

PRISON LIGHTHOUSE MINISTRY NEWSLETTER June 2022



"The Law of the Lord is perfect, converting the soul; the testimony of the Lord is sure making wise the simple." Psalm 19:7

The Bible is amazing! It will counsel us through every circumstance of our lives! Many things that happen in life will never make sense to us, but our faith is in a loving, almighty, & sovereign God! Some men have told me they won't believe unless they see. The Christian life is all about faith and keeping our focus on Jesus and His Word!

It is intriguing to me how many men want to talk about Jesus' prophecies, and the things going on in the world today. One young man listened intently as I shared the gospel. Then I asked him if he had ever heard it before, he said, "No." He had never gone to church and never had much for a home. I gave him Christian literature and a New Testament to read. I will follow up with him.

An 18-year-old man told me that he gone to church for about seven years in his adopted home. He ended up in juvenile detention and had not gone to church since then. When he did go to church, he didn't pay attention to the teachings, but was thankful for the Christian parents who adopted him when he was five years old! He knew about the gospel, but thought he had to wait for the time when God would change him. I explained that he had to take the next step and trust Jesus as his only hope of salvation. He prayed to trust Jesus.

When I go cell to cell I pray that the Lord will lead me to the men He is working on and He always does.

Praise the Lord for so great a salvation!

Recently I visited men in the Springfield prison. I have known two of them for over 12 years. Jade is being released shortly and Sam will be released in six months. It was a joy to visit with these young men who have a zeal for God and a passion to see others come to Christ. Sam is always thinking about how he can encourage the other inmates in their Christian walk. Both are an important part of the church in the Springfield prison. Sam wants to write a paper that can be distributed to new inmates coming into the prison system with a long sentence. In this paper he wants to give hope to them and let them know how to do time constructively in prison! It was about 20 years ago when he entered the prison system at 19 years old. At that time, he surrendered his life to the Lord. Sam has been an example to other inmates, and a spiritual leader, encouraging others throughout his time in prison.

When Jade came into prison in Jameson, he was led to the Lord by a friend of his who I led to the Lord a year earlier. Jade is more of an evangelist who loves sharing the gospel one on one with others and discipling them. He is very capable of leading Bible studies. When he was in Jameson in Sioux Falls several years ago, he took an evangelism course through Ray Comfort Evangelism. Jade has a heart to see others come to the Lord! He had a peace about him even though he was getting out soon. These men will both be missed by the prison church!

Thank you for your prayer support and financial support! I am thankful to the Lord for this ministry, and it is a joy to share the gospel behind the walls!

In Christ, Harlan

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