

FEBRUARY 2017 REPORT ON THE
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Dear Brethren,

Another month has passed, as Job said, "swifter than a runner." And I am running late on my report. Although a lot has happened and I am busy every day, nothing new has rocked my world.

Tuesday's lineup is unchanged. 7:30am is the class at the prison in Huntsville with the brethren and others. Then I go across to the high security for another 2 hour study. They are just about finished with the book of Acts. Then I come home and rest and get my wife's supper fixed, and take off for the 6 pm study in Groveton at the Harts, where I study with 6 souls - - some weak and two who are not Christians. Then 7:30 in Corrigan with two other brethren - - now going through 1 Timothy.

Then I go back Friday to the prison and teach another class to those of the general population who want to study. In two weeks we are going to be studying "Searching for Truth." This is an excellent study on a DVD with a great workbook. I've been through it with the brethren there and didn't know if I would be permitted to teach it to the general population, for it plainly teaches the truth about the one true church, how to be saved, and other matters that we disagree over with the denominational world. I made a flyer advertizing it and made sure they knew we were going to be talking about the one way of the gospel. It should be an interesting 16 weeks.

Also, on the first Friday of the month I go study with Jack Thornton at another prison. Jack is a "member of the church" with lots of growing to do, and I gave myself a year with him to see if he would show real interest. He is growing and I will continue the studies with him although that prison really taxes my patience as they make me wait so long. But I always have The Book with me to read. No time wasted. Jack has been in prison about 25 years, and doesn't have the end in sight yet.

Wednesday I spend studying Romans for the adult class that night and Sunday morning in Corrigan. Thursday, Friday afternoon, and Saturday are given to getting ready for Sunday. I'm preaching through James now on Sunday nights. I also get my article ready for the newspaper that they publish free every Thursday. The column is open to any preacher, but I'm the only one who contributes. There may only be a handful of people who read it, but seed is being sown.

During the week I grade correspondence courses as they come in, but usually they get pushed to Monday, my day off. I am especially encouraged by two in the prison who are really learning well.

Concerning support, my needs are met thanks to my God and my brethren. As someone said, "Together we make a difference." Rejoice that we can jointly participate in "holding forth the word of life."

In personal news, Nancy and I marked 42 years of marriage in December. She is very sickly, so it took us 2 months before she really felt like getting out and celebrating. She misses about half of the meeting times with the brethren, but that and the doctor's office are about the only places she goes. It was an appointment that got her out today, and then we decided to go to the diner since we were out. Nancy rarely gets out of the car coming home on Sunday night when we stop at Wally-World to get our weekly supplies. You know she's not feeling well to do that. :-)

Love to my brethren in the Lord,
Robert