

PRISON LIGHTHOUSE MINISTRY NEWSLETTER April 2022



"For no other foundation can anyone lay than that which is laid, which is Jesus Christ. 1 Cor. 3:11

The song Solid Rock says, "On Christ the solid rock I stand, all other ground is sinking sand." We have no other hope than our hope in Jesus Christ and His work on the cross for us! As we look forward to celebrating the resurrection of Jesus Christ, it is also humbling to think that He would suffer and die a horrible death to save our souls! What an awesome God we have, and a living hope in our resurrected Savior!

Derrick told me, "God has a way of getting my attention! I have ignored him for years and my life has been a mess. A few years ago, I was driving my motorcycle on a winding road and ended up in the ditch. I laid there for four hours before someone found me! Laying there gave me time to think about where I would spend eternity, and it was very scary for me! I did not know what would happen to me if I were to die!" He told me this with his eyes welling up with tears. "Then all that time in the hospital I had more time to think. They found out I had a broken neck. It bothered me that I didn't know God and my eternal destiny! Now here I am in prison, reading the Bible so I can get to know God. My problem is, I don't really understand it." It was a blessing to explain the gospel to him! He was ready to have the Lord in his life and prayed to receive Him as his Lord and Savior. Wiping his eyes he said, "This is why I am here in prison!" Praise the Lord for His patience that brings salvation.

Matt told me that he would like to be a Christian

like his grandfather, who was a great example for him. He said, "He was a man who was always available to work for the church which I attended growing up." Matt said, "My fiancé was always wanting me to pay attention to my family. I was too busy smoking weed and playing video games. God has my attention, and after attending a few Bible studies God convicted me to get right with Him! In my cell I asked Christ to come into my life and change me. I now know that He died for me on the cross. I am in a section with many other men, and some of them wanted me to play cards with them. I told them that I wanted to read my Bible instead. They did not understand my desire to read the Bible over playing cards!" It is good to hear about God's work in the men's lives! When God's Word is taught it always touches a person's soul.

I have known Henry since he came into prison three years ago. He was transferred to the Hill several weeks after he came into prison. In the past year I met with him weekly because he was interested in knowing Christ. After he had been on the Hill for a year and half, he was transferred back to Jameson. Henry was used to being on the Hill and this was a big change for him. I stayed in touch with him weekly. After three months he was transferred back to the Hill. He told me, "I was comfortable on the Hill, and didn't like going to Jameson. Now I know that it was to build my faith and to trust in the Lord through those changes." God sometimes uses change, so we don't get too comfortable, and we learn to depend on Him.

Thank you for your prayers and financial support!
Jesus Christ is our living hope!

In Christ, Harlan

Please designate my name in the memo section of your check. Send them to: Prison Lighthouse Fellowship (PLF) or South Dakota Prison Chaplain's Association (SDPCA), 601 W 57th Street Sioux Falls, SD 57108. Your gifts are appreciated and tax deductible. My phone: 605-940-4220, Email: harlan@convergeheartland.org. To listen to inmate testimonies: <https://converge.org/heartland/giving-campaign/sd-prison-chaplains-harlan-moss>