

THE HARVESTER NEWSLETTER

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To our dear partners in ministry:

"I have written this to you who believe in the name of the Son of God, so that you may know you have eternal life. And we are confident that He hears us whenever we ask for anything that pleases Him. And since we know he hears us when we make our requests, we also know that he will give us what we ask for." I JOHN 5: 13

Early in the morning before the sun comes up, you'll find Dan in the living room with a stack of Spanish Bibles and a pile of letters on the coffee table and large envelopes scattered all over the floor. Next he moves to the office where he records the names of the inmates, their institutions, and the type of Bible they requested. He makes the address labels, puts the Bibles into the envelopes and then packs them into bags to take to the Post Office for shipping. Prayers are said for those who will receive a Bible, that the Holy Spirit will open their Spiritual eyes and speak God's Holy Word into their heart. Later in the day he will stop at a Post Office in one of the four counties where he happens to be in a prison where he ministers the Good News of Jesus Christ. Our ministry over the last 20 years has primarily been to the incarcerated Hispanic and to those prisons that have a *Faith and Character Dorm* in North Florida. We have asked the Lord for wisdom and the finances to carry out this objective and we can say confidently that He has blessed with both!

We know that the Bible says, *"that the grass withers and flowers fade, but God's word stands forever (ISAIAH 40: 8). "The truth is that heaven and earth will disappear, but not the smallest letter, not the least stroke of a pen, will by any means disappear from the word of God until everything is accomplished (MATTHEW 5:18)." And finally, "All Scripture is God-breathed and is useful for the teaching, rebuking, correcting and training in righteousness." (II TIMOTHY 3:16).* The Bible is the key to understanding the love and grace of God and it directs to the revelation that Jesus is the Son of God and that His sacrifice on the cross is payment for our sins. We get that! But we did not ask God, nor did we pray that He use us to send Spanish Bibles to the incarcerated detainee!!! This ministry came about slowly and now, from January to July, we find ourselves having mailed out 814 Bibles, Bible Studies, and Tracts. Amazing!!! That represents \$14,669.92 that we have spent towards this effort so far this year!! We remember a few years back when this amount would represent all the donations to **Harvest of Life** for a year!

Recently we received a phone call from a Bible study grader for **Gospel Echoes** in Texas. All our Bible Studies are obtained from this ministry headquartered in Goshen, Indiana. Each day, Helen Goertzen receives completed Spanish Bible studies from inmates incarcerated in Federal Prisons and ICE detention centers in Texas, California, Mississippi, Louisiana, and Georgia. These are the **Gospel Echoes** studies in Spanish that we send out to the prisons along with the Spanish Bibles. We pray over

the Bibles that are sent and ask the Holy Spirit to prompt the recipients to do the studies. Until this week we had no idea whether or not these men were doing the studies and sending them to be graded. So, you can imagine how excited we were when Helen called to tell us of the amazing flood of Spanish Bible Studies, she receives from the men in these facilities who have completed the studies.

Like Helen, every day when we go to the PO Box, we are greeted with a stack of letters from Hispanic inmates requesting a Spanish Bible. Many of them write letters introducing themselves and telling us how grateful they are that **Harvest of Life** offers them this opportunity to feast on God's Word in their own language. Below is a letter that we received this week from a Mexican named Artemio.

Dear brother and sisters of Harvest of Life

May our God continue to bless you all in His grace, wisdom, knowledge, love, joy and peace that is in our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. I am writing to you to ask you for a Spanish Reina Valera 1960 Bible. Today I saw one of the Brothers in the yard with one that he had just received from you. It got my attention, so I am asking for one because soon I am to be deported back to Mexico. I am 41 years old and have been educated and Americanized while living most of my life here in the U.S. I accepted Christ into my heart in 2016. My Spanish is at about 70% and I have been practicing reading and speaking it. I am part of the Body of Christ here in prison and the Spanish Church. I know how to speak and preach in English as well. I Thank you for your wonderful ministry. Dios le Bendiga, Artemio.

We are thrilled that God is using you and your generous contributions, making it possible for us to purchase these Bibles, Bible studies and pay for the shipping materials and postage. Your gifts and prayers for Prison Ministry are an answer to our prayers. Without your help we wouldn't be able to do this. Right now, all funds we receive go towards this amazing Bible project that God has given. We have not taken a salary for the last three months, but God has met our needs!

We know that the shipping of these Bibles to Federal Detention Centers and Federal Penitentiaries was something that **we did not initiate, pray about or a ministry that we wanted to include in our mission**. It just happened that the requests came along with the funding that God provided. As a matter of fact, given what has been going on our Southern border, we just assumed that those facilities would not allow us to be involved because it is such a contentious political issue. But God almighty started to use **Harvest of Life** back in September of 2017, when all of this started. We had no idea why suddenly, these requests started to pour in. Hispanic men from all the Central America have asked us for a Bible. We send them a high-quality imitation bonded Bible in 4 different presentations, and they are so appreciative. **About 25% of the Bibles that we send out are going to new believers. That's right...they accepted the Lord while incarcerated!!** By the way, these Federal Facilities provide the envelope, the paper and the stamp for those are indigent in order for them to communicate with us. How about that? **We are not in Nicaragua, El Salvador, Guatemala or Mexico as missionaries, but God has sent the mission field to us!!** ISAIAH 55:11 says,

"So will My word be which goes forth from My mouth; it will not return to Me void, without accomplishing what I desire, and without succeeding in the matter for which I sent it".

Thank you so much for praying for and financially supporting us as we endeavor to be obedient to God's call in our lives,

Dan & Marilyn

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