting, he mentions that Adrian is writing a book and needs an editor.

Okay, now I am really paying attention as this is the second time in a matter of a few months that this has been brought up. I'm kind of getting the feeling I am supposed to be doing something with this information. (Sometimes I'm a little slow.)

I decided to put an announcement in our newsletter. There must be someone who would be willing to help Adrian.

As I said before, grammar, spelling and punctuation are not my strong suit, so I rely on Jane and others to help me in this area. Jane is a long-time, personal friend who is a supporter of MtSM, and someone who is accomplished at the above-mentioned grammar, spelling and punctuation.

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When Jane received the announcement for the editing help, she immediately called me with questions. She had a stirring in her heart, and was feeling like this might be something she would be interested in doing. Jane made the decision to take a giant leap of faith and sat down to write to Adrian.

I am going to end my part of the story here. I have asked both Adrian and Jane to pick up where I have left off to tell their side of the story and share in how our Father God has purposed all of this to happen.

God chose Jane to be the one to come alongside Adrian in this huge project and He is working in both of their hearts building a “mother/son” friendship between these two. Our Lord is really in this adventure; and there is so much more going on in the spiritual realm than just the writing of a book.

I have had the privilege of taking a sneak peek at this book, and I tell you I can hardly wait to read the whole thing. It is the personal testimony of Adrian and it proves true one of my favorite scriptures in the bible; “And we know that all things work together for good to those who love God, to those who are called according to His purpose.” Romans 8:28

Recruit’s (Editor’s) Note

Let me tell you a little story of how God puts His plans into place. The June morning was settling in nicely, me in my reclining chair, computer in lap, editing Christina’s bi-monthly newsletter, with a plan-filled day ahead—my plans. As I proceeded through my usual application of magic to the articles, I came to the one entitled Announcements. Not thinking past my responsibility, I opened the file.

Then my life started to move in a direction I had no idea that I would be going. That said, God has His plans and His ways of saying, “Hey, Sis, come here. I’ve got a job for you.”

Christina had put in a notice that there was this guy named Adrian who had been led by the Lord to write a book

about his life and testimony, and he needed an editor. Saying to myself, “This is right up my alley”, I called Christina to find out the details. Thinking “Hmmm” to myself after being briefed on Adrian’s request, I called my best friend and told her about this “opportunity”. Always count on your best friend to dissuade you from things, right? Wrong! The very first words out of her mouth were, “Why, Jane, that’s right up your alley.”

Being me, the insatiably curious, I obtained Adrian’s address from Christina, and wrote him a letter, giving him my background, while trying to give him all kinds of ways to not accept my offer. So much for my Jonah act and trying to avoid going to Ninevah. His response came back almost immediately. He was absolutely thrilled, said that I was an answer to prayer, and the like. Nobody’s ever told me I was an answer to much of anything, much less a prayer.

Trying to throw more roadblocks in the way of this, I wrote back to Adrian and said that we would have to have a face to face, that I knew I needed approval from the Department of Correction before that happened. I thought that would take care of that permanently. But no, it didn’t. Back came a letter with a packet about J-Unit, its mission, its beliefs, and a nutshell version of Adrian’s testimony. In addition, there was an application for visitation approval and notice that one could file the application online. So, I filed it online, thinking all the while that knowing bureaucracies, I wouldn’t hear anything until I was safely out of the way, down in Arizona where I spend at least half the year. However, God had other ideas, and usually does when He has a plan in mind. Within four days, I had been approved.

Again, curiosity led me to make an appointment to go visit Adrian, to get the measure of him, and for him to get the measure of me. I went to Monroe, met with Adrian, and wouldn’t you know it? We hit it off like we’d known each other for years instead just having made an initial acquaintance.

To cut to the chase, God has blown through all of my excuses, knocked down

every roadblock I’ve attempted to throw up, and the first half of Adrian’s book is in my hands. This story is amazing in more ways than one. It is unvarnished and will not be for the faint of heart. This book is going to be a “page-turner”. Once you start in on it, you’re going to want to finish it, to see God in a new, all-powerful light.

As to Adrian’s and my friendship, I am not sure what God has in mind there, but both Adrian and I have said we know there’s more to His plan than just a book. Adrian is doing a great work for the Lord with his J-Unit ministry. And with my editing this book, I am proud to be a very small part of Adrian’s ministry as I am with Mighty to Save.

