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"My God will supply every need of yours according to His riches in glory in Christ Jesus. To our God and Father be glory forever and ever. Amen" Phil 4:19-20

Sometimes we forget how our God supplies all our daily needs. Day by day we receive so many blessings from God for which we don't thank Him. Someone once said, "If God would take everything away from us for which we do not thank Him, how much would we have left?" God will give us what we need every day, because He will never leave us or forsake us! Thank the Lord!

Ty has been locked down in segregation for over a year. I have been talking with him regularly. He told me, "I know God is a great God, but I wondered if He cared about the details of my life. One day after I ate my lunch, I said to the Lord, "I sure am hungry yet. It would be great if I could get some more food." A few minutes later an officer came with several extra trays of food! I know the Lord cares about my needs!" God is able to do more than we ask or think!

Jake has poor health, and came into the office in a wheelchair. He has many health issues and much emotional pain from losing his brother in a car accident a year ago. Jake felt he was at fault for his brother's death because he gave him the keys to his vehicle so he could buy some alcohol. On the way back from buying alcohol he was killed in an accident. Jake has really beaten himself up for his brother's death. Our chapel orderly heard him talk about his loss. The orderly comforted him because his own brother had died from suicide.

He felt if he had been there for him, he would not have committed suicide. The orderly was doing what II Cor. 1:4 tells us to do, that we should comfort others by how we have been comforted in our difficult times. I asked Jake where he was in his relationship with the Lord. He said, "I know I need Jesus, my life is a mess, and I'm a mess." After explaining the gospel to him, he was ready to trust Christ. After the prayer, his expression changed from being depressed to one of joy. Jake said, "I feel lighter and have peace!" Pray for him in his new journey with Christ. Coming to Christ will not make all the problems disappear, but Jesus will give Jake strength to deal with them.

Even though there have been more restrictions for chaplains, the positive side is that more men who are being processed are attending the weekly Bible study. Last week there were fifty men present. There was good interaction with the men during the Bible study. We talked about spiritual warfare from Ephesians 6:10-18. The men were very attentive to hear how the devil deceives us. One of the men who talked with me a week earlier asked me after the study, "What do I need to do next?" I asked what he meant by next. He said, "After you receive Christ into your life." That is a question I liked to hear! I gave him a little booklet of the book of John and a New Believer's Bible study.

The Holy Spirit is at work changing men's hearts and minds! Your prayers are making a difference! Continue to pray for men who are released from prison. There are many requirements, restrictions, and bills to pay for some of them.

I am also thankful for your financial gifts! Blessings!

In Christ, Harlan

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