

THE HARVESTER NEWSLETTER

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“The effectual fervent prayer of a righteous man availeth much.” (James 5:16)

Dear Partners in Ministry,

You're probably familiar with the Scripture verse above. Perhaps you've even memorized it. I must admit that our prayer life has been more *fervent* these past couple months. First of all, in our last *Harvester Newsletter* we made an appeal for funds to be able to fulfill the many requests that had piled up on our desk from inmates asking that we send them both Bibles, Bible Studies and Christian literature. We fervently prayed over that letter in hopes that God would answer by moving in your hearts so that we would have sufficient funds for the purchase of Bibles and to meet the cost of mailing them. We're pleased to announce that God answered our prayers! You, our dear prayer partners came through by blessing us and also those who received their precious package containing God's Word.

In August we received an email from a woman in Texas saying, ***“Hi, my name is Jessica and I'm from Texas. Many years ago my grandfather got a small Bible while being in prison in Florida. He gave it to me as a gift, but I'm in need of a new one. I would like to know if I can buy one from your webpage...I can't seem to find one exactly like this one. I love it! Thanks in advance. I would love to hear back from you.”*** Indeed, she did receive the small Spanish Bible she requested, thanks to you. She blessed us in return with a kind letter, and a photograph of her new small Bible and the Christian literature we sent her.



In her second letter which included a photograph of her and her three sons, Jessica wrote *“I just received the Bible and books. I will totally use it today at church. Please keep my family in your prayers. My husband is not with us at the moment. He’s being detained by immigration. Thanks again and may God continue blessing your ministry.”* Along with us, please keep Jessica and her family in your prayers.

We’ve lost count of the number of Spanish Bibles that have been sent to a facility in Childress, TX, but strangely enough, we received a letter from a Correctional Officer there. He was impressed with the many Bibles we had sent and kindly asked if we could send him one in English so that he could minister to the inmates. The English Bibles aren’t quite as small as the Spanish ones but thanks again to you we were able to fill his order.

Now back to the fervent prayers that I mentioned earlier. As you know parts of Florida were devastated by hurricane **Irma**. The approaching storm warnings had us praying without ceasing as we prepared for the worst. At first, it was projected that the hurricane would come up the Gulf coast and right smack into Tallahassee. Folks from the Keys and south Florida were already here in Tallahassee filling up parking lots with motorhomes, campers and trailers not to mention the shelters. Many of you sent emails telling us you were praying for us. Thank you! Thank you! Thank you! All in all, our prayers were answered and TLH received a minimum of damage. The prisons were all closed in the panhandle so for a week we didn’t have services. Before the tropical force winds even arrived the Chapel at Women’s prison in the next county took a lightning hit, caught on fire and suffered smoke damage. But Praise God, He was merciful, and no one was injured.

As we drove home after having finished a three hour Bible study in the Faith Based Dorm at Gadsden C.F., we were horrified to hear the news on the car radio that there had been an earthquake, measuring 7.1 in Mexico City. We were shocked to hear that it had been exactly 32 years ago to the day that they suffered an 8.1 quake with several severe aftershocks that did even more damage and took thousands of lives. We were living there at the time and remember being terrified as our house shook and the ground rolled. Again God was with us and we didn’t suffer any injuries or losses. Downtown Mexico City wasn’t as fortunate. Dan worked with the American and French rescue dog teams as an interpreter and also with *Doctors Without Borders*. I along with our two daughters volunteered with the Salvation Army making food to feed the survivors that were left homeless.

We just got an announcement from the Florida Department of Corrections that we consider to be a major miracle. It seems that a month ago DOC conducted a three day “lock down” at all the prisons of Florida. We were barred from conducting our services and all other events were cancelled. They were searching for contraband through-out entire prison system and they found rolls hundred dollar bills, cell phones, drugs, pornography, shanks, etc. We were surprised and elated at the results! Why you ask? Well, it seems that the lowest amount of contraband that was found were at the cell blocks and dorms that were “faith-based”. We have been lobbing DOC for 17 years trying to get them to recognize that Jesus produces change. Now here is the miracle...because of these outstanding results...DOC has ordered that faith-based dorms and cell blocks are to be established in all 65 major Institutions through-out the State and to be up and running by October 30th! How about that!! They have done an about face from failing to recognize the efforts of us Christian “volunteers” who in the past presented a security risk and a nuisance, to now holding us in high esteem!! Once again I repeat...How about that! Praise His name! We now have empirical evidence that Jesus changes lives in the prisons of the State of Florida. This is a first for Florida and probably the entire United States.

Dan has received numerous calls from Chaplains asking if he would please come to their prisons and teach “How to Win in Spiritual Warfare”. Pray for the old guy that “his sandals” would not wear out!

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