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"We are therefore Christ's ambassadors, as though God was making His appeal through us." II Corinthians 5:20

When we are born again from above Paul says, "He is a new creation, the old is gone and the new has come." Many years ago, an inmate told me that when he came to Christ, "It was like everything went from black and white to color!" Inmates have told me since Christ came into their lives, they can understand things more clearly.

I have a weekly Wednesday Bible study for the new inmates being processed (A & O). Several of the men who attend are from the general population. They are also part of a regular prayer group run by the inmates that meets every Tuesday. In their prayer times they pray for the prayer requests that are put in the prayer box in the back of the Chapel. At the end of my Bible study one of the GP men, Billy stood up to let the new guys know that they could write their prayer requests down and they would get prayed for at their weekly prayer time. After the Bible study, Billy prayed with an A & O man going through difficulties. I said to Billy, "Thank you for being a prayer warrior and praying with these men." He said with tears in his eyes, "I know what it was like when I first came into prison and how difficult it was, so I want to give these men hope and encouragement." I thanked the Lord for how He was using these Christian men within the prison to minister to those who are hurting. They are working out II Cor. 1:3-5, comforting one another.

that a young A & O man came to him and asked how he could get right with the Lord. So Jim prayed with him to receive Christ into his life. Jim asked me if he could come to the office at the same time as this young man. When they both were in the office, I had the opportunity to go over the gospel and talk about the Christian life. This young man was ready for the change that Christ brings!

I have noticed that when the men in prison invite Christ to take over their lives and trust Him as their Savior, difficulties come their way! Five weeks ago Bryan came into prison for the first time and was broken. He told me his story, how he had committed his life to Christ in jail. His wife is a strong Christian so knew that he needed to get right with the Lord. A few weeks later he and his two cellies were taken to Segregation under investigation even though he did nothing wrong. A few days later in Segregation he was praying for God to give him a sign that He had not forgotten him. That same day I felt the need to visit Bryan, but because of the new rules, I was not sure if that would be possible. When I got to Segregation an officer let me talk with Bryan and give him a Bible. Now he is out of Segregation and Bryan told me with tears, "I asked the Lord to show me that He had not forgotten me and then you came that same day, and I knew the Lord answered my prayer!" Being part of God's kingdom work is humbling! All praise to our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ!

Your prayers and financial support are a blessing! God's Word will not return void! Continue to pray for those who make the rules in the prison, so that the gospel will go freely throughout the prison!

Another man from that prayer group, Jim, told me

In Christ, Harlan

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