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"Many, O Lord my God are Your wonderful works which You have done." Psalm 40:5

God works in mysterious ways His wonders to perform. He works in various ways to bring people to Himself. People find themselves in many different situations. It is interesting to hear how God continues to draw people to Himself through unlikely means.

One of the young men I talked with was baptized a year ago while living in another state. He fell back into a life that was spiraling down the wrong road. As he was walking along, he was praying, "Lord I am miserable, please help me." A few minutes later he looked down on the sidewalk and a piece of paper was lying there. He picked it up and it said, "We walk by faith and not by sight." Then he knew what to do. He turned himself in to the authorities and was arrested. He realized that he needed to grow in his faith.

Craig is a quiet young man, but he is a faithful attender of my Bible studies and the church services. We met every week for a couple of years. He told me, "I was really feeling sorry for myself for being in prison and not able to see my family. Then the Lord reminded me where I would have been if I would have died while living the gang life before I came to prison. My mother told me that I must quit that lifestyle, but I ignored her. A few months before my arrest I had a dream. I was hanging by a rope over a bridge and below me I saw the fire of hell burning and the demons were coaching me to fall into the fire, above me there were beings in white coaching me to come up to them. But I didn't change and ended up in prison. God reminded me of where I could have been, in hell, but God save my life and my

soul." A few weeks later while visiting, he said a few times, "God is so good, God is so good!" He could hardly wait to tell me that his father who lives four hours away came to visit him. He had not seen his dad in six years! They would talk on the phone, but it was always a strained conversation, because his dad would remind Craig of the mistakes he made in life which ended him in prison. Craig said, "My dad and I had a great visit! He apologized for some of the things that he had done and that he had not been a good dad. We didn't argue at all, and my dad said he is going visit me monthly now!" Craig and I had prayed many times for God to heal that relationship. He was working on forgiving his dad, and now God answered that prayer! God is so good!

Kenny told me that he came from Springfield because he found himself in the middle of men fighting during the riot. Kenny said, "I had just thanked God for all the prayers He had answered and here I am caught in the middle of this fight. I was asking God, 'Why', because I had been living the Christian life. God reminded me, 'Did you get hurt in this fight?' Then I remembered that I got up off the floor and walked right out through the middle of the fight. I did not get hurt! I was moved back here because of that incident." Kenny told me that since he came to Jameson Annex he had been praying and fasting to make sure he is right in his heart before he gets out of prison in a few months. Ken said, "When I come out of my cell sometimes guys ask me, 'What are you on that you are so smiley and lit up?' I tell them, 'You wouldn't understand.' I have tried to talk to them about Jesus, but they don't want to hear it." Kenny is a light in a dark place.

Thank you for your prayers and financial support! I hope you have a great October!

Blessings! *Harlan*

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