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 Praying Friends and Supporters:

Il Corinthians 12:9a reads, "And he said unto me, my grace is sufficient for thee: for my strength is made perfect in weakness." Challenges!! Challenges!! Since our last prayer letter, this verse has been proven true over and over again.

At the end of March, Carolyn's father died. Joe's eyesight was not that good, and he learned that he had a torn retina. This required immediate surgery which took place the same day as Carolyn's father's funeral. Surely God's grace was more than sufficient! Joe was told that his recovery time would be about six weeks. He had to remain still all day and sleep in his recliner all night. Two weeks later Carolyn's uncle died. During Joe's third week eye exam, he learned that he needed a second eye surgery to remove some scar tissue. After this surgery, Joe was told that he would not have to be as restricted, but that the oil put in his eye would need to be there for up to six months. It is very hard for him to read and impossible for him to drive. So, Carolyn is doing all of the driving at this time. By God's grace and the help of our faithful volunteers, the services at both jails and the prison have continued. We are thankful to the volunteer men who have conducted these services. We praise the Lord that Joe is now able to hold one service each week at the Ender prison. Just last week, one of Carolyn's aunts died, and once again, God's grace was sufficient.

One of the most rewarding parts of our ministry are the correspondence courses we provide for the inmates. At this time, Carolyn has 25 inmates taking the courses in the women's cell block at the Craven County jail. This is about seventy-five percent of the number of women in the cell block. Let us share a short testimony from one of the women. She said, "I am so excited about having the opportunity to dig deep into the heart of God's Word." Thank you for being such a blessing!

PRAYER REQUESTS

- 1. PLEASE PRAY FOR PASTOR PAUL JOHNSTON, ONE OF OUR FAITHFUL VOLUNTEERS, WHO HAS STAGE FOUR CANCER!
- 2. PLEASE PRAY THAT THE NEEDED ORIENTATION MEETINGS BY THE JAIL AND PRISON WILL BE HELD SOON SO THAT WE CAN GET MORE VOLUNTEERS INVOLVED!
- 3. PLEASE PRAY FOR JOE'S CONTINUED RECOVERY!
- 4. PLEASE PRAY FOR CAROLYN AS SHE DOES ALL OF THE DRIVING!

Because of your faithful prayers and financial support, we have seen more inmates growing in the Lord and sharing the Word of God with others. May our Lord richly bless you for all you have and are doing for us and this ministry.

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