Participant’s Note

Hi, my name is Adrian Rome Gargan, and I’m a soldier for Christ from J-Unit Ministry. I never knew when I stepped out in faith in January of 2003, that I would be here with this pen in hand, writing to you; that I would become a prayer warrior, a soul winner, an evangelist, a preacher, a teacher, a counselor, a minister; that before God formed me in the womb, He knew I would pastor this ministry.

All I knew for sure that day I stepped out in faith, laying down all that I was, and all that I had ever known, at the foot of the cross, was that God was real, and I wanted to know Him and His plan for my life.

I can honestly sit here and tell you, without any hesitation whatsoever, that in the 12 and 1/2 years since I’ve taken His hand and started this journey, Christ has never, not one single time, let me down.

I could literally sit here, 24/7, for a month, glorifying Christ and the miracles He’s done in my life. For example, and by far one of the greatest is my son in the faith, second in command of J-Unit, Derek Gabriel Kampen; but, I’ll let you read about Derek and all of the miracles in the book the Lord and I are writing.

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I was still two weeks from being saved when the Lord used Wolf, my "cellie" at the time, to give me the idea to write a book. "Adrian, you should write a book," he said looking at me intently. "Then you can help a lot more people like you've helped me, Bro."

The Lord had allowed me, through circumstances I had recently traveled through myself, to help Wolf, and another youngster named Mica to see that there was more to life than the pain and anger that they knew, that the answer wasn't drawn up through a syringe or found in the bottom of a bottle. In His infinite wisdom, the Lord, through them, was also giving me a taste of what it was like to build others up instead of tear them down.

The more I thought about the idea of writing a book, the more certain I became that I was going to do it. That was it. That's all I knew at that time. As yet, unsaved, filled with hate and rage, not knowing from one day to the next what would become of my life, I only knew after what I had been through, my life needed to count for something.

Then, two weeks later, I gave my life to the Lord; and things began to take shape. Like pieces of a puzzle falling into place, as I read my Bible, I began to see and understand what life was really all about, that there was hope, and that hope's name is Jesus Christ. I knew that somehow everything was going to be ok!

It would be another three months, March of 2003, before I would actually sit down to write, and two more on top of that, before I would come up with the title that would headline this project.

Everything in my old life revolved around strength. In my world, only the strong survived. I lived that to such an extreme that I had it tattooed on my back in three and a half inch Old English letters, wrapped up in a ribbon, a Sicilian saying: "Only the strong survive."

I began to see, as I was given one test after another, like bullets being fired from a gun, that this walk wasn't for the weak or faint of heart. As I watched others around me fold and fall away, I came to know, as I had known in my old life, that

this was going to be a walk where only the strong survived. And that's how I came up with the title: "Faith, Only the Strong Survive".

Everything, absolutely everything, begins and ends with faith. From your birth into the kingdom and everything in between that birth to your last breath is all about faith.

Romans 10:9; Hebrews 11:6; Galatians 3:11

It was faith, when my pastor, Pastor Raynard, and I held hands and prayed for the Lord to do what only He could do, to bring someone into my life to take this book to the next level. It was faith that caused Christina to reach out to see if there would be anyone willing to answer the call. It was that same faith that brought Jane into my life.

It was faith that caused her to sit down and write to me, and then compelled her to walk through these walls of concrete and steel to meet me. Trust me when I tell you, Jesus loves to reward your faith.

In closing, I would like to encourage anyone who may be struggling, who may be in a place so dark that it seems the sun will never shine. I want you to know it's going to be ok. There is greatness on the inside of you.

He has given you a measure of faith. Be courageous, step out and use that faith to see the Glory of the Lord smile down on you.

With all my love and respect,
Sincerely,

Adrian Rome Gargan
J-Unit Soldier
Romans 10:11

Newsletter Update

Since our last newsletter, Heidi has been released from prison and is living in transitional housing in Snohomish County. Please pray she finds a job and that she continues to live life with Jesus and stays focused on Him.

Stacy now has roughly 120 days sober. Praise the Lord! Stacy continues to pursue her relationship with Jesus and is learning that He really is there for her always. She is standing firm in who Father God says she is.



SAVE THE DATE!

Saturday, September 27, 2014

Our first ever

MtSM BBQ

Everyone is Invited

Supporters, Prayer Partners and Participants.

Noon - 2:00

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**Deception Pass State Park
North Beach Shelter**

MtSM will supply the burgers, hot dogs and water.
If you are able, please bring a salad, drink (non-alcoholic), chips, other side dish or dessert.

Please **RSVP** to Christina so we can make sure to have enough food.

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