



Christ Behind the Wall

Prison Ministries

A "Life-Changing" Study for the Incarcerated

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QUIPS FROM WITHIN

This is part of one man's journey from darkness to light:



"After a period of time on suicide watch while in jail, I was moved to a dorm setting. Now we could come out of our cells and fellowship together in the day-room. We started a bible study with six men, which grew to 23 out of a possible 50 men. Led by Brother Troy (the scripture yeller) we grew deeper into our walk. He never told us the answers to our questions, but rather told us to "study our Bibles." "Transferred to a prison, I found there was a Bible study that had stopped prior to my arriving. God initiated the study to restart, which feed me, as well as did the chapel services. "God granted me a repentant heart so that I could know the truth (2 Timothy 2:25). Two plus years since the days of my suicide watch, I am drug free, sober and in alignment with the Word of God with a spirit of power, love and of a sound mind (2 Timothy 1:7).

"May God bless us all!"

B.R.B, D Yard, CSATF/SP, Corcoran, California

ZAC'S CORNER

"If holding on to your faith is so important, you should use both hands!"

Luke 17:5

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"Remember those in prison as if you were their fellow prisoners..." Hebrews 13:3

The First Annual Ministry Awareness Dinner

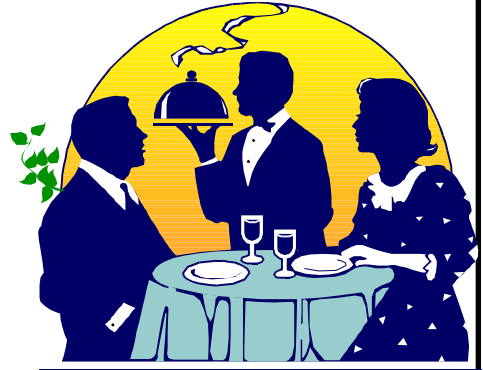
We had our first Christ Behind The Wall Prison Ministry Awareness Dinner on October 1st and what a great time we had!

A short history, video and mission emphasis was presented, but most of the presentation geared around testimonials. We had Sheriff Margaret Mims and Volunteer Coordinator Terry Ashmore of the Fresno Country Jail attest to how an organization such as ours is beneficial, not only to their organization, but also to the community. Sheriff Mims even offered a tour of the jail to those who might be interested, which is drawing an excited response!

We also had Jimmy and Teddy, two paroled inmates, share how being a participant in Christ Behind The Wall Prison Ministry's program aided them to grow spiritually, better handle their incarceration attitudinally, as well as strengthen their spiritual foundation to handle the pressures of life on the "outside."

We also had Bill Vander Kooi shared with us why he spends his off-work hours volunteering in handling a discipling bible study class three times a month at a prison 60 miles from his home.

It was a blessed night and we are looking forward to more opportunities to provide the community with an awareness of what Christ Behind The Wall Prison Ministry is all about.



SEPTEMBER ACTIVITY

WOW!!! What an incredible month we had! We were able to teach 92% of our scheduled classes.

Jason, Bill, Joshua and myself, along with Fred from Prison Fellowship, held 22 classes, in which we had 406 students! Incredible...this is the most students we've had in one month since we started August 15, 2001! Praise the Lord!

PRAYER NEEDS

Joshua Long has applied for his brown card at Pleasant Valley State Prison. Pray that it would get approved quickly.

We had an opportunity to start up a class on C Yard, PVSP, but we lack a volunteer, for possible Monday or Friday night.

Keep on praying that He brings more volunteers to us!



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