## JANUARY 2017 REPORT ON THE WORK IN CORRIGAN, TEXAS RAIF.ROBERT@GMAIL.COM

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Dear Brethren,

I continue to be encouraged by the response to the gospel in the prisons. Each month there are new ones joining the class as the regulars are paroled and sometimes simply quit. Some don't have a "firm root" in themselves; and some don't care for the persecutions that come their way as others will talk bad about them for studying with the brethren and me. We still have about 20 in the Tuesday morning class which is the class for the brethren, but about 40% are not Christians.

Next I do the High Security class which continues to study Acts. We spend one hour reading and discussing Acts, and about one hour of them asking questions on whatever they want. Three are taking correspondence courses now. There are also three at another prison where I visit doing the lessons. I also grade lessons from one other long time student, Spike. He is in his 70's and we hope he gets out soon and is allowed to go home to his wife. He is a gentle old soul.

The Mark class for the general population still has about 40 men. We will finish the class in March, and then I will start a new class with new students, but will always have about 10 brethren who stay with me. The brethren tell me, that the teaching is being well received by all and some are beginning to appreciate the simple truth. I'm sure we will have some who stay on for the next class I teach.

The sad news is that I've been going every 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday since July of 2011 and preaching to the general population. Some started complaining that no one else got the privilege of having a monthly slot, so the Chaplain was really sorry to inform me that I can only come every other month.

In the Corrigan work, I just finished sermons on 1 and 2 Peter and am now doing expository lessons on James. We're studying Romans in the Bible class. Besides the 2 sermons and 2 classes I teach with the church each week, I still teach the Harts on Tuesday night and then go to the Texas Burger with two brethren, hoping to get someone else to come and study with us. Although 30+ have seen the Meetup advertizement and showed interest, none have shown up yet. But it is edifying for me to finish the day with a study with two well-seasoned brethren, and for once I am not expected to be imparting knowledge.

I reported how I would be lacking support when January came, but that was all taken care of by the end of the year. I am thankful to all of you who want to share in spreading the word in Corrigan and the prisons, to many who have never heard. To God be the glory.

Yours in Him who saves, Robert