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Dear Friends and Ministry Partners,

God has blessed Harvest of Life this past year in reaching souls for the Kingdom and disciplining them to be good witnesses to others. Our goal this year is found in II Timothy 2: 1, 2 ... You then, my son, be strong in the grace that God gives you in Christ Jesus. You have heard me teach these truths that have been confirmed by many reliable witnesses. Now teach these truths to other trustworthy people who will be able to pass them on to others.

Harvest of Life Ministries exists to spread a passion for the supremacy of Jesus Christ in all things for the joy of all the inmates we serve in prisons of North Florida. Through Jesus Christ we love our way into hearts of those we serve whether they be Hispanic, African American, Asian, or Anglo. We get up in the morning and go to bed at night asking the Holy Spirit "how can we effectively communicate God's love to those who feel unloved?" We desire to pass on to those we minister the Gospel to...the passion for leading others to Christ and discipling those who have made that decision to repent and live Christ centered life.

Most people in the world haven't acknowledged Jesus' right to rule their lives. They have rejected his lordship and have done whatever they think is best in their own eyes. As a result, sin abounds, wreaking havoc in the lives of many. But we have opportunity, thanks to you, to change lives and we must say that we are having success. It has been 17 years since we started ministering in the prisons of North Florida and we love what we are doing. Countless lives have been changed and society in general has benefited by reducing recidivism.

On two separate occasions Marilyn spoke to a couple of inmates that were telling her about how they were taking advantage of their time in prison to get their education. She assumed that they were working on getting their GED but as it turned out they were both getting their elementary schooling out of the way. Both of these women had only gone to school as far as the third grade. One of them told Marilyn that her father was a drug addict and that they moved from place to place every few months to avoid the authorities. Consequently she never learned to read and said that she learned a little math by playing cards.

In prison we hear story after story from inmates who have ruined their lives living in sin and rebellion to authority. Like Frank Sinatra's song "I did it My Way" they find themselves reaping the consequences of their bad choices. For many, they've lost everything, their freedom, family, possessions, dignity and even their health. In prison, their minds are free from the effects of drugs and alcohol and they can finally begin to think clearly and make critical life changing decisions.

Like the two women mentioned above many of the Hispanic inmates are lacking in education as well. This is why we find it necessary to supply these new believers with Bibles written in today's language making it easy for them to read and understand the Word of God. We also offer Bible correspondence courses to further their understanding of their commitment to come under the Lordship of Jesus Christ. That is the key to a Godly testimony!

We, here at Harvest of Life, look to God to provide the funds for our efforts in ministry through like-minded people such as your selves. We have a large financial need this coming year to not only raise monies for Spanish Bibles, but we also are starting two discipling courses in the two of the faith-based prisons that we serve. The courses we will be teaching are... How to Win in Spiritual Warfare and The Bondage Breakers. The curriculum for these two efforts costs almost \$700.00. This expenditure for both Spanish Bibles and the Bible correspondence courses together with new course materials will cost over \$4,000.00. Please consider helping us reach this goal. Marilyn and I are confident the Lord will supply, because it was the inmates that requested these studies. We are encouraged by what the Lord is doing and we have seen wonderful changes in those we minister the Gospel. This past year we were privileged to have 39 men and women accept Jesus as Savior and Lord of their lives. So far this year 8 inmates have made this decision.

In Christian Love,

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Ps. We had interesting thing happen in the Faith Based Dorm at Gadsden C.F. last week. Several of the women had finished writing out their testimony...an exercise they appreciate because it gives them an opportunity put into words that which they experienced when they received Christ into their heart. Over the years we have received hundreds of testimonies and we'll have to admit this one was really different. As Holly shared her testimony she said that the reason she accepted Jesus into her heart and life was because "she did not want to go to hell" and she said it 3 times!! Wow! She nailed it. It 17 years of prison ministry no one, man or woman, has ever cited that as their reason for giving their life to Christ!! Marilyn and I agree with her!