

# ROCK OF AGES MINISTRIES

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

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Dear Pastor, Church and Praying Friends,

***"In the beginning God created the heaven and the earth... The Lord possessed me in the beginning of His way, before His works of old" (Genesis 1:1, Proverbs 8:22)***

What a blessed thought... As we press on in year 2020, you were on His mind before year 1!

### ***States-side...***

The year began with the annual Coordinator's Meeting, followed by preaching a Revival meeting in Georgia. Next was answering a request from my Pastor to preach/teach a three-week series on Wednesdays at my home church on the subject of the dangers of social media and the cell phone. An honor to be asked, the battle was very real, but the time proved well worth it as the Lord moved in many ways over the three weeks. To God be the glory. Amen. The Lord allowed me visit a local school, invited by a local church member who is a teacher, to teach on missions. I thank God for the opportunity to invest some time in a few of the next generation.

February saw the annual Rock of Ages South Alabama Prison Campaign. What a privilege to have been taught by Brother Mike Kelly (those who knew him, know what I mean!) in the coordination of the meeting. This year the Lord blessed with **105 saints of God attending**, and many more who desired to come but being providentially hindered, **continued to partner with us in prayer!** AMEN! I want to thank each and every one of you that were able to come for your partnership in the Lord, your sacrifice of time and money, and your fellowship during the week. And a sincere "Thank you!" also, to you who were not able to come, **but who prayed!** The "Final Totals" are attached to this prayer letter for you to see, but in brief, the **VICTORY GOD GAVE** during the week was:

- † **105 Attending the meeting!**
- † **209 Professions of faith!**
- † **2,158 Attending services!**
- † **Thousands more given the Gospel in the dorms & prison yards!**

Of course, there were many salvation testimonies, a few of which I have also attached for your encouragement.

### ***As cold waters to a thirsty soul, so is good news from a far country (Proverbs 25:25)...***

After much discussion with the Pastor I work with in Nepal, we have a prayer request for 2020. Please join us and pray that God would raise up a full-time worker in Nepal, called of God to take this work full-time. We are at three years since the work began. The start was a completely new door opened by God in this Hindu nation. As best we knew, there was no other Gospel prison ministry of any kind operating in the prison system of Nepal. We began not knowing if a Warden would even allow the men in. But God opened the door, and today, there is news of **26 men that have professed Christ as Lord in Ilam Prison, not only attending weekly services but meeting weekly themselves for Bible Study! HALLELUJAH!** To even think of reaching other prisons, we need a national man to hear the call of God and be willing to answer. \$250/month would support a man full-time (including all personal needs & the work). Please help us pray the Lord of the harvest would send forth a worker into His harvest. Amen.

We would also value your prayers for our Missionary Candidate Classes, March 16-20, where by God's grace we have one family and two men praying about surrendering to serve as missionaries with Rock of Ages Ministries.

Thank you for your continued love, prayers, care and support for the work God has called us to, for we are **laborers together!**

Sincerely & in His service,

*Brother Mark Waddington & family*

### **Praise:**

- **Opportunity to teach on missions in local school!**
- **209 professions of faith at the Alabama Prison Campaign!**
- **26 men saved in Ilam Prison, Nepal!**

### **Prayer Requests:**

- **For every person that made a profession in Alabama.**
- **For a national worker, called of God in Nepal.**
- **Missionary Candidate Classes, March 16-20**

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## 2020 ALABAMA CAMPAIGN

COORDINATOR	PRISON	ATTENDANCE			TOTAL ATT	PROFESSIONS Of FAITH			TOTAL PROFESSIONS of FAITH
		TUE	WED	THU		TUE	WED	THU	
D. ROTH	KILBY	164	358	187	709	25	25	15	65
J. DAVISON	STATON	92	86	86	264	9	5	4	18
T. MARTIN	ELMORE	104	108	89	301	17	5	0	22
R. McKINNEY	ELMORE JAIL	69	114	45	228	22	18	5	45
L. KEY	AUTAUGA	35	---	24	59	14	---	3	17
R. HILDEBRAND	Mt. MEIGS	85	26	14	125	13	7	0	20
G. SEBAST	FRANK LEE	ALL MEETINGS CANCELLED							
K. JAMES	TUTWILER	45	49	33	127	1	0	5	6
T. HAWKINS	MONTGOMERY WOMEN'S	---	24	31	55	---	2	2	4
J. SHELLEY	MONTGOMERY FEDERAL	36	44	57	137	0	0	0	0
J. NIX	RED EAGLE CWS	45	46	31	122	1	3	0	4
L. KEY	HOMELESS	---	2	29	31	---	0	0	0
OTHER	The "Jungle" / Housing Projects	---	---	---	---	2 Jungle	0	2 Projects	4
	Hotels	---	---	---	---	0	0	0	0
	Institution Officers & Staff	---	---	---	---	1 Kilby	0	1 Mt. Meigs	2
	Other	---	---	---	---	1 Captain D's	1 Gas Station	0	2
TOTALS		Attendance			Professions of Faith				
		675	857	626	2158	106	66	37	209



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## **Testimonies – 2020 Alabama Prison Campaign**

### COUNTY JAIL

As I walked into the pods at the County Jail, I met a man and I asked him, "Do you know where you'll go when you die?" "Heaven," he said. I asked him, "But do you know that?" He answered, "Well, I hope so." I replied, "So you're relying on a "hope-so" salvation?" I told him it is possible to know for sure that heaven is your home when you die; that you must repent of your sin, and ask Jesus to save you. "Would you like to be sure?" I asked him... **"Yes, I would!" he answered, bowed his head and asked the Lord to save him right there in front of me!**

### JUVENILE PRISON

After preaching, one young man came forward to talk. As I quoted Scripture to him, he started to quote it with me... in English and in another language – turned out he was from Russia! He and his family have lived in the U.S. for some years and he spoke Russian fluently. The Lord was working and convicting him, **he prayed and asked Jesus to be His Lord & Savior**. After that we talked some more and he asked me, **"Could I be one of you...? Can I do what you do?" Glory to God!** Who can tell if God might not call this young man from a prison in Montgomery, AL to a surrendered life as a missionary in Russia one day!

### ADULT PRISON

An officer was reading one of the ROA officer's new testaments, and I asked him if he knew what it meant to be saved. He said he wasn't sure, I asked if he would like to be sure and he said "Yes!" I showed him some Scriptures and **the officer bowed his head and accepted the Lord as his Savior right there!**

### OUT & ABOUT

- "The Jungle" – **Two saved this year!**  
"Since they've been coming, **the community has changed**. It was drug infested – now the problem is not as bad as it was before. On their first visit, asked 'Why are you here? Nobody comes down here. You know what these people call this place... The Jungle.'" (Local community worker)
- **"Two saved at the projects!"**
- **"One saved at Captain D's last night!"**
- **"One saved at a gas station yesterday!"**

***"Not unto us, O LORD, not unto us, but unto thy name give glory, for thy mercy, and for thy truth's sake."  
Psalm 115:1***