

# PRISON LIGHTHOUSE MINISTRY NEWSLETTER May, 2021

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***Then He spoke a parable to them, that men always ought to pray and not lose heart.***

***Luke 18:1***

Jesus taught us the importance of prayer. He fasted and prayed for forty days and nights. He often slipped away to spend a night in prayer. Alfred Tennyson said, "More things are wrought by prayer than this world dreams of." For the believer prayer is as vital as breathing! Prayer not only change others we pray for, but it changes us. It is where our strength comes from to live our lives!

One man I visited with told me he was tired of living a sinful lifestyle. His great grandmother had told him, "We all have two choses in life; to follow Jesus or to follow Satan. You know you are not living right." She lived to be 107 years old and he never forgot what she told him. He wanted to repent and give his life to Christ. He prayed for Christ to forgive him and come into his life. Many tears were shed as he recalled his past sinful life, and now felt the Lord's forgiveness. There was a big weight of sin and guilt lifted off him. His grandmother's prayers were answered that day.

For little over a year our regular chapel where we held services was closed. Beds were put in the chapel in case of a covid outbreak. The room was never used. We were getting anxious to get back our chapel for church services and Bible studies. A few weeks ago we were able to meet in there! It was just like old times again. It brought us a sense

of normalcy and joy to be back in the chapel. That was certainly an answer to prayer!

When Neal came into the prison a few months ago he was running from God. He told me he didn't believe in God, but he was willing to listen to what I had to say. Neal told me he would read what I gave him. I told him to read the gospel of John and gave him, "The Case for Christ" book. He started reading other devotionals as well. I had not seen him for a few weeks because he had been transferred to the Hill. When I visited him on the Hill he claimed he gave his life to Christ, and was reading his Bible daily. Praise the Lord! Neal now likes to talk about the things God is showing him.

As I was walking the tiers cell to cell, one man stopped me and asked me what he had to do to be saved. He said he wanted to know God. I went over the plan of salvation with him and he said he was ready for God to change his life. We prayed and he was very thankful. I gave him a New Believers Bible study. Being there for these men is truly a blessing. God is already at work in the prison when I go in each day.

Your prayers and financial support are vital to this ministry. I am grateful for each one of you! I pray that you have a blessed May!

In Christ,

Harlan

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