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"For I am not ashamed of the gospel, it is the power of God for salvation to everyone who believes." Romans 1:16

Without the resurrection, we would have no hope in this life or the next. Christ, our perfect sacrifice, took the punishment we deserved, on the cross! Isaiah 53:5 says, "He was wounded for our transgressions and bruised for our iniquities, the chastisement for our peace was upon Him." Thank the Lord for salvation through Jesus Christ!

I have visited with Max weekly for the past five weeks. We talked about what it meant to be a Christian, and various Bible passages. I asked him if he was growing in his knowledge of Christianity. He told me, "Last week when Pastor Greg was preaching, I committed my life to Christ!" He will be baptized on Easter morning! PTL! Pray for him as he continues to grow in his faith.

I have known Henry for a year, since he has been in prison. Henry has grown in his faith. He let the gang know that he was following Jesus now and would not be part of their gang. We prayed for God's protection around him because those in the gang would not like to hear of anyone leaving the gang. It is great to see Henry grow spiritually! He also wants to be baptized Easter morning!

Ty, who I wrote about last month, gave me some more information about his life. He said, "I know that angels and demons are real. One time when I was alone in my vehicle I had a bad accident. I was going 70 mph and the car went end over end. When I looked to my right there was a big person in the passenger seat. He had his hand and arm over my chest. The motor came through the dash, and I came out of that with minor injuries. The other night I felt a dark presence in my room. I was frozen in my bed, I couldn't speak or move. I couldn't even speak the name of Jesus out loud, but when I thought Jesus' name the dark presence left. Then I could move again, so I am a believer in angels and demons." Ty struggles in his walk with the Lord, but he continues to grow in the Lord!

One young man, Tom, told me that his mother was in prison when he was growing up. His father was not present in his life. He ended up in a juvenile detention center for four years. While in the detention center someone lead him to the Lord! Tom was really growing in his faith while he was there. Then he was moved from the center to a county jail with adults, and his faith fell by the wayside. He came to the prison from jail. Tom has been in and out of trouble while in prison, but has been coming to the weekly church service. He told me, "I am not following the Lord by the way I am living and want to get back with the Lord. What is my next step?" Tom admitted that he had sinned and did not deserve God's grace and forgiveness. After praying for the Lord's forgiveness and inviting Jesus to take over his life, he knew this was what he needed to do.

Thank you for your prayers and financial support! Praise the Lord for so great a salvation! Have a blessed Easter!

In Christ, Harlan

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