

"Therefore, we are ambassadors for Christ, God is making His appeal through us, we implore you on behalf of Christ be reconciled to God. II Cor. 5:20

God would have that none should perish, and all should come to Him in repentance. We are His ambassadors to spread the good news of salvation. Our responsibility is to share the gospel, and it is up to the Lord to save their souls after the good news is shared.

It was a blessing to be able to baptize Max and Henry, (the two men I wrote about in the April newsletter), on Easter morning at the 5:30 am sunrise service! Pastor Greg gave the message, and both gave their testimony of how Jesus changed their lives. They are thankful to Christ for their new lives! Max will be getting released soon and with that comes some anxiety. We have been talking about how the Lord will take care of him if he keeps his focus on Christ, and not his difficulties. Please pray for the Lord to put Christians in Max's pathway.

Henry continues to grow in the Lord. Wednesday Bible study is comprised of men who are just coming into the prison to be processed. There are about six general population men who attend as well. I go over a Bible passage then we divide up into six groups, and GP men are the leaders of these groups. Henry is one of the leaders. It is great to see him grow in the Lord. They are truly being ambassadors for Christ!

The men who work in the laundry room are mostly Christian men. A few weeks ago, one of the Christian men asked if I could call Ben into the Chaplain's office from the laundry room. The guys there had been witnessing to him for a while. Ben told me that the

Lord had been working on him for the past year. He will get out in about six months, and he did not want to go back to his old sinful life. Ben told me he was in Juvenile detention when he was 12 years old. His father wanted to take him to church, but he did not want to go. So he was put in lock down at the detention center for refusing to go with his father. Ben smiled as he said, "I was a stubborn kid, I would rather be in lock down than go to church." He did not know much about the Bible. After I explained the gospel to him, Ben wanted to invite Christ into his life and trust Him as his Lord and Savior. While we were praying, it suddenly got noisy in the hallway outside the office. After the prayer Ben told me that he felt the devil was trying to distract him during his praver. I told him, "That is very good insight to recognize the devil's devices." When he was getting ready to leave the office I opened my Vita Minutes jar, (slips of paper with Bible verses on them) and asked him to take one. Ben picked out a verse randomly, and it was not by accident! It was Isaiah 1:18, "Though your sins are like scarlet, they shall be as white as snow; Though they are red like crimson, they shall be as wool." What a perfect verse for Ben who had just trusted Christ as his Savior! When he walked out of the church service last Thursday evening Ben said to me, "I just realized this evening as we were singing that I have not felt alone since we prayed two weeks ago!" PTL

Please pray for those in authority. Many things seem to be uncertain for us as volunteers. I am thankful though for the favor God has given me with the staff! I have been able to go cell to cell during count if the officer in charge allows it, and they have allowed it! That has been a blessing! God is truly at work in these uncertain times!

Thank you much for your blessings of prayer and financial support!

In Christ, Harlan

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