

MARCH/APRIL 2017 REPORT ON THE
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My Beloved, I hope all is well with you. I apologize for the late report. I had a very busy March, dealing with a couple of deaths in the family that hit us hard, and on top of that, my son's family of 8 came for a couple of weeks (off and on) from Philly. I kept pushing my March report off to "tomorrow" until here it is, April.

We still have about 20 in the first principles class Tuesday morning. Several have had to quit because of their work schedule, and a couple because of a mandatory class they have to take which is going on at the same time. But we have had about the same number join the class over the last 3 months. Alex, Joel, and Ryan have been added recently. Sam found them one by one, taught them some basic principles about just going to the Bible for all the answers, and brought them to the class. Ryan was baptized by a gospel preacher in the free world about a year ago, then backslid and got in trouble and went to prison. He has rededicated his life and is really eating up the word now.

In the High Security study on Tuesday, we finished Galatians. 4 men have enrolled in the correspondence course. Billy McDonald has been in the system a long time, but the administrator over him says he is amazing. He taught himself to read in prison, using the Bible. He is close to 60 and has one more year inside, and wants me to find him a good church home when he gets out.

We finally got the Friday class going again. The prison is not known for its efficiency and cooperation. About 35 signed up for the class. This last week we studied about authority and how we must follow whatever the Bible says and we will be judged the word (Jn 12:48). So far, so good. But in the weeks ahead we will study the Bible's plan of salvation and what is the one true church and what is Biblical worship. Please pray for open and honest hearts who will humbly accept the "word implanted" which able to save our souls.

After 1 ½ years of Meetup we had one man join us for the class at Texas Burger. Jose lives in Livingston, but works in Corrigan. He and I wrote back and forth, and then he drove up to be with us Tuesday night. He said he enjoyed the study (we just started 2 Timothy) and he said he will be back.

In the Hart study, things continue to progress. We have two young people attending who need to learn the truth about salvation, and two others who need to learn what real conversion and dedication means. I don't think they knew what they were doing when baptized at an early age. I pray they will learn and grow and develop a strong conviction before they leave home and face the world.

My support is sufficient, having met my needs. I appreciate so much you brethren who want to sow the seed among the lost, and who show a sincere interest in the work. You encourage me to push forward and to reach out. We must remember the field is still white with harvest! "There are souls to rescue, there are souls to save, send the light!"

Eric Bricker has been out of prison now about 1 ½ years and is doing great on parole. He still has a monitor on and they watch his every move and he can't go to worship yet, to our sadness. He has a steady job where he works about 50 hours at a little over minimum wage and helps take care of his parents. We talk on the phone every morning and then pray together when he gets to work; and the local preacher, Drew Nelson, drives out to study with Eric every Monday. He is still eating up the word. We hope and pray Eric can get the monitor off this next February and get to meet with brethren.

Yours in Him who saves,
Robert