

# PRISON LIGHTHOUSE MINISTRY NEWSLETTER *December, 2020*

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***"In this the love of God was manifested toward us, that God has sent His only begotten Son into the world, that we might live through Him.***

***1 John 4:9***

We have just had Thanksgiving and Christmas will be here before we know it! It is easy to recall all the negative things that have happened in 2020. It is necessary for us to recall all the blessings we have received in 2020 as well. Especially remembering God's greatest gift of all, Jesus! God did not leave us to ourselves, but sent Jesus to pay for our sins on the cross. Without Christmas we would be in trouble, lost in our sins! Eph. 2:12b-13 says, "Having no hope and without God in the world. But now in Christ Jesus you who once were far off have been brought near by the blood of Christ." Praise the Lord!

Praise God I was allowed back into another part of the prison, (the Hill) on November 16. As I visited with one man by his cell, he told me about his situation. He said, "I am really getting closer to the Lord lately. My family turned my step-mother against me and now I have no family in my life. I thought I knew God before, but through this difficult time I cried out to the Lord." He was near tears as he continued, "I have never felt the love of God like I do now." The Lord was faithful to show His deep love for this man in the loneliest time of his life.

I visited with a man who had been a vital part of the Prison Lighthouse Church while he was in Jameson. It has been over a year since he moved from Jameson Annex to the Hill. He pointed his finger at me and said, "I have gone through times of discouragement and loneliness, but never, never, never has God not given me something from His Word to strengthen me. He has always encouraged me when I needed it, and He never failed me once!"

A man who is a lifer, and I have known ever since I started at the prison, wrote me, "It is just shocking to me sometimes how I look at things these days compared with how I used to when I was younger. Sometimes I get so ashamed and embarrassed of myself for the way I have lived my life on this earth." He is struggling with the thought of how God can forgive him. I have talked to him many times but he struggles with forgiving himself. Please pray for him to understand God's forgiveness and for wisdom for me in relating that to him.

Pray also for the inmates during this Christmas season. It is especially difficult for them since they are not allowed visits because of covid. I want to thank each one of you who have prayed for this ministry and have given financially this past year! You are a blessing! Have a blessed Christmas and New Year!

In Christ,

  
Harlan Moss

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