

# PRISON LIGHTHOUSE MINISTRY NEWSLETTER March 2021

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***"In him was life, and the life was the light of men. The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it." John 1:4-5 ESV***

Sometimes it can seem like the darkness is greater than the light of God in this world. We know this is not true even though our feelings can seem more real sometimes than God's promises. We are in a spiritual war and that war takes place in our mind. God, in His Word, has given us ways to defeat the lies of the enemy. Ephesians 6:10-18 is about putting on the whole armor of God. I Peter 1:13 says, "Set your hope fully on the grace that will be brought to you at the revelation of Jesus Christ." We have a blessed hope that will never perish, fade, or spoil!

One of the men who I ministered to regularly for six months in segregation, was released from there into general population recently. He started attending the Monday evening Bible study and Thursday evening church. In Bible study we are studying Revelation where Jesus tells the churches to keep their priorities right. We have had some good discussions about returning to our first Love. He told me he appreciates the discussions. He said, "For six months it felt like I was in a spiritual coma and now it feels like I am coming out of it, and I am being spiritually revived. My desire now is to grow closer and go deeper with the Lord." It is great to see God at work in this man!

Dan, who I visited with a few years ago and was released, is back in prison for a short time. He told me that he was having problems with nightmares. Dan mentioned that three nights a week he was having the same bad dream. He went on to tell me that when he was 19 he told the devil he wanted wealth and all the material things Satan could give him. Dan said that the devil did give him all he wanted, but he was miserable the whole time. His fear was that God would not forgive him. We talked about that the only unforgivable sin is rejecting Jesus' offer of salvation. Dan repented and asked forgiveness for his dealings with Satan. Dan felt a relief and when I saw him a few days later, I asked him if he had anymore nightmares. He said, "No." Jesus gave him victory! The devil was keeping Dan in bondage by fear from his sinful past, but now he realizes the power of Jesus Christ, and has found peace with God!

Many of these young men behind the walls are dealing with a lot of emotional pain from broken homes. One told me that his mother is an alcoholic and he did not know his father. He started using drugs at a young age to deal with life's issues. He did not have any guidance in his life. Please pray for these men to come to know our perfect heavenly Father!

Thank you for your support financially and through your prayers. You are a blessing!

In Christ, Harlan

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