

DECEMBER 2018 REPORT ON
THE WORK IN CORRIGAN, TEXAS
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Dear Brethren,

The work is going well in the Estelle Unit in Huntsville and the Corrigan congregation. In Estelle, the Friday morning class is studying the Scheme of Redemption. Several have seen the light regarding the Law of Moses and how it was nailed to the cross and it has nothing to do with Christianity. We have about 28 in the class and most of them have joined the class for the “church” that we have Thursday morning. Every month there is at least one new guy being introduced to the truth. Others are released or transferred to other prisons, so our number does not increase a lot.

Some of these guys I love as a brothers. They are so spiritually minded and know their Bible and want to know more and walk the walk. Some of them I have found out have committed murder, a sexual offense, etc. One such brother in Kenneth. He is such a calm and deliberate individual who knows that Bible in and out, and lives the life of a Christian. He’s been in my class for about 4 months. He’s in for 8 years. Another man, Albert, I’ve known for 5 years now. He is such a calm and loving man. He’s in for 20 for murder. Another is in for life for murder. In some cases, the Bible and lockup have changed them. In some cases they were pretty good before but made a terrible choice, perhaps in a fit of anger. Then there are the pretenders who don’t seem to care about anything but getting out of work to come to the auditorium for two hours. They don’t study, they fall asleep in the class, and their life doesn’t show Christ living in them. But these last 8 years working with prisoners have been the most rewarding years of my life as a preacher or elder. And being able to preach every other month to 150, 100's who have never heard the pure gospel before have been introduced to it - - not sugar-wrapped or watered down.

The church in Corrigan is studying the same material as the prison, the Scheme of Redemption. It is a good overview of the Bible and all of its books. My sermons have been on 1,2,3 John on Sunday nights. Now I am doing a series on John. Sunday mornings have been a variety of sermons aimed at the Christian and sometimes the non-Christian.

I had surgery on my back to stop the pain from my pinched sciatic nerve. But the pain just kept increasing and an X-ray showed I need a new hip joint, as it is bone on bone. I am in such pain I have to use a walker to keep my weight off the left leg, and am preaching and teaching from a stool. The operation will be the 17th. Please pray that it will be successful and I can be able to go into the prisons without hindrance. It is rather difficult lately going in because I have to park so far away and carrying all my class material and Bible using a walker is challenging and painful.

The church in Ohio that has been supporting me \$500 per month is having to stop because they are getting a full-time preacher to work with them, and he needs that support. So if any can pick up some or all of that monthly support, I would be grateful. They will support me until May, but if I get the support before that, I will have them cut me off because the preacher has already moved there. Thanks to all of you who jointly participate in the preaching of the gospel to those brethren in Corrigan and the prisons, and teaching those lost in sin the Way of salvation.

Yours in Him who saves,
Robert