

JUNE 2017 REPORT ON THE
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Dear Brethren,

There may not be a lot of outward changes that we see each month, but the seed is being sown and watered and fertilized, and growth in the kingdom is happening. Howard Barnes wrote me a personal note thanking me for coming and teaching him the gospel. He is about 60 and has worked hard all his life, but made a terrible mistake and committed murder. He said he was as lost as could be when he came in, but he found Sam and Sam brought him to the class and he studied and was baptized and now is a new man. He is a gentle and kind soul, and Sam said he is one who really walks the walk of a Christian. He has many years left on his sentence, as does Sam. Most of the men in Estelle have sentences between 20 to 40 years.

All the prison classes are weekly and last two hours each. The 7:30 Tuesday prison class goes well. We still have about 15 men in the group because they move them to other prisons, and some go home. We have 10 men who are very solidly grounded in the truth and want to walk to path of the righteous and I would be proud to have as members of our congregation. Willie Davis was an elder in the church in Dallas before he came in. He found us and studied with us and is back with his family and his old roofing business and a contributing member of the local church. He was 62 when he got out 2 years ago. He still calls me and lets me know how he and his wife are getting along. Eric is doing great.

The High Security study at 10:00 goes well. We finished Galatians and started studying James. These men are in solitary confinement and get out of their cell one hour per day for exercise. They are taught by monitors in the cell located behind plexiglass. I put on headphones and this is how they are taught. Since this is one of the few prisons who have this set up to teach, most of the men are here 3 months to take classes before they exit the prison system. Gabriel (about 37 years old) and Billy (about 65) are doing really well, and do correspondence courses with me. They have been in there for a long time. But every three months I get new men and about 30 tune in each Tuesday and learn some truth. They learn about the church of the Lord. Sometimes we have some lively discussions. What they do with this knowledge is their business, but the seed is being sown.

The Friday prison class on the New Testament church is nearing the final stretch with the last lesson on how to become a Christian. I anticipate at least 3 sessions to get through the lesson as there are 5 newbies who will have lots of questions.

In the work in Corrigan, we still have the meetup class at Texas Burger each Tuesday night hoping to interest others to join us. Each Friday night I study at the Harts' house with 5 Harts and Trendon. With the church, I'm teaching Romans in the classes and preaching on the Minor prophets.

Concerning support, I am sufficiently supplied. Thank you brethren for loving the Lord, loving His word, and loving lost souls and wanting them to hear the gospel of the grace of God.

In personal news, last time I reported I was very likely going to have a back operation. My sciatica nerve is being pinched and was giving me such problems I could not walk across my yard. I could not stand or sleep hardly because of the pain. But it has improved, so there will be no operation as long as I can stand it. Thank you for your prayers.

In Him who saves,
Robert