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"But it is good for me to draw near to God; I have put my trust the Lord God, that I may declare all Your works." Ps. 73:28

It is good to keep track of the blessings God brings our way! It is easy to remember the negative things that happen to us or around us. Throughout the Bible it says, "Remember". One thing we should never forget is how the Lord has delivered us from the pit of hell. We need to remember how God answered our prayers when we were going through difficulties. If we don't remember God's blessings, it is easy to focus on the next thing we are asking Him for. I believe the Lord wants us to want Him more than anything else in life, because He is our greatest blessing!

One of the men who transferred in on the bus from Pennington County jail a week ago, told me that he got saved on the bus ride. One of the inmates on the bus was talking to other guys about Jesus Christ and the plan of salvation. He overheard them talking about Jesus and gave his life to Christ on the bus ride to Sioux Falls. This new believer said to me, "I do not deserve to receive God's forgiveness because of all the wrongs I have done. I could have bled to death in a fight where another man had a large knife and cut me bad! But God allowed me to live and give my life to Him. If I would have died, I would be in hell right now!" He realized God's goodness to him and was thankful that God saved his soul. I had the opportunity to visit with him a few times and give him some Bible studies.

As I was handing out Christian literature cell to cell, one inmate called me over to his cell and said to me, "I need

to come to your office and pray, I need to repent." In the office he told me how beat down he was because his father and his mother were different races. He tried to live near his mother and half-brothers, but they rejected him. They continually told him that he was worthless, and he did not belong with them. He really got depressed so he started to drink and use drugs again to cover up his pain of rejection. His father who lives in another state told him to get right with the Lord. We talked about how God does not make any junk and that no one is a mistake. We looked at Psalm 139 and how God knows us before we are born. He asked the Lord to forgive him for falling back into his addiction. It bothered me to see how verbally abused he was from his family, but I know he was encouraged after he repented and realized that he was not a mistake. He started to recognize that God did have a purpose for his life.

I mentioned Jim in the last newsletter, and he continues to find ways to share his faith. His job now is to cut inmates' hair, and he uses that opportunity to talk about Jesus with the men when he feels they might be open to listening. One of the men he cut hair for (Steve), listened to Jim talk about Jesus. He then realized he needed a Bible to read. Steve, who is about 50, has not been in church since he was a teenager. After I explained the gospel to him, he invited Christ into his life to be his Lord and Savior! The next week he told me he was talking with his cellmate, and he is interested in coming to church as well! PTL! It is a blessing to come along side the men God is working in!

This ministry continues because of your prayers and financial support! Have a blessed October!

In Christ, Harlan

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