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**Dear Friends of the Bible College,**

**Greetings during this Christmas season. If the Christian prison inmates were able, they would wish each of you a meaningful and rich holiday celebration.**

**The college programming is continuing and men are growing in their personal walk, and in their ability to search out the truths of God's Word. Currently, we are offering Bible Study Methods in 1 Timothy & 2 Timothy at Lancaster State Prison; and 1 Timothy at Donovan Correctional Facility here in the San Diego area.**

**Yes, the devil is busy interrupting the programming & instigating hostile actions inmate against inmate, and also against staff. Staff chaplains are facing personal as well as professional attacks. We are in a major warfare here. The bottom line centers around preventing or eliminating religious programming in the prisons. It is evil and straight from the pit of hell.**

**Pray as you never have before that all evil attacks will be overruled and that Christ will be lifted up and presented to any man who will listen. Pray that God will supernaturally remove the spirit of hatred that hangs over the prison yards across our state. Pray that in the middle of all this, God will use us in any way possible to bring the "light of the Glorious Gospel" to needy, rejected & lonely hearts.**

**The need for prayer seems to be permeating this letter. We are not just fussing with prison inconveniences; we have come face to face with the "enemy of our souls" (THE DEVIL). We are no match for Him. He wants us to quit; he wants us to get distracted about the lack of funds; he wants us to have disharmony in our marriage; he wants all the chaplains removed or minimized; he wants ungodly wardens & administration to run the prisons; he wants budget cuts to justify reducing religious programming; he wants Christians fighting with each other & pushing for their own selfish ways; he wants us all to go down in flames & to**

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**forsake the reaching of lost people & the accurate teaching of God's Word to those who are desperately searching for the truth; he wants each person to find his or her own personal truth & then to blindly march straight to hell with it.**

**That is unacceptable to me.**

**Our Lord Jesus Christ gave us the Scriptures that are true, and He gave us a salvation that is complete. We will fight the good fight every day to get this news out. We will teach as many classes as is necessary; we will drive whatever miles it takes; we will love as many inmates as we can find; we will study & write courses as long as it takes; we will keep at it and we will ask God to enlarge our borders so we can reach more men.**

**Without God reaching into the hearts of these inmates with religious-educational programming that will change their lives, hatred will continue, apathy will spread, and violence will increase. Prisons will not be safe places to live, work, or serve – and inmates paroling to the streets will not be ready to join society successfully nor be the kind of neighbors you want. REMEMBER! A MAN WITH NO HOPE IS A DANGEROUS MAN!!**

**Many of you have been part of this team with your prayers and your money. Thank you! Please know that our greatest needs continue to be regular & faithful prayer support, and monthly or special financial gifts. We need your help. Money is a touchy subject. Everybody has their hands out. For us - money buys gasoline, paper, notebooks, computer supplies, text books, postage stamps, etc. (and pays our living expenses) – all to prepare college materials that teach accurately God's Word, and all to get us to the prisons to teach the materials. Most of these expenses come out of our personal funds. We count it a privilege. We just need a little help.**

**May the Lord enrich you in your service for Him. May He enable all of us to be faithful.**

**Cordially,**

***Bruce & Liz Leary***