

### Ministries



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Greetings our Faithful Supporters,



It sure would be great to be able to begin teaching inside the prisons again. How many people do you know who would miss looking at this scene (picture)? No, we are not lonely nor nuts. 2 Corinthians 5:17 says it all: "For the love of Christ compels us; everybody is dead, living for themselves; Christ died for all of us so that we would be alive & not continue living for ourselves; and yes, Christ rose from the dead."



Here's the latest. When it appeared that possibly the prison restrictions would lift or ease a few months ago, we proceeded with volunteer clearance paperwork in four prisons; that has gone well. Then, we were told that it would be a few more months at the least since some more COVID variant cases had arisen causing another delay.

**In the meantime**, (1) we have continued creating Bible lessons to be sent to the prison chaplains, (2) we planned some time to visit our daughter, husband, and the grandkids in Utah, (3) we have made contacts in Utah with a church and are making our ministry known to all of them, (4) we signed up to do some student testing proctoring which slides nicely into the open calendar days while also providing a little extra income.

**What has happened**? The lessons continue; thank you, Lord. Our trip to Utah was good; we are back home now. Due to the fact that neither Liz nor I can get the vaccine for un-related health reasons, one of the proctor jobs rejected us. Nevada prisons will not allow volunteer entry without being vaccinated. Currently, the California prisons have not mandated the vaccine, but have been open to testing prior to entry. However, that could change any time soon. That would prohibit us from entering any prisons. The Lord knows the end from the beginning and He has "good" in mind all the way along.

**Long Live the Chaplains!!** Our strategy right now is to get the lessons to the chaplains who can, if they choose, distribute them to the inmates at their discretion. Some chaplains have chosen to pass them out (a few lessons at a time) as they travel throughout the prison. Some other chaplains are considering using the lessons for group instruction.

**So far, we have sent 28 different lessons to 218 prison chaplains.** That means there are over 5000 lessons out there. Pray that God will motivate the chaplains to use them; pray the copying machines will keep working; pray that the men will have an incredible hunger to get into God's Word; pray that the inmates & the chaplains will be kept healthy by the mighty healing hand of God.

#### Some chaplains have responded:

"These are very interesting."

"These lessons will provide some very good study time."

"These are very much appreciated. Thank you & God bless."

"Thank you for these studies. I am sure they will be a great asset to the units."

The chaplains have a lot of ground to cover during their average day; they receive more emails than they can handle; they do not always feel comfortable responding to people (like us) they don't know; they have to deal with changing policies from week to week; some admittedly do not teach well & need help and assistance from those who are available and do care.

#### Personally.

- 1. Our income needs some increase. Thank you for your help.
- 2. Little by little we are putting our house back together after it was wrecked by several renters.
- 3. We have connected with good doctors back here in Southern California. I, Bruce, seem to be on track with good health. Liz is still being monitored for intestine issues following her past surgeries & the car accident. There are good & bad days but she is encouraged about possible nutritional changes.

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PS. If you are interested in taking a peek at a Bible study we're creating, check out the next page of this letter.

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## Just a Thought ...

In a world like this, would it be possible to deal with it without <u>GOD</u> present in our lives. How do you handle the pressures of life these days? Do you include God in how you do it?

How does a person include God in their lives? Would reading the Bible work? How about praying some prayer everyday? Maybe, attending a church on a regular basis would please God. Possibly giving money to the church would give you the strength to make it.

I have often wondered if doing more good things than bad things would make God help me through life. Have you thought that? What would happen if I could never do more good deeds than bad actions? Would God turn away from me? How can I be sure that God is even there? Is it because someone told me? Is it because some church said so?

Jeremiah 33:3

God said, "Call unto Me and I will answer you, and show you great & mighty things for your life that you could never imagine."

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# Help from the Bible ...

α.	Genesis 1:1 - "In the beginning created the heavens and the earth.
	interesting that this verse does not try to explain God. In the inning of time, God was already there.
b.	John 3:16 - For so loved the world that He gave
	His one & only, that whosoever believes in
	will not perish but have life."
God c.	is the only one who controls "perishing" & "eternal life".  1 John 4:8 - He who does not love does not know,
	for is"
d.	Numbers 23:19 is not a, that He should lie, nor the son of a man, that He should repent. Has He not done what He said He would do; had he not promised and kept that promise."
e.	Micah 7:18 - "Lord, there is no one in the universe like You. You forgive our sins; You do not remain angry about our sins; You are happy to show us mercy & have compassion on us."
f.	Psalm 19:14 - "Oh, Lord, my &"
g.	1 Timothy 1:17 - "Now to the,
	immortal, invisible, to God Who alone is,
	be honor & glory Amen.