

# 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."*

Dear Faithful Supporters and Friends,

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Jesus said, "To open their eyes, and to turn them from darkness to light, and from the power of Satan unto God, that they may receive forgiveness of sins, and inheritance among them which are sanctified by faith that is in me." Acts 26:18

Thank you for giving us the opportunity to bring the light of the Gospel to the inmates in the Jones County and Craven County jails, as well as the prison in Pender County. Since May 5th, we have had the privilege to give out approximately 150 King James Bibles to inmates in all three locations. Most of these Bibles have gone to those who are taking the Bible courses that we offer. In order to get a Bible, the inmate is given the Book of Romans in pamphlet form along with a simple quiz taken from Romans about salvation. After they complete this quiz, they are given a Bible and their first "Liberty" Bible course on salvation. Almost every week as we grade these lessons, we find that some of those who had walked in darkness (were lost) had repented of their sin and asked Jesus Christ to save them, as all their faith and hope was now in Him. Others who are already saved are taking the more advanced courses.

A woman inmate at the Craven County Jail wrote a note thanking us for the lessons. In the note she wrote, "They have brought me a long way in receiving and understanding God's Word." he has been released, and asked if we could continue to send the advanced lessons to her. She wrote, "I really do not want to miss a beat in learning God's Word." Our ministry includes sending and grading lessons from those inmates who have gone home or that have gone to different prisons.

Our ministry at the Pender Correctional Institute continues to go well despite some problems caused by Satan. We have seen a good number of visitors each week at the two services. Many of the new men who are coming are younger men. Three weeks ago, a young man stood up in the service and said, "I would like to rededicate my life to Jesus Christ."

This led to a service where our saved inmates rededicated their lives to love and serve our Lord Jesus Christ. On August 11th, Joe had the privilege to baptize seven men. They had given their testimony that their faith and trust was in Jesus Christ, they had repented of their sins, and received Jesus Christ as their personal Savior by asking Him to save them.

Please pray for all of our faithful volunteers who help us with the ministry at the Craven County Jail and the Pender Prison. Our Lord may be opening a new opportunity to hold services at the Craven Correctional Institute. If this door is opened, we will be able to share the light of the Gospel to a much larger number of inmates. Please pray for Joe and at least three other men that God has called as they will be holding these services.

Please remember that each time that an inmate is saved or that he leads another inmate to Jesus Christ, you are laying up treasures in Heaven. Your prayers and financial support are greatly needed and appreciated in these hard times.

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