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**Dear Friends,**

**It has been both frustrating and exciting this past month as we have taught God's Word in the prison. It was frustrating because the course "Bible Study Methods in Philippians", conducted in the Stark Youth Authority in Chino, California, was suspended before we were able to complete it due to the transfer of the Protestant chaplain. Those 12 young men were starting to get excited about digging the truths out of the Word. Their comments in class were a blessing me. Why should we be surprised about this unfinished class? The devil is on the job to make sure that believers get diverted from meaningful study of the Bible. However, I received letters from two of the students indicating their desire to keep studying. That class will have to be completed through the mail.**

**We just finished Bible Study methods in 2 Timothy here in San Diego at Donovan Correctional Facility. Those 21 students changed right before my eyes. They began to apply the truths of the Word to their lives & then shared those changes with the rest of us in class. They not only finished this course but are eagerly awaiting the next course. This is exciting.**

**Pray as we develop & spread the news about our new program – Bible Study Methods Course Facilitator Program (affectionately known as the BSMCF Program). We are training inmate leaders to teach study skills to their inmate brothers. This can & will change lives in the prison system.**

**Thank you for your continued prayer & financial support. We need both to reach behind the prison walls. Continue to pray for prison chaplains & yard pastors as they work with many of the same men we teach.**

**Cordially,**

**Bruce Leary**

***Teaching Prison Inmates How to Study the Bible***