

MAY 2017 REPORT ON THE
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Dear Brethren,

We rejoice that our Friday night at the Harts' house ended in baptisms. Trendon Rose has been dating Hayley Hart for a couple of years, and has been studying with us regularly for about 6 months. He chose to put on Christ that night. Hayley said she had been having doubts as to whether she was baptized for the right reason at the age of 10. I told her let's put those doubts aside tonight. So we all drove to the building and baptized the two of them. Trendon will be a Sophomore in college in August, and Hayley a senior in high school.

The Tuesday prison class goes well. Some of these men started 5 years ago with hardly any idea of true Christianity. They came to my class on "Overcoming Temptation" and liked the class so much they came to my next and my next. Several were baptized and have grown and are getting ready to get out. One brother, Alan Rodgers, has been with us for years and is such a good worker. He was pulled out of the prison last week and sent to the Polunsky unit not far from my house. No one knows why the prison did that, but they do it sometimes for the simple reason they wanted that bed. I will do my best to make sure he continues having Bible studies, but simply because I'm approved at one prison doesn't mean I can walk into another prison. I may have to simply go once a month and have a two hour "visitation" with him. We'll miss him in our class for he knows his Bible well and was a good example. But he will be a good influence where he goes and will perhaps lead others to Christ.

Then at the High Security study on Tuesday, all goes well. The computers were down for two weeks so I couldn't teach them. Since that happened we just dedicated the whole class to their questions the next time. I always enjoy those question/answer periods.

The Friday prison class is on the New Testament church and what I must do to be saved. There are 5 in there who had no idea what the truth was on these ideas, but they are learning. We'll see what they do with that truth. But the prison just went on lockdown yesterday for two weeks, so I am home today writing this report.

Gratefully, I got to preach Sunday right before they locked down. Trey Torno led singing for the last time. He will be working south of Houston soon. Patrick Speights led singing too, and he will keep helping. These guys drive an hour from College Station to help out. They encourage the prisoners by their concern. I preached on authority and how we CAN understand the Bible and how we can be united in the truth if we will just accept the truth. Several came up wanting the notes. It is always exciting to see so many new faces and realize that for many they are hearing the pure truth for the first time. Pray the seed falls upon good and honest hearts.

Concerning support, my needs are satisfied by you good brethren, and by our God who makes sure the oxen are not muzzled. :-) I appreciate so very much you brethren who take part in sowing the seed in Corrigan and in the prisons.

In personal news, I injured my back around 1980 and it has finally become serious. The bone spurs etc. are pinching the nerves and I have a hard time standing and walking the long way into the prison. I'm going to have a shot in the spine this week and then see a spine surgeon in two weeks to see if it needs surgery. People say don't have a back operation until you have to. I'm getting to that point. Pray for me that I will still be able to go and teach, and take care of my wife.

Your brother in the Christ who saves,
Robert