

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

This is a two month report because there's been a lot happening. We had a meeting with Dan Melhus from Livingston in September. As always, we do some door knocking and try to cover as many homes as we can. The meeting went well, and although we didn't have people come from the community, the brethren were edified, and God was glorified by our praises. And as we knock doors, the people get a flyer that teaches several basic truths they need to learn about New Testament Christianity. They also know where we are if they ever have a change of heart toward God.

I held a meeting in Ohio in October. This went well and there were some attending who needed to obey the gospel. But I don't intend to preach any more meetings. I am the care giver for my wife and sometimes she really has a hard time getting to and from the bathroom, and stumbles when taking a shower. It has been increasingly getting worse, and I believe it is just too dangerous to leave her like that. She insists I go, but I insist I stay and since I'm the head I won that disagreement. :-) Besides, when I am gone, the prison work suffers. If I'm gone one week, rumors go that I may be gone 2 months, like this last time. And no one assembles for the class. A church can get another preacher to come hold a meeting, but there's only me to do the prison work until I get some help. And only me who can take care of my wife like she needs.

I teach two classes and deliver two sermons each week in Corrigan. In October my turn came to preach in the prison on the second Sunday. We had just over 100 due to the officers not getting the doors rolled at the proper time. I preached on what a person needs to do to be born again, and how he needs to then live as a new creature - - putting off and putting on. I print 40 copies of the sermon and men come up afterwards and get the copies. We had a good service and brother Speights came from the Twin Cities congregation in College Station to lead the singing.

A friend of ours, Suzanne Gore, has been doing a correspondence course with a man for 10 years. She said he was in Huntsville, and out of the 14 prisons in Huntsville, he turned out to be at Estelle. So we looked him up and he found us and he impressed me as someone seriously wanting to do God's will. He wants to be baptized as well as another man. Now the procedure starts of their turning in their requests to get baptized, and the Chaplain okaying it and then setting a date for that. It is frustrating, because the chaplain doesn't see the necessity and urgency of baptism like the Bible teaches. Some have had to wait about a year.

I've been hampered by my sciatica because my lower back pinches that nerve. I will be going into the hospital Thursday the 8th and getting my back operated on and hopefully that will relieve the pain. Today is another day I can hardly get around without a walker. Please pray for me, for although I can preach and teach with the local church in such pain, I cannot walk into the prison and do the classes this way.

As always, I am so thankful to be able to go and teach these men in the prison and see the power of the gospel change their lives to become Christians, and then to see them become new creatures as they grow. The Thursday class for the brethren has grown to about 20 and the Friday class has grown to 28. The high security class had about 40 men in it the other day. Thank you brethren for making it possible to go teach!

Yours in Him who saves,  
Robert