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Dear Brethren,

I hope all is well with you. It is getting harder and harder to get out a monthly report with all that I am engaged in. I missed March and am on the end of April so must get this out. This month was especially taxing (no pun intended) with the taxes we have to figure and my wife, Nancy, was sicker than usual and I had to help her get here and there more often.

The work at the prison is going well. In the Thursday 7:30 am class, we are studying some basics about how to teach others the gospel. Then in the high security at 10, we continue to study through the epistles for about an hour, and then take questions for the other hour. Different ones are always asking if I know a good church in their area that they can go to. I always direct them to a faithful church. The Friday morning class is still going through a N.T. survey and having lots of interest. We generally have 15, 35, and 20 in attendance respectively in these three classes.

I went this week again to teach a class in the high security C wing, where we have 16 in attendance. While these men are not Christians, they are growing in understanding and I hope to get the gospel into their hearts enough to make a difference. We sing song of praise, pray, and study. We meet only for one hour in this setting and I only get to do it once a month.

And we have had about 4 times meeting at 7 pm Sunday with those few who can make it and have the Lord's supper and sing and pray and have an abbreviated lesson. Only about 25 to 35 attend, but these men finally get to have a true worship service weekly after so many years of not have the truth presented.

Speaking of the prisoners who get out, David got out, went to San Antonio, and has called and texted me many times. His wife died two days after he got out and I helped him through that. He is retired and has sent in the application to volunteer and go to the prison and encourage the men to do right. He said my bringing the gospel changed his life and set him on the right road so that he got out a changed man. Willie called me from Dallas this week, who was an elder in the Lord's church when he went in. He got out 3 years ago and has stayed straight. Of course there is Eric who has his application in to Austin to volunteer and start preaching on Sunday nights at Estelle. There are others that will stay straight when they get out, I firmly believe, but we'll wait until they get out to talk of them. The gospel is being spread, and more doors are opening, and honest souls are listening. I just wish I had more time I could give to this work. Any of you who want to go in with me one time to meet the brethren, let me know and I can get special permission. If you want to go in every week, you need to apply for a volunteer status - - easy enough to do.

My support remains constant and sufficient. I am so thankful to all of you co-workers who have chosen to share with me in spreading the gospel in Corrigan and in the Estelle Unit. Together we are sowing the seed, and the Word is making a difference in the lives of many. Please continue to pray for open doors.

Yours in Him who saves, Robert