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Dear Brethren,

One lady recently wrote to me, "I don't do anything for God anymore. I feel so useless." I reminded her that all God expects is for us to do what we can. "She hath done what she could" (Mark 14:8). Each of us is just a part of the body of Christ, and we will perform different functions. And each of us has different opportunities. I never dreamed of going into the prisons and teaching, but here I am. The Lord opened the door and I went in to teach one man. Now I teach around 100 each week.

Another preacher stabilizes a congregation by feeding them a regular diet from the word. Another preacher works with another preacher and he spends time training young men to preach. Another studies all day and writes great material for classes, and I can use that in the prison. Another goes to the Filipinos to share the gospel. Some will send me \$25 to buy books and Bibles and class material, which I buy plenty of. We all have our part to do in God's body.

I don't know how many of the ones I teach will leave the prison and be faithful, but I know that many are hearing the truth for the first time and having a chance they would have never had. One man came to the Sunday night service and was so excited that he was hearing the truth, and not all the emotionalism and stage shows that denominations give. Last Sunday night a man came and said he has three friends who came to the service and now they want to be in my Friday class to learn more Bible.

Last Sunday I preached on the promise to Abraham and how Jesus is the fulfillment of the promise; and that the Law of Moses, which came 430 years later, has nothing to do with us today (Galatians 3). I printed out my chart and sermon for the 50 or so in the Sunday night service. Several were excited and said, "Now I understand finally the purpose of the O.T. and how it fits with the New." One man said "you are such a powerful preacher," but I said, "you simply heard the power of the gospel." He had just never heard a plain gospel sermon.

The entire body of the Lord has provided these men this opportunity to hear the truth - - this is not a one-man effort. You all are "sharers with me in the preaching of the gospel" (Phil. 2:5). I thank you all for making it possible for me to go in and bring the gospel to these men.

Please continue to pray for open doors; and pray that I may speak boldly as I ought to speak (Col. 4:3).

Yours in Him who saves,

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