



*“Who works all things according to the counsel of His will, that we who first trusted in Christ should be to the praise of His glory.” Ephesians 1:11-12*

God's ways are so much higher than our ways! Isaiah 55:9 says, “So are My ways are higher than your ways, and My thoughts than your thoughts.” He is working all things according to His will, and God gets all the glory! Some people do the sowing, some people do the watering, but God gives the increase! God is the One who works in the hearts of people to save their souls!

Jason wanted to visit with me, because he just found out several days earlier about the death of his friend. He and his friend had been motorcycling buddies for many years. Jason said, “This was the third friend I have lost due to a motorcycle accident. When I was in jail last week, I asked him on the phone if he could help my mother with a window air-conditioner that she needed. He was glad to help her, but that afternoon he was killed in a motorcycle accident. Then when I talked with my eleven-year-old son, he said, ‘Dad, God is working everything out for our good. You are where you need to be right now!’ That broke my heart! After going to your Bible study and church service, I was convicted that my son knows more about God than I do. My grandmother told me many years ago that, ‘God is going to use you as a preacher someday.’ I now remember this statement from her. God is working on me and touching my heart.” Jason was very open to hearing the gospel and responded to it desiring to know Jesus as his Savior. We prayed together and he felt the burden of his sin lift! Jason went on to say, “Four years ago I was strapping a saddle bag onto my motorcycle when a lady came up to me and told me she had something for me.

She said, “My husband was a biker and he died. I want to give you this round little pin for your vest.” On it were three crosses. This lady went on to say, “My husband in his younger years rode with Hell's Angels, but God transformed his life. He became a biker pastor. He is dead now so I would like you to have this pin with three crosses!” Jason told me, “Wow, I was shocked, why me! Now I know that nothing happens by accident! The Lord has put people in my pathway over the years to show me that He loves me.” The next thing he wants to do is get baptized. This will happen as we baptize others in the prison!

Even though things are difficult at the prison, a number of men are getting serious about Christ! At church a few weeks ago, there were seven guys baptized. Several weeks before that several were baptized! A number of other men have been baptized previously this year! Our Bible studies and church services are great because we can feel God's presence in a powerful way. The men are hungry to know more about the Lord! Several men who used to be in a gang now have changed lives! One of the men just found out that his dad died. Staff members were concerned about how he was going to respond when he got the news. When I visited with him, he told me that staff keep asking him if he is okay. He said, “I am not the same old person I used to be a year ago. I would have acted out a year ago. I sent my dad a picture of me with my baptism certificate a month ago. He was so excited for me, so I know I will see him again! I have been reading my Bible morning and evening and God has given me peace!” What a great testimony of God's transforming, and powerful work!

I know that the revival that is going on at the prison is due to all your many prayers! I am privileged to see the fruit of God's work behind the walls! Thank you for your prayers and financial support!

In Christ, Harlan

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