

PRISON LIGHTHOUSE MINISTRY NEWSLETTER July 2021



"Now to Him Who is able to do far more abundantly than all that we ask or think, according to the power at work within us, to Him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, forever and ever. Amen." Eph. 3:20-21

God can do more than we ask or think because He loves us. Sometimes we may not feel that God loves us because of the difficulties we are going through. We never have to doubt God's love for us because of the high price Jesus paid for us by coming to this earth! He suffered greatly for our sins so we could be with Him in glory someday! Praise God for the victory He gives us not only in life, but also in death!

A man who had been in segregation for a few weeks was getting very discouraged. He prayed that the Lord would encourage him. I know this man's desire is to follow Jesus. That day we talked for about 20 minutes. He was starting to have questions about God's love for him. He was getting doubtful if God was hearing him and had been praying for some encouragement the last few days. I told him that in the mornings I pray for the Lord to guide me to the men He wants me to visit. When I told him this he said, "That is so awesome how God answered my prayer today! To think that through your prayers and my prayers the Holy Spirit worked this out for you to be here today.

Now I know that He has not forgotten me!" A few weeks ago, I was visiting men on the Hill on the third tier (there are four tiers), and I started going back down when the thought came to me that I should visit a certain man on the fourth tier. When I got to his cell, he said, "I have been praying you would stop by. I have a phone number of a young man who is dying in the hospital, and he is asking to see you. I told a staff member to reach you, but that failed to happen. Praise God He answered my prayer!" When I visited the young man in the hospital, he was very weak. He told me that he confessed his sins to the Lord and was at peace with God. A few days later when I went to visit him, a nurse informed me that he was moved to hospice. When I went to visit him in hospice, his mother was sitting there alone. Her son had died and they had just taken him out of the room a few minutes earlier. It was a blessing to meet with her. She talked for about 45 minutes about her family and son. God's timing is always right!

In the past year the prison built a new infirmary and nurse's station. In this new infirmary there are rooms with one or two patients in each room. The old infirmary had about a dozen beds in a row. This is a real blessing, because now I can visit the men individually, and they are more open to visiting with me!

Thank you for your faithfulness in your prayers and financial support!

In Christ,

Harlan

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