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"May God use all of us to bring light into a hurting world."

-Chaplain Tracy Richards



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Matthew 20:28

The Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve.

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SPOKANE COUNTY SHERIFF CHAPLAINCY
CHAPLAIN MSG: "WELCOME CHAPLAIN TRACY"

Greetings to everyone,

Please join me in welcoming one of our new Chaplains to the SCSO Chaplaincy! Welcome aboard Chaplain Tracy Richards! Here are a few things she wanted me to share with you all. *"I've always wanted to serve people & truly make a difference in peoples lives. I've been blessed to fulfill this desire first as a Law Enforcement Officer with the City of Tacoma for 14 years (1993-2006), and then as an Assisting Pastor for the last 5. Now getting the opportunity to serve as part of the SCSO Chaplaincy team is like the best of both of these worlds. When my husband Kevin and I moved here last September from the TriCities, I was praying fervently for the right doors to open and God truly answered my prayers. Thank you to the Board members and Lead Chaplain Robert for giving me this amazing opportunity."*

Here is a snippet of the devotional Chaplain Tracy delivered at the most recent Chaplain Training Meeting;

What has stuck out to me in the last 2 months learning about Chaplaincy, watching all of you, and the role that we play in our Community; is the need to bring light into dark places. Luke 1:79 says "to shine on those living in darkness and in the shadow of death, to guide our feet into the path of peace".

How do we shine on those experiencing darkness at that moment and what does that "light" look like? For me "the Light" is His unending presence day in and day out. The Word says in Deu. 31:8: "Do not be afraid or discouraged, for the Lord will personally go ahead of you. He will be with you; he will neither fail you nor abandon you". There have been many times in my life that knowing the Lord had already gone to the places I was concerned and actually frightened about, gave me much peace. It was as if the places were dark but knowing Jesus had already been there and in a sense "turned the light on" by His very presence...I am reassured. In my devotion this week it stated "Just as He came as the light of the world, He commands us to be "lights" too. In Matthew 5: 14-16 we see believers depicted as the light of the world. Just as the moon has no light of its own, reflecting the light of the sun, so are believers to reflect the Light of Christ so that all can see it in us. The Light is evident to others by the good deeds we do in faith and through the power of the Holy Spirit. The emphasis here is maintaining a credible and obvious witness in the world, a witness that shows us to be faithful, God-honoring, trustworthy, sincere, earnest, and honest in all that we do. Also, we should always be ready to give an account of the hope that we have for the gospel Light we have is not to be covered, but made obvious for all to see and benefit from, that they too, may leave the darkness and come into the Light. THANK YOU VERY MUCH CHAPLAIN TRACY FOR THE WORDS OF ENCOURAGEMENT.

Blessings from Above, Chaplain Robert Kinnune