

CORR Ministries

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*City of Refuge Ranch – An Alternative (A future goal)
Southwest College of Biblical Studies (Currently Operating)
Bible Study Lessons Program (Currently Operating)
Shepherd – A Senior Ministry (Currently Operating)*

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Hello Friends of Bruce & Liz Leary,

The need to get God's Word into the lives of men & women in our prisons still remains our focus. We do that through the courses of Southwest College of Biblical Studies and through our Bible study lessons program. Everybody in ministry wants to see fruit; so do we but, in prison ministry, you can lose track of the inmates. That is heart-wrenching. Just about the time we wonder if our academic ministries really matter, we get a letter or a phone call.

Brother #1 just recently got married back east. He was ordained into the Gospel ministry and is teaching & pastoring in the town where he lives. Yikes! That was one of our inmates who wondered if his life would ever have purpose again.

Brother #2 recently got divorced. No, life does not always grow roses. He has had opportunity to communicate with other former inmates; he has been working in his town to earn a living, and he has had the privilege of helping some of his family members. He calls us from time to time to check in and ask for prayer; he always has news to share about prison guys we have lost contact with.

Brother #3 is out of prison again. He has had repeated relapses due to drugs and other addictions. He has gone back to prison a few times. He has earned college credit in recent years, and has been pursuing ministry to men who are being released. He asked us the other day to pray for him as he considers the direction for ministry.

Liz & I continue to volunteer with the Kairos Prison Ministry in three prisons within an hour from our home. We get to share with the men & women that GOD CONSIDERS THEM VALUABLE, THAT THEY CAN BE FORGIVEN, AND THAT GOD CAN HEAL PAST HURTS AND MEMORIES.

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Pray with us as we wrestle with one particular challenge: if we go into a prison, we are prohibited from communicating with them through Bible correspondence lessons and through letters of encouragement. The frustration here is that after we meet them in the prison, they are more open to studying Bible lessons than ever before. You can understand the dilemma: we only get to go into the prisons on selected weekends. Mailed Bible lessons can go into the prison anytime & repeatedly. We walk a tight rope in that we see the great need and yet we cannot jeopardize the Kairos ministry. We obviously can honor God through offering Bible lessons, BUT we also can & do honor God by obeying the rules of the prisons. Pray with us for an open door.

Thanks for hanging in there with us through your faithful prayer support, and financial partnership. All funds received finance stamps, envelopes, lesson printing, etc.

On the Family Front

Liz and I are grateful for good health and competent doctors and medical services. My (Bruce) meds for blood pressure & other aging maladies are working, and I still serve in the Office of Missionary Gospel Fellowship here in Turlock, CA. We are still amazed at the miracle for Liz when two local Christian doctors diagnosed & removed her inflamed & infected Gall Bladder. If not discovered, she could have succumbed to sepsis. Than you, Lord.

***Dave** still serves as a Flight Surgeon in the military. We got to see Dave, Tiffany, and Nicole (age 12) this past August for several days here. One day we drove over to Monterrey, CA to enjoy the aquarium and other sights. **Ann**, Jeff, Caleb (12), Jamie (10), and Gracie (6) also came to Turlock during that time. Let's not forget Bobby (our son in law enforcement). This was our FAMILY REUNION. There were 11 kittens to feed, two foxes that roamed at night, rotten-fruit baseball, a few left-over fireworks, movie night on the side of the house, and, of course, the "four-wheeler". Did I mention our two-hole golf course?*

They have all returned to their homes & responsibilities. Man, do we miss them!!

Thank you, Lord, for a family like this one.

Thank you, Lord, for a God like You.

Thank you, our dear friends, for your support and your love.

Cordially,

Bruce & Liz Leary

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