

PRISON LIGHTHOUSE MINISTRY NEWSLETTER June 2021



"But grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. To him be the glory both now and to the day of eternity. Amen." II Pet. 3:18

This time of the year it is a blessing to see the leaves come back on the trees and the green grass covering the landscape. It is a reminder of what the Lord does in our lives as we grow in Christ! The Lord is constantly creating new life! Jesus said in John 3, that we cannot see the wind, but we can see the effects of the wind and it is the same way the Holy Spirit works in a person. I enjoy seeing the effects of the Holy Spirit at work in people!

Recently, I had the opportunity to visit with an older released inmate I counseled about 8 years ago in prison. He said to me, "Isn't the Lord relentless? He would not give me peace until I made things right with the people who I have hurt in my life. I am glad I obeyed God! He has given me such peace." Eight years ago, while he was doing his prison time he was really struggling with his faith and getting right with God. It is great to see the Holy Spirit at work and how this man is growing in the Lord since he has been out of prison these past seven years!

I have known Tyler for around two years. He came to Jameson (maximum security) because he was getting into trouble. When I was handing out literature cell to cell about two years ago, Tyler was interested in the Christian literature. He also wanted to come to Bible study and church. He has grown spiritually since I met him. He does not want to go back to the way he was living, always getting into trouble. When I visited with

him a few days ago he explained how some of the other inmates were constantly trying to irritate him. Tyler said, "I do not want to go back to my old life where I would get into fights over things that don't matter." Our chapel clerk gave Tyler some good advice. He asked him, "Do you still want to go down the old road that you used to travel down?" Tyler said, "No, I do not want to go back to my old way of living." The clerk asked, "Then why do you care about what they say or think! Those guys are going down the wrong road. They are still going down the old road you used to be on. Let them know you are taking a different road now and that you are following Christ. You are not interested in what they think!" This chapel clerk has been in prison many years and has many experiences. Then Tyler and I talked about growing in Christ. It is neat to see a man who has been in prison for three decades encouraging a young man in his new faith!

Last week Monday and Tuesday I distributed 20 Bibles to the men who just came into the prison. They are not allowed a television, so they are hungry to read. Many of them know that their hope can be found in the Word of God. Isaiah 55:11 promises that His Word will not return void! PTL for His Word!

The prison is again allowing volunteers to come back in! If you or anyone you know would like to come to a church service on Thursday evenings let me know. My phone number and email are listed below.

I want to thank all of you for your prayers and financial gifts. God is truly at work behind the walls!

Blessings,

Harlan

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