

OCTOBER 2016 REPORT ON THE
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Beloved brethren, I pray for you always, giving thanks for your steadfastness, your love of the Lord, and your love for lost souls. I am thankful for your encouraging words to “preach on.” I am encouraged by your interest in what is going on in Corrigan and in the Estelle unit. I thank you for your fellowship, as we work hand in hand to spread the truth.

In Estelle, I was teaching a class of the “brethren” at 7:30, and then a class for the general population at 9:30. We were always frustrated dealing with the guards for that 2nd session, for they just did not want to cooperate in getting the men to the class. We switched the 9:30 class to Friday at 7:30 and I just have to make another trip. Man, I wish I had done this a year ago! We have had 2 classes so far, and we have had about 40 in both sessions. They have been there when I show up, they don’t filter in one by one. I am really excited! There are about 20 taking the class that I hadn’t had in a class before, so that is great. Some of these men will be hearing the truth for the first time. Some of these men have sat in another one or two classes with me, and they are back for more. We are going through Mark, and discussing baptism’s purpose, the baptism of the Holy Spirit, and other first principles.

Also, this new arrangement allows me to go to the high security class earlier on Tuesday, and as a result of this new time, more show up for the class. We had about 50 the last two weeks. We’re going through the book of Acts and stressing how one is saved, and showing the non-denominational character of the one true church. This is a lot less organized study, as they can come and go as they like, but I feel that good is always accomplished even though they hear the pure truth only one time in their life. But about 20 of these men show up consistently every week. As I cannot see them and see their body language, it is difficult to know what impact the truth is having on each one. These men are there about 3 months and are taking classes to help them adjust when they get out into the free world. Two men asked this month if I could find them a church where they are paroling out to so they can continue studying like we do.

In the Corrigan work, I continue teaching and preaching 4 lessons a week with the local church. The Tuesday night class at the Harts is going well, hopefully grounding this family to be stronger in the faith a little more each time we meet. The oldest daughter will be graduating in about a year and taking off to who knows where. We pray she will be better grounded by then. Their friend also comes each time, so we hope she will obey the gospel soon. We’re studying Acts.

The Meetup class at the Texas Burger goes well. We are just going through one book after another, now in Colossians. It is a great way to finish my four-class Tuesday, sitting down with strong brethren, discussing the word of God, and for once not teaching but sharing and even learning, and drinking a cup of coffee, and hoping someone will join us. People see us, they stop because they know two of the men, and I know it is having an impact of the staff as they see us week by week enjoying God’s word. Well, I’ve waxed eloquent too long and run out of space. :-) My support hasn’t changed and it is adequate. I will be losing \$600 come January, so if you have room in your budget, I would greatly appreciate your helping out spreading the truth here.

Yours in Him who saves,
Robert