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"Now when they saw the boldness of Peter and John, and perceived that they were uneducated and untrained men, they marveled. And they realized that they had been with Jesus." Acts 4:13

In Luke 21 Jesus said, "Men fainting from fear and the expectation of the things which are coming upon the earth." I believe we are in those days. The best time to share the gospel is in times of uncertainty! Some people we approach might be reluctant to hear, but there will be those who are open to listening. When we talk to people about the Lord and they are not interested, that should not discourage us. When we continue to approach people we will find those who want to hear the gospel. We should never take it personally when they are not interested, because it is not about us, but God and their eternal destiny.

Rodney, who is a church member at the prison, attends the Wednesday afternoon Bible study for the new inmates. A few weeks ago, after the Bible study, he felt the Holy Spirit telling him to pray with a young man who was new in the prison. Rodney told me when he felt the Lord telling him that he said to the Lord, "Lord I don't even know who he is. I don't know if he will want me to pray for him." Rodney obeyed, went to him and asked him, "Can I pray for you?" This young man agreed that he would like him to pray for him. At the next week's Bible study Rodney led him to the Lord and introduced him to me. He was interested in growing in Christ, so I gave him a Bible study for a new believer. Thank the Lord that Rodney listened to the Spirit!

I mentioned in my last newsletter that I don't have

the freedom to go cell to cell to visit men. An inmate who lives in another part of the prison told me, "Give me literature to hand out, and I will find a way to hand it out. Also, I have another man who is willing to do the same in another area." Praise the Lord for the Christian men who are stepping up to get Christian literature distributed in various parts of the prison!

One of the men in the segregation area who I have a one-on-one Bible study and meeting with once a week, is getting a lot of negative shouted at him as he comes to Bible study. In the past he would get angry at all the names he would get called, but now he understands that those people don't know Jesus. He said, "When I am in my cell and others call out negative things to me and against me, I start reading my Bible. Lately I have been reading my Bible every day for an hour and a half! I realize those who talk against me are still in the darkness where I used to be!"

I told a young man I visit with weekly, to write down some questions he had. The next week he came with good questions. He has gone through many difficulties in his life. A couple of the questions were, "Why do I seem to always get the short end of the stick? Will God always be willing to forgive my sins?" We talked about how God does not waste the painful times in our lives and how God uses them for us to help others going through similar hurts. Yes, God will continue to forgive our sins if we are truly repentant! Praise the Lord for that truth!

Thank you for your prayers and financial support! God's Word will not return void!

In Christ, Harlan

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