



“But as many as received Him, to them He gave the right to become children of God, to those who believe in His name.” John 1:12

It is great to know that we are children of our heavenly Father. We want others to know our great God, because in Him there is peace, joy, and everlasting life! There is so much drama, confusion, and difficulties in men’s lives behind the walls. Jesus Christ is the only answer to how they can start putting their lives back together.

George has been in prison for many years. He has been a Christian for a long time. Now that he is past middle age, he has been more mellow. I had not talked with George one on one for a while. I asked him if he would like to visit, and he readily agreed. He said, “Out of the goodness of my heart I shared my commissary food with some other guys expecting them to repay me when they had some money. I was wrong and they have no intention of paying me back! So now I have to go without. I have been getting very upset thinking about it and my anger is starting to rise. Some thoughts have entered my mind to fight these men, and I know that is not right. I found out my daughter is not following the Lord and is going down the wrong road. You talked with me at the right time.” Then he said, “Did someone tell you to call me?” I told him, “No.” George said, “God’s timing is right, He knew I needed to talk with you today.” He took a verse out of the bottle on my desk which is full of Bible verses. He picked James 1:12 which says, “Blessed is the man who endures temptation; for when he has been approved, he will receive the crown of life which the Lord has promised to those who love Him.” George threw his hands up in the air and said, “Praise the Lord, He knew what Scripture I needed today!”

When I was in the hall the other day there was a group of inmates coming back from lunch and a young man came up to me and asked me who I was. I told him and he said, “I just arrived here a few days ago and I got a letter from my dad yesterday. He has been visiting with a Christian pastor lately. He mentioned that I should visit with you.” We walked back to the office where he informed me that he grew up Muslim. I explained the gospel to him, and he listened very intently. I gave him a Bible and told him to read the book of John. He seemed very serious about knowing more about Jesus and His Word. PTL!

By his request I have visited with Jade weekly for over a year. His life has been full of losses of friends and family. Most of these losses have been caused by addiction problems. His father, who he didn’t know very well, was killed last year. Jade was out of prison for a week and was brought back. I was standing next to him when another inmate whispered to him. Immediately Jade hit the other man, and it was an all-out fight. Two officers cuffed them after a bloody fight. A week later when Jade saw me in the hall he said, “I am sorry Harlan for what happened. I disrespected you by my fighting.” Three weeks later we visited one on one. Jade had a difficult time looking me in the eye and was ashamed of the incident. He was not ready to be released from prison because he never took God seriously, but he liked our friendship. Jade promised to do better, but I told him that is not the answer. We talked about the problem we all have, it is a heart sickness called sin. After going over the gospel, he wanted to pray to invite Christ into his life and repented of his sin. Praise the Lord, He works in mysterious ways!

Please pray that those in authority will be more favorable to the chaplains. There seems to be much spiritual warfare against us.

Thank you all for your prayers and financial support!
Blessings!
Harlan

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