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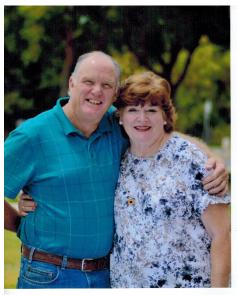
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Dear Family, Friends, and Supporters,

I just heard from an inmate named Jason. He is out of state. He said, "*Thank you for the lessons. I sure hope I did well on them. When I saw your lessons, I grabbed the closest Bible I could find and started. I have wasted my life with alcohol and have just needed a purpose to get up each day. These studies in Philippians have motivated me to want to do something. I am hoping this will get me back on*



track." As you know, the past and all its mistakes can blind us for present progress. Pray that these studies will light a fire under Jason.

Thomas from Nevada found one of our Lesson Request Cards in the chapel at his prison. He sent it in. We will send him some introductory lessons in Philippians. He will be asked what he has learned about Jesus Christ in chapter 2. That should be fun to read.

Kenneth from Colorado saw our materials somewhere and asked a direct question in his letter, "*How Can I Get Started?"* Hang on my friend. It's on the way.

These guys mentioned above are starting preliminary lessons to see if they are up to the task. Other students, like Mark, just asked for me to send him a Bible college course, BIBLE STUDY METHODS IN 2 TIMOTHY. This fellow is serious; he has already completed Philippians & 1 Timothy. Each of these Bible college courses takes 10-12 weeks to finish. He is eagerly awaiting. I guess I had better get moving.

Over the years of doing this, the common theme we hear from many is "Am I of any value to anybody?" There are times when we all sing that tune. However, at least I have family who affirms me and church friends who come alongside, not to mention people who just plain treat me right. Prison life does not frequently offer these perks. Yes, loneliness and hopelessness play a big part in their daily & rather routine lives.

These simple lessons can make a difference in charging them up. We also send scripture posters that they can hang on their cell wall.

Join our prayer team. We need serious prayer that we will communicate the right things, that we will have the daily energy to keep it up, and that these men & women will be changed and excited.

Join our financial supporters. Donations received for our personal support will fund our supplies, printing, correspondence, and travel.

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A lesson on a piece of paper is a simple way to reach behind prison walls.

May God's Word excite you too.

Cordially,

Bruce & Liz Leary

A nugget from Philippians: "Brothers, I do not consider myself to be free of mistakes, but one thing I do, I forget the things that are behind me in the past, and I stretch forward and keep moving ahead". (Phil 3:13)