The Cannons Missionaries to the Inmates

Isaiah 42:7 "To open blind eyes, to bring out the prisoners from the prison, and them that sit in darkness out of the prison house."

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Dear Faithful Supporters and Friends:

Thank you for the opportunity to bring true hope to those who often think they have no hope. We read in I Peter 1:3 "Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, which according to his abundant mercy hath begotten us again unto a lively hope by the resurrection of Jesus Christ"... What a blessing it is to be able to tell so many inmates that Jesus Christ is alive, that He loves them, and that He died for their sin on the cross so that they might live with Him in Heaven forever. It is a blessing to be able to tell each of them that Jesus Christ can and will forgive them of their sins if they will believe He died for their sin, that He arose, and that, if they will ask Jesus in child-like faith to save them, He will. What a difference it makes as these dear folks learn that Jesus Christ is alive, and that He can help them as they follow the Bible each day while waiting to go to court, or as they serve their time in prison.

What a difference it makes in the lives of other inmates when a fellow inmate knows and loves our Lord Jesus Christ. Recently, at the Craven county jail, we could not get in to have our services due to some maintenance work that was taking place. The next week, our ladies were told that they were missed, but that they had held a Bible study in the cell block amongst themselves. One of the men's cell blocks also had their own Bible study. Our new ministry gives Carolyn and me the chance to see and hear of men and women coming to know Jesus Christ as their personal Savior almost every week. We also have the opportunity to see spiritual growth as the inmates who are saved begin to read and study the Bible through the correspondence courses.

The Baptist Bible Fellowship at the Pender Correctional Institute is a special blessing to Carolyn and me as we see new visitors coming almost every week because they have been invited and encouraged to come to our services on Thursday or Saturday. It is a blessing as we hear the testimonies of the men telling how their Lord Jesus has encouraged, blessed, and helped them that week.

PRAISES

- 1. We praise the Lord for our volunteers who preach and teach faithfully each week.
- 2. We praise the Lord for each person who has been saved in April, May, and in June, so far.
- 3. We are thankful for the number of people who are taking the Bible courses and for those who have received certificates for completing a series of Bible courses.

PRAYER REQUESTS

- 1. Please pray for the new Christians to grow in grace and the knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ.
- 2. Please pray for the Devalls as they visit family and friends in Michigan.

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