

PRISON LIGHTHOUSE MINISTRY NEWSLETTER March, 2026



***“For which I suffer trouble as an evildoer, even to the point of chains; but the Word of God is not chained.”
II Timothy 2:9***

It is a blessing to know that Spring and longer daylight are coming soon! God promised that the seasons will always come and go as long there is time. He is faithful and true to His Word. There is no way anyone can keep the Bible from where He wants it to go. The apostle Paul knew firsthand what it was like to be in prison and that God’s Word was not bound even in there!

I have been meeting with men who must be chained when we visit in a room alone. Peter, who I wrote about last month, told the captain, “I sure would like to be baptized!” The captain told him, “Sure you can be baptized, but you will have to keep the handcuffs on when you are baptized, and no other inmates can be in the room.” Peter told him he was okay with being cuffed. He was baptized Thursday, before our worship service. Pastor Greg, the lieutenant, and I were present. Peter gave a short testimony and was baptized! It was the first time for me to baptize an inmate in cuffs. He came up out of the water with a big smile on his face! He was determined to obey God’s command, “Believe and be baptized”, his chains had no bearing on him! His hands were chained, but he is free on the inside. I am blessed to be part of what God is doing!

Another man was baptized in the afternoon service! During our visits he told me, “I have traveled around with the circus, but I have had no one to teach me the Bible like we have

been doing the last few weeks. For the last few years, I have felt empty without God, and I have been studying the Bible on my own. I am grateful that I have been learning more these past few weeks and growing in the knowledge of the Lord and His Word.” He asked for a Bible study book so he could learn more. It is great to know people who are hungry for the Lord!

We had an all-day seminar this past Thursday in which Pastor Greg used the Kyle Idleman video series, called “Grace is Greater.” We had 27 men participate, divided into four table groups to discuss the 15-minute video clips. One of the impactful times was when an inmate who has been in prison for 30 years spoke for five minutes. He spoke about the dangers of getting involved in gangs. He said, “I started my prison time with a 22-month sentence and gained all my additional time from being in a gang. If you don’t want to stay in prison for a long time, stay out of the gangs!” That is great advice for the new men coming into prison. The grace study was powerful as well! We were prepared before the seminar to baptize three men. Later in the day two more men testified of their faith in Jesus Christ and were baptized! God’s work is not bound even in prison. He continues to be at work turning men to repentance behind the walls!

Thank you for your prayers and financial support! You are a blessing! Please pray for more access for me to go cell to cell. I am grateful for the three Bible studies each week, and one on one visits I am allowed to have in the prison! Have a blessed March!

In Christ, *Harlan*

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