

THE HARVESTER NEWSLETTER

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“And how will anyone go and tell them without being sent? That is why the Scriptures say, “How beautiful are the feet of messengers who bring good news.” Romans 10: 15

We're excited to report that lots of amazing things have happened since we last wrote to you. God has truly blessed us with YOU; the most wonderful, faithful, benevolent supporters of *Harvest of Life*. You all have been active prayer warriors on behalf of our Prison Ministry beseeching God for resources and He has answered your prayers by opening the windows of heaven and pouring out His blessing upon us. Since we put out a plea at Christmas time for funds to provide literature for the Hispanic inmates we have received above and beyond what we had prayed or hoped for! This enabled us to purchase Bibles in both Spanish and English, tracts, Bible studies and other Christian literature. This has also covered shipping costs. So far this year we have shipped over \$1,000.00 to the incarcerated Hispanic. Praise God!



Dan and Marilyn are not in the boat! Humpbacks feeding in Alaska gorging on Krill; much like what is happening in the prisons were we are ministering the Gospel.

Men and women are feeding on the Word of God and it seems like they cannot get enough!

On February 22, we graduated 42 men at Wakulla C.I. from the *Men on Mission* class where they had been studying *How to Win in Spiritual Warfare*. Marilyn gave the key-note speech, and each man was

rewarded a diploma and a pen. We were especially blessed by the “chow hall” that provided a delicious double-chocolate cake and mixed-fruit juice. Wow, what a treat! We were informed by the Chaplain that already 50 men have signed up for the next class where Dan will be teaching Neil Anderson’s *Bondage Breaker*.

Two more prisons have recently established faith based dorms as part of the newly mandated curricula by the Florida Department of Correction’s “Faith and Character” program. In addition to the prisons where he was already ministering, Dan now travels to Taylor C.I. and also Calhoun C.I. where he is teaching Joe Smith’s *How to Win in Spiritual Warfare*. He was thrilled when 3 men made a decision for Christ accepting Him as their Lord and Savior. So far this year 9 men and women have made a profession of faith. Praise God!



Marilyn smelling the sweet fragrance of a flower; much like the incarcerated men and women who are attracted to sweet aroma of the Word of God.

Last November both the Chapel and the Gym at Gadsden C.F. (the women’s prison) took a direct lightning hit that literally fried all the electrical wiring putting both buildings out of commission. Finally at the end of February they were both repaired and up and running. Fortunately, this did not affect the *Faith Based Dorm* programming which, by the way, has never been better. The women are taking advantage of the opportunity to further their biblical knowledge by completing Bible studies that we receive from *Gospel Echoes Bible Correspondence Courses*. To date 35 women have completed the first set of studies. Thanks to you and your generous donations we were able to reward them with a handsome diploma and a beautiful Sarah Young devotional called “*Jesus Calling*” that has their name engraved on the cover. Their participation in these studies has been the best response that we’ve ever seen and we couldn’t be more proud of them. Currently in the dorm, the women are studying *How to Win in Spiritual Warfare*. They especially enjoy this study because they each receive their own workbook and are able to keep them and refer to them at a later date...thanks to Katie Smith, widow of Joe Smith. The course is “fabulous” for those who realize that there is a spiritual battle for our souls. We are also pleased to report that 5 new women in the dorm have prayed to receive Jesus as their Lord and Savior. PTL!



**Ziplining in Banning Mills, Georgia. Overcoming fear...
much like our persecuted brothers and sisters in the Middle East, Africa and Asia.**

In addition to the Prison Ministry we have taken on a new and different outreach opportunity. During “meet and greet” at our church, Dan reached to shake the hand of a man sitting alone in the front pew. As he looked in the face of the young man, he couldn’t help but notice that he had the number 666 tattooed in the middle of his forehead right beneath the two devil horns and just above the upside-down cross tattooed on his nose. He invited the man to come sit with us during the service and afterward join us in our small group Bible study class. After church we discovered that he was living in a transition home for psychiatric patients. When we picked him up the following Wednesday for church, he brought along 7 more people. As a result, five of them have prayed to receive Christ as Savior and were baptized. Recently two new patients in the transition home have professed their belief in Christ and Dan will be baptizing them at the end of this month. PTL!!



We did the screaming eagle zipline. We are going back this year and do the “flight of the Condor” which is the longest zipline in the World. We need to keep advancing the Gospel and not be fearful of offending someone or fearful of rejection! Accept the challenge to Go Ye into all the world and make disciples.

Prayer Needs:

* Please pray that more men and women in these Faith Based programs will come to know Christ as their Lord and Savior. Pray too for a profound change in their lives that will keep them from reoffending and returning to prison.

* Ask the Lord to completely heal the mental and emotional needs of those undergoing psychiatric care in the transition home at the Apalachee Center. Pray that the Holy Spirit will prompt more of them to come to Christ.

* Health wise we ask that you would lift us in prayer. Dan is having extensive dental and periodontal reconstruction work done and Marilyn is having female issues.



Our family...our family of God both in the “Free World and those behind the razor wire”!

So far this year we have shipped **\$4,609.07** worth of Spanish Bibles, Bible Studies and Spanish Christian literature to Federal prisons and detention centers. Amazing for small ministry such as ours! Maybe you feel led to contribute to this effort? If so, we ask that you please pray for our health and Godly wisdom. ...And if you would like to financially support this effort; please send your check to Harvest of Life. Mail it to the address on the letterhead. Indicate on the envelope that it is designated for **“Spanish Bibles”**.

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