

JULY 2018 REPORT ON THE
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Dear Brethren,

Things are going well with the work at Corrigan and the Estelle Unit. I have mentioned before, I do not see the men that I teach in the high security (H.S.) class, but they see me on their monitors. They are in H.S. usually because they were in rival gangs and their tattoos give them away and they get into fights in the regular prison. So they are locked up in cells individually and only get out one hour per day to exercise. Michael Bazan asked me one day if when he got out I would perform his marriage. I told him I needed to talk to him and his girlfriend about marriage first. Well, he got out a month later and called me up and wanted to get married. So I talked to them on the phone a bit, they drove from Houston the 1 ½ hours to Corrigan on a Sunday and worshipped with us, and I talked to them extensively about marriage to make sure they had the right; and we talked about baptism. He had heard me in the prison, and was ready to be baptized. So I married and “buried” him in Christ that day. Michael has lots of gang tattoos on his face, scars of a past sinful life, but I think he really wants a new life, having paid for his crimes. He went to Midland to get a job from his uncle on the oil rigs. I pray he will live a faithful life, but working on the rigs and living so far away from where he can be encouraged by others to be faithful is going to be difficult. Please pray for him.

Billy got out of H.S. 4 months ago, and he called me again to let me know he is still on the straight and narrow and right around the corner from his house there is a church of Christ where he attends. He was in H.S. for over 20 years, and he wants to never go back. He is living with and taking care of his brother who is ill. He needs our prayers.

Eric got out 2 ½ years ago but still cannot meet with the church in their building, but parole will let the church come to him. So several come and worship with Eric and his wife every Sunday afternoon. Eric preached the last Sunday and the local preacher said he ought to be preaching and teaching in the prisons. With his background and knowledge of the word of God, I knew that before he said it. Eric is one special guy. He is a fine example of a Christian no matter where he goes.

Spike was in prison 20+ years and has been out about 4 months. He cannot worship with the brethren, but he is doing fine. Hopefully a brother can come there to his house and encourage him. He will be on parole the rest of his life, but you won't find a nicer man. All of these made some really bad choices, and will pay the rest of their lives, but the gospel has made them free. I mention these to say that yes, many use religion trying to gain parole, then they toss it aside. But some are being changed by the gospel are new creatures.

In the Tuesday class at Estelle the brethren have moved into Harkrider's 4th book which studies denominational doctrines like Premillennialism, Mormonism, J.W.s, etc. I'm teaching the Friday group the Scheme of Redemption. God's plan that we see revealed to us from Gen 3 all the way to the end of Revelation. This class will be a long one and very entailed, including evidences and how the Bible was put together etc.

I thank God for you, always making mention of you in my prayers. My support is sufficient. Thanks to all of you brethren who have picked up what was lacking. We are workers together in sowing the seed - - reaching the lost and strengthening those who are saved.

Yours in Him who saves,
Robert