

# ACTION

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*“Rain or shine...holiday or routine day, I am there. It’s just in my heart to reach out.” Nick (Dominic) and Sandy Guerra are bringing Jesus Christ into the lives of men and women in the US military prison facility. In addition to other missionary ministry, Nick meets with two groups of prisoners each week, BCF and EMB where he gives the “gift of Jesus.”*

### **In Nick’s own words:**

My prison ministry started in October 2001 on the coattails of a woman, Ms. James, a Department of Defense Dependents Schools (DoDDS) teacher. She had been doing the Friday night prison ministry for over 25 years! I met a prisoner named Jewell who happened to be from my hometown, Kansas City, Missouri. I began to visit him twice a month for discipling and prayer. When Jewell was discharged, he passed me off to another prisoner who had questions and desired discipleship. Ms. James retired, a Brig night came open and I felt God calling me to step up! I know what it’s like to be locked up, having been arrested in just about every one of my duty stations. I knew in my heart, that with all the trouble I had been in, that I could’ve easily been one of these men. Also, they can’t “pull the wool over my eyes” because I’ve been where they are. This vacancy in the prison schedule was the birth of Brig Christian Fellowship (BCF).

In 2008 the prison was experiencing an increase of prisoners convicted of sexual offenses. The prison counselor had done as much as she could. I asked if I could try teaching some Bible-based sex classes. I was approved. The counselor sat in on the first two classes and was pleasantly

stunned at our approach and what the Bible has to say about sex. She even said, “My husband needs to be in these classes!” Thus, Every Man’s Battle (EMB) was launched. The participants were receiving so much solid truth from these classes that they were sharing with the rest of the prisoners. Other prisoners, although not serving time for sexual offenses, requested approval to attend these classes. Currently about 25-28 prisoners (97% of the prison population) eagerly and faithfully attend these classes.

There has been repentance, tears, and regrets...and we do our best to get them to experience the forgiveness, healing, deliverance and restoration that only Christ can offer.

*(Our next Action will feature more about Nick and Sandy’s ministry. Stay tuned!)*

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