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"For the message of the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God." 1 Cor. 1:18

As we begin another year, it is a good idea to have a goal to get closer to the Lord! We see so much instability in society and the world. But we as Christians are not to put our trust in man or anything in the world, because the world is passing away. Proverbs 29:25 says, "The fear of man brings a snare, but whoever trusts in the Lord shall be safe." Staying focused on the Lord and His Word is always the answer to peace of mind!

A young man who came in a few months ago told me that he wanted to meet with me. He told me he committed his life to the Lord in the county jail. This is his first time in prison, so he had a lot of questions. The chapel orderly is a blessing because he gave his input on how to deal with daily life in prison. It is great to see this young man grow spiritually. In our meetings together he has many questions about the Bible and how to live the Christian life. God does use time in prison to get their attention, and those who are listening come to know the Lord.

I first met Jade at the seminar which was held last November. The men were divided into groups of five at a table for discussion. The name of the seminar Pastor Greg held was called, "Goliath Must Fall." We listened to a talk by Louie Giglio and then discussed the questions. Jade was very interested in learning more about living the Christian life. I visited with him a week later and he was really serious about following

Christ. Then he was transferred to Unit C (the minimum unit). A couple of weeks ago I filled in for Pastor Greg who does a weekly church service at Unit C. Unit C is like a barracks with bunk beds three high in a long row. After the service Jade said, "I have no desire to watch television, but my main desire is to read the Bible. I want to get to know Jesus more and more. As I was reading the Bible in my bed, I felt the Holy Spirit telling me to get on my knees beside my bunk. If I get on my knees the men around me are going to harass me. How do I get boldness to do what the Spirit is telling me?" We talked about how boldness comes by praying for it and stepping out in faith. It is great to see how God is working in this young man!

Our Christmas service was really a blessing. Volunteer Jordan Volk and his daughter Rachel led us in worship, accompanied by two of the residents who played their guitars. After the service one of the visiting volunteers said to me, "I wish we could record the men's singing this evening!" The residents did not hold back in giving praise to our God through their singing! A week later a young resident, said, "I had been feeling sad and depressed during this Christmas season. My sadness lifted during the Christmas service and I had peace!" When we focus on Jesus, He will lift our spirit!

God is at work behind the walls. It is great to see the more mature believers encouraging the younger believers!

Thank you for your prayers and financial support!

In Christ, Harlan

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