

# PRISON LIGHTHOUSE MINISTRY NEWSLETTER January 2021

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***"I have this against you, that you have abandoned the love you had at first. Remember therefore from where you have fallen; repent and do the works you did at first." Rev. 2:4-5***

Living life has its way of wearing away at our priorities. Jesus said in Luke 21:34, "Don't let the cares of this life weigh you down." He needs to be our first love. When the Lord does a work in our lives and we get excited about Jesus, we think about Him often throughout our day. If we want to have peace with God, repentance needs to be a part of our life.

We are studying the book of Revelation at Monday evening Bible study. I was hesitant to study it, but it has been a blessing. This book reveals the awesomeness of Jesus Christ! Jesus is telling the churches to remember, repent, and return to their first love. Many negative things have happened this past year. This study is good for the men as well as me. It is helping us to remember that Jesus needs to be our first love. He will take care of the rest of the trials that we face in life. Some of the men at the study agreed that they had left their first love and needed to repent and return. I visited with a Christian inmate who said, "I get so comfortable where I am at that I can't see where I am going, because my focus is not on my first love, Jesus! How foolish that is! Jesus wants to bless us but He cannot because other things are taking His place." I enjoy visiting with this guy because of his insight.

The men who are coming into the prison, even if it is for a short time, have to be quarantined for ten days to two weeks. They are asking for reading materials. I have given out more Bibles than usual because of the quarantine. God can even use the quarantine to get people to read His Word!

One morning when I was making rounds, a man was upset about phone money he thought should be on his account, but was not. He could not use the phone because of a lack of funds. He also was wondering why he was not getting processed to the next place where he would be moved. He told me he was a believer in prayer and wanted me to pray with him. I prayed that things would change for him soon. He wrote a note to me the next day and mentioned that I could share it. He wrote, "I just wanted to thank you for your prayer! Where two or more gather, He is there. This is a true blessing my friend! You showed up just in time! After we prayed, I had my Chemical Dependency evaluation and I will be moving soon. When I got back from the assessment, I was able to use the phone. The staff has been kind so far today also! I am always contemplating what the Lord wants me to see about His endless blessings, even when I don't understand my situation! I know my pains are blessings also. God bless and thank you good friend, and spiritual brother!"

Bringing God's hope to the men in the prison is a blessing! Thank you for your prayers and financial support!

In Christ,

Harlan

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