

MARCH 2018 REPORT ON THE
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Dear Brethren,

This serves as the report for March and April, as I was really pressed for time in March. "Taxed" for time may be the more accurate phrase. :-) And I'm going to be out of pocket two weeks of April to preach a meeting and then visit our son and family in Philly.

That said, things are going well in all the studies I have the pleasure to be involved in:

Sun 9:30 am. Proverbs with the brethren in Corrigan

Sun 10:30. Regular worship in Corrigan.

Sun 5pm. Worship

Mon 6 pm. Leslie White (Christian) and her two friends studying John.

Mon. 7:30. Meetup with two brethren at Texas Burger, trying to get others interested in the saving gospel.

Tues 7:30- 9:30 am. Estelle unit in Huntsville with the 20 brethren studying Harkrider's Basic Bible Doctrines. We're studying Calvinism now which is so predominant there and everywhere.

Tues. 10-12 am. High security with about 25 men of differing and "wild" faiths, studying whatever they bring up. They keep me hopping. Studying 1 Peter now.

Wed. 7pm. With the brethren in Corrigan studying Proverbs.

Thurs. 6:30 pm. The Harts (Christians) in Groveton. Studying Wise Teenage Builder by Glen Barnhart. Excellent book on improving teens attitude and families working together.

Friday 7:30-9:30 am. At Estelle with different faiths attending. We're now at the end of Hebrews down to only about 15 men involved. Others who once came weren't expecting such an intensive study.

Friday 11 am-1. Every other week. One-on-one studies with different men who have left Estelle for different locations at surrounding prisons. Huntsville has 14 prisons in the area, if anyone else wants to get in on the action. :-) The fields are white with harvest!

The second Sunday is coming up, so I'll be able to go to Estelle and engage in worship with 150 men and bring the Lord's supper to the brethren. They always look forward to this opportunity. I get there at 7am to get everything set up and we start around 7:45. I leave there at 9:15 and scurry to Corrigan and arrive in time for the worship period there. Raymond Wallace teaches the Bible class that morning while I'm driving there.

I feel blessed to have these open doors, and I feel all these classes are important. Brethren are growing and others are being saved. Eric Bricker got out over two years ago and is doing amazingly well. Not allowed to worship with the brethren, he and a lady worships on the back porch of his parents' house. Hopefully he can start worshipping with the local church soon. Spike (William Bourland) just got out Monday. I drove to Huntsville to meet him and pray with him and see him off at the bus station to Dallas. He will not be allowed to worship with the church either, but will have the preacher come to his house and study with him. He is 75, and you can see gentleness and humility written all over his face. He spent 22 years in prison and will be on parole the rest of his life, but I love him as a brother - - he IS my brother. Yes, some "become Christians" and try to use the system trying to get some personal gain, but we have had several come out now who show they are dead earnest in their decision that Jesus is their Lord. If you met them, you can't imagine either of these men in prison, but that's because they are now new creatures, and the old things are passed away.

I've run out of room, unless I want a 2-pager. Always so much to share. Thanks so much for you who have chosen to support this work. Together as servants of Christ we sow the seed!

Robert, your servant in Christ