



"For we preach not ourselves, but Christ Jesus the Lord." II Corinthians 4:5

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Dear Pastor, Church & Praying friends,



"...from heaven did the LORD behold the earth: To hear the groaning of the prisoner; to loose those that are appointed to death." Psalm 102:19(a)-20

PREACHING IN THE PRISONS...

We know this Scripture deals with every individual "captured" in sin, yet I cannot help but rejoice that God delights to hear the prisoner's groans from behind literal prison bars. The opportunity to serve alongside two pastors in a prison revival in Pearl County, MS was a blessing. I believe many prisoners we met were genuinely reaching other inmates with the Gospel. Despite a real struggle to see other zones make it to services, the Lord was at work! A professing atheist chose to come and was clearly moved by God. But, he made no move, nor did he make a decision for Christ after services... ***he just would not take that last step.*** Yet, we rejoice the Gospel was preached before the "groaning of the prisoner!"

NEW BEGINNINGS IN JAIL...

What a privilege to be a part of new beginnings! A local church in MS has been praying for a season about starting a weekly work at the local jail. As we sought the Lord in prayer, the door was opened and I was honored to go together with the pastor and one of his deacons for the first visit. In the very first zone, we found a man who God called to preach years ago. He ran from the call and ended up in prison. By his own testimony he has lived in turmoil for years, not because of physical confinement but because "the gifts and calling of God are without repentance," and was deeply troubled he had not able followed what God had in plan for his life. The good news is he didn't have long to serve and is determined to follow right, from here on! I was able to go back on a different week and within 10 minutes of starting a young man shouted over, "So what about Mohammed? What about Allah?" After dealing with that, we made our way to Pilate's great question of, "What shall I do then with Jesus which is called Christ?" The Lord moved in a powerful way, every man in the zone was now listening and the Gospel message was preached to all! ***Please pray for Jamal.*** Speaking with him at the end, he told me he had been involved with prisoners of the Muslim faith but had seen many inconsistencies in their lives. ***He told me he recognizes a personal decision is needed and is seriously searching.***

ON THE ROAD... & TESTIMONIES

We also thank the Lord for more miles travelled safely including preaching a week of revival services, a week serving at youth camp of course attending the Rock of Ages annual conference. While travelling we passed a homeless couple at a Walmart in GA. The Lord told us to stop and we found they were from Romania! We offered to buy them a meal, and over that meal shared with them the love of God in Romanian for 2½ hours! They wanted to know the truth of salvation, ***and yet stopped short of that final decision...*** It seems to have been a theme of those we have witnessed to since our last prayer letter... ***Almost... Almost... Almost...*** How I am reminded of Agrippa's words to Paul, "...almost, thou persuadest me to become a Christian."

OH, if you are reading this letter and until now have stopped short of the decision to ask Jesus Christ to forgive your sins, to save you, and to be your personal Lord & Saviour, PLEASE do not wait another moment! Living a good life won't gain you God's acceptance! Doing more good than bad won't gain you God's acceptance! Almost... won't save you from hell or get you to heaven. The Bible simply says, "Repent ye therefore, and be converted, that your sins may be blotted out, when the times of refreshing shall come from the presence of the Lord;" Acts 3:19

Brother Mark Waddington & family

Praise:

- **New beginnings in Jail!**
- **God hears the groaning of the prisoner!**
- **Opportunities to tell others about Jesus Christ!**

Prayer Requests:

- **Pastor & local church starting jail ministry in MS.**
- **Jamal in his search for truth.**
- **India: Opportunity to talk with prisoners after services.**