

DECEMBER 2016 REPORT ON THE
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Dear Brethren,

The work at the Estelle Unit is going well. This month it was slow due to a two week lockdown. They lockdown the prison twice a year and there is no movement, no classes for that time. They will take one wing and march all the men down to the gym and strip search them and then search all their contents. At the same time they search the cells, X-ray the mattresses, etc. They might find a guns, or knives, or cell phones. The inmates know they are going to be searched, so this helps keep the illegal stuff down to a minimum. So during that time they all stay in their cells until all 3000 are searched. They get PBJ sandwiches - - no hot meals. So I was not able to go the 2nd Sunday to preach, and two weeks of studies were cancelled. But I am allowed to go to the high security, because they are in the cells all the time anyway. Their schedule never changes.

The prison came off of lockdown this weekend, and I went back Tuesday and taught for the first time in two weeks. The chaplain asked if I will be coming all during the holidays, I told him I would unless they prohibited me. He told me I could but no one else would be coming and they might be short-staffed. I told him I would come and thanked him for that. I went Friday also and told him I would see them next week, Lord willing. Between the lockdown and staff meetings on Friday, we've missed several Fridays, so I want to teach every opportunity I get, because the class in Mark is doing wonders. Sam says he hears a lot of talk how the men really appreciate getting actual teaching from the Bible. I'm the only one who does actual Bible studies. The pure truth is appealing to the good and honest hearted.

In the high security building, we continue our studies in Acts, and of course many of these religious people oppose the teaching of Acts, because it is contradicting what their church believes. I get some zanney questions and zanney ways of re-interpreting words of course, but there are several who are sincere and asking intelligent questions to learn more.

In the Corrigan work, I continue teaching and preaching 4 lessons a week with the local church. I also have the Tuesday night class with the Harts, and we are starting up the Meetup class again the first Tuesday of January. We stopped it for the holidays. There is one couple that seems to really be interested in coming. About 30 people have "joined" our class but haven't shown up. I understand that is a normal thing with meetup - - expect it. But every once in a while one will really show interest, and ask where are we in Mark, or how long does the study go, etc. So we are hoping this couple will have enough interest in looking for the truth.

I mentioned last time I was lacking \$350 in support when January comes. \$100 has been taken care of, so now I'm lacking \$250. If anyone wants to help out with preaching the gospel to the lost in the prison, join with me. If you get trained, you can even go in with me some time and meet your brethren. Some of these will die in prison because of lifetime sentence without parole, but some have been released and are doing fine in the service of the Lord.

Yours in Him who saves,
Robert