

**Seed of the Month:**

**Synergy**

Cooperation & Teamwork



*"Two are better than one,  
because they have a good return  
for their work."*

– Ecclesiastes 4:9

**When Synergy Grows**

- People work together harmoniously.
- People contribute their respective strengths toward common goals.
- People rely upon the strengths of each other.
- Productivity increases, stress decreases.
- Teamwork improves.

**Affirming Thoughts**

- We get a lot done when we work together.
- Things go better when we cooperate!
- Each person on our team has great potential!

*"It is evident that many great and useful objects can be attained in this world only by cooperation."*

– Thomas B. Macaulay

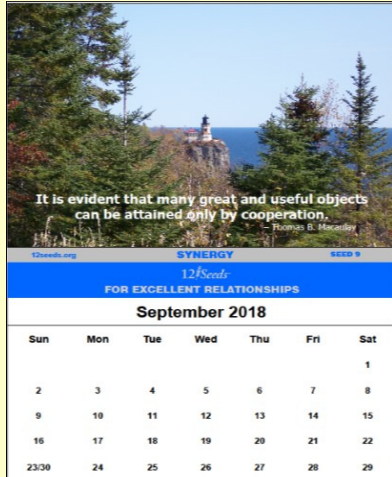
**12 Seeds in Chisago County Jail:** Brian Connery, who volunteers with Missionary Evangelism to Corrections (MEC) has been using the *12 Seeds* in his work at the Chisago and Washington County jails for about 4 years. Recently, he led a study using the *12 Seeds* Bible Study downloadable training tool found in the Leader Library on the *12 Seeds* website. He found the discussion questions very helpful at the end of each Bible lesson. To view the *12 Seeds* Bible Study on Respect, [click here](#). He gives many inmates that he works with a *12 Seeds* book and journal-workbook. Brian encourages people to read the introduction of the *12 Seeds* book first because this is what drew him to read the book. Brian hears people say, "I need to learn to love myself." He believes, "If we love God and others first, we will learn to love and forgive ourselves." To find out more about MEC, [click here](#).



**Love Book in Development:** We are currently developing a new book on how to love others by using the *12 Seeds*. This centers around moving from "take and take" living to a "receive and share" lifestyle. We receive many good gifts from God which we are to share with others. We hope to have the new book published in early 2019. If you have any insights or stories on sharing God's love, please email us at: [info@12seeds.com](mailto:info@12seeds.com).



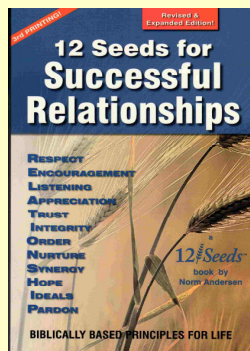
**Prison Mission Association and 12 Seeds** are discussing 90-minute workshops to be presented at Red Wing prison and possibly also at Stillwater. These two state correction facilities have canceled their Transition Fairs for this fall due to the recent murder of a guard at Stillwater prison. They are short staffed at present and the fairs take a lot of staff time to coordinate with the many ministries involved. However, they are more open to having ministries come in for visits or classes. We are looking into the possibility of workshops in November.



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*Purpose of this newsletter:*

**To remind about 12 powerful Biblical principles for character development and relationship growth.**

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**Congratulations to FreedomWorks** on their new facility in north Minneapolis. They have been using the *12 Seeds* in their programming for many years. Their vision, going forward, includes on-site residential and outpatient chemical dependency treatment. It encompasses cognitive therapy and a work training program that will employ twenty-eight men in part-time jobs through their Culinary Arts and Building Maintenance Programs. They will now have the ability to extend supportive housing to a much broader population participating in one of their many reentry services upon their release. To find out more about the expanded vision of FreedomWorks, [click here](#).



**The next R3 Collaborative meeting** is scheduled for September 20 with Midwest Mentoring Collaborative. This will be an evening meeting at Hennepin Avenue United Methodist Church in Minneapolis. The evening will start with fellowship and a light meal at 5:30 PM, followed by a workshop at 6:30 PM on Transforming Psychological Trauma into Nonviolent Power. For more on R3 Collaborative and upcoming meetings, [click here](#).



**Help Multiply the 12 Seeds!** By focusing on equipping and encouraging leaders, we multiply the impact of the *12 Seeds!* Your gift to the [12 Seeds Ministry Fund](#) will enable us to equip and encourage more leaders who are working with people in recovery from addiction and crime, plus leaders who are working with at-risk youth. Your tax-free donation goes directly to the *12 Seeds* Ministry Fund, administered by the National Christian Foundation.



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