

# 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 Prayer Warriors:

Greetings in the precious name of our Lord Jesus Christ! This past three months, Carolyn and I have seen many challenges and blessings. As all of you know, Hurricane "Irene" came ashore on the Eastern coast of North Carolina on August 26. Preparations for this storm, and clean-up after, caused us to be delayed in writing this letter. Hurricane Irene did a lot of damage in the New Bern Area. Thanks to your prayers, our Lord Jesus graciously blessed us and our property. Our house had no damage, and our storage barn lost only a few shingles, despite the fact that we have seven very large pine trees in our back yard.

In late June, the founder of Onesimus ministries, Rex Devall, and his wife, Doris, went to a family reunion in Michigan. While they were there, Doris fell and fractured her hip. She is eighty-two years old, so the doctor told her it would take at least eight to ten weeks for her to recover. During this time, Rex and his son, Ron, returned to North Carolina to have Rex's defibrillator replaced. Shortly after returning, Brother Devall had a massive stroke while preaching at the Craven County jail. This, along with Doris' fall, resulted in their retirement and our assuming the Onesimus ministry.

## **Carolyn and I have seen the following BLESSINGS this summer:**

1. Faithful Volunteers to help in the Craven County jail, and at the Pender County Correctional institute.
2. We have seen someone saved almost every week during the Jail and prison services. One week, we had five saved at the Craven county Jail.
3. The Bible courses are a blessing as well. We usually receive forty to sixty courses to grade each week. Many times, the inmates will tell us that they received Jesus Christ as their personal Savior while doing the King James Bible studies.
4. Praise the Lord! We have had twenty-five visitors at the Fellowship meeting this summer. This meeting is held each Thursday evening at the Pender Correctional Institute.

## **PRAYER REQUESTS**

1. Please pray for Rex and Doris Devall as they adjust to retirement after forty years of service to our Lord Jesus Christ.
2. Please pray for Carolyn and me to have both wisdom and strength as we serve our Lord in this new ministry.
3. Please pray for the inmates who have recently received Jesus Christ as their personal Savior.
4. Please pray for the inmates to grow spiritually, especially as some of them go home.

Without your faithful prayers and financial support, it would be impossible for us to bring the light of the Gospel to those who sit in darkness. May our Lord Jesus Christ richly bless you for your faithful prayers and financial support.

Your missionaries to the Inmates,  
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