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Beloved,

I hope all of you are well and staying steadfast in the Lord. It is always a challenge in this materialistic society to not let the "thorns" overtake us and the seed brings "no fruit" to maturity. Keep on the alert, beloved!

There's not a lot to report. My 3 classes at Estelle go well. Tuesday from 7:30-9:30 with the brethren (and others), Tuesday from 10-12 at the high security, and Friday 7:30-9:30 with the "faith based" group are my classes. It is easy to take this all for granted after 6 years, but I must remember that there is such excellent opportunities, and how many lives are being touched by the truth each week. Sam asks if I get discouraged when only 10 to 15 show up because some have other lay-ins or the bosses won't let some come. I tell him I've never taught 15 at one time in a private Bible study before I came to the prison. How could I be discouraged? Ryan Leatherman has been wanting to be baptized, and he is finally being allowed this month.

The work with the brethren in Corrigan goes well. I've been here 6 years now. I am teaching Romans in the Sunday and Wednesday classes. I'm about to wrap up a series of sermons on the Minor Prophets.

We continue the Meetup class on Tuesdays at Texas Burger at 7:30 pm. It may not have produced visible fruit, but I know that some are seeing good citizens studying the Bible publicly, and that can't help but do some good. If nothing else, it gives 3 Christians an opportunity to get together and fellowship in the truth, and that is never a waste of time. I can't think of a better way to spend the evening. And, Friday evening finds me studying with the 6 Harts in Groveton.

Concerning support, I want to say thanks to all of you brethren. I want to personally thank each one in each congregation and the individuals who have fellowship with me in the great work of sowing the seed. It is encouraging to see so many interested in the lost souls. Thank you. May your tribe increase.

In personal news, the doctors decided to take X-rays of my painful hip and found lots of arthritis and talked of hip replacement. They decided it is not bad enough yet to replace, but at least we know more of what is going on. So everybody agrees to just wait until I can't deal with the pain. I'm only 63! I thought this only happened to old people!

Pray for us. And please continue to pray for open doors, and pray that I may speak boldly as I ought to speak.

In Him who saves,

Robert