



Christ Behind the Wall

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A "Life-Changing" Study for the Incarcerated

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QUIPS FROM INSIDE

I have no doubts of God's awesome timing and plans for His children. When I first came to SATF Corcoran, I was told I would be moved to the D Yard gym, which I did not want to do! Over time, I came to learn that God will put me where He needs me. Through perseverance, patience and endurance, God moved me into a position of leadership of the fellowship of believers in the gym. In my 2 1/2 years on D Yard, I got to meet some truly anointed brothers: Zac, his smile, bright shining countenance and example of Christian living has inspired me greatly; Matthew and his ten years of humbly serving God as a mighty prayer warrior of intercessory prayer has touched my heart; and last, but not least, my "little buddy" Andrew, the guitar playing-singing angel who has been my best friend. People like these and others have taught me how to love more like Christ.

When I prayed to leave D Yard gym, I only asked God that He would put me someplace where I could be used for the Kingdom. I've been recently moved to A Yard and within one week after Yard orientation, I was invited to bring the Friday night weekly message out on the Yard to the English-speaking Christian group. I do this along with "Doc" Riles & David R., brothers who left D Yard prior to me to begin their ministry here on A Yard.

God is truly the Master Planner. He takes what is unappealing and turns it into value for Kingdom building. I am thrilled to be loved by Him and privileged to return my love to Him, with thanksgiving in my heart!

B. Ross B., Corcoran SATF A Yard

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LAUNCHING INTO 2012!!

I can't believe that 2012 is already here! Before I get into CBTW's goals for 2012, I'd like to recap how God has blessed the ministry in 2011.

First off, He provided us with four new volunteers this past year. We installed three in the Madera County Jail, which also was added to the institutions we visit each week, which presently include the Fresno County Jail, Corcoran SATF and Pleasant Valley State Prison(PVSP) in Coalinga. We also added one volunteer in PVSP.

The seven of us were able to hold 201 classes, which was 64% of our scheduled classes, which consisted of 3,524 students!! I also preached at Corcoran SATF on three occasions for a total of 15 worship services, consisting of 636 worshippers.

At our 2011 Ministry Awareness Dinner, we announced our goal of adding at least one more institution, and the establishment of seven new classes, consisting of three new volunteers for PVSP and four new volunteers for Madera County Jail, as our goals for 2012.

God is already blowing us away with His blessings! In December, we trained three volunteers for the Fresno Jail, now awaiting their clearance. In January, we are planning on training four for Madera Jail, and are planning a February training session for three more for Fresno. Two to four of these volunteers has also expressed a desire to go into the state prisons.

We are also working on embracing FCI Mendota into our "family" of institutions, which is a new Federal facility, not even opened yet!! God is AWESOME!!!!!!



DECEMBER ACTIVITY

It's amazing how Satan likes to mess with this ministry, just like he does with our lives, eh? This month we were affected by fog, lockdowns and inter-prison movements of the inmates. But, like the troupers we are, we still showed up!

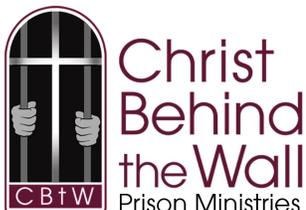
Six of us were able to hold sixteen (55%) of our scheduled classes, that consisted of 210 students.

PRAYER CONCERNS

As God is blessing the ministry abundantly with volunteers and institutions, please pray that He will also bless us financially, in order to handle the increase costs of a growing ministry to the incarcerated.

ZAC'S CORNER

TRUSTING IN THE LORD AND HAVING STRENGTH IN HIM, ARE THE BEST WEAPONS TO BATTLE LIFE WITH...PSALMS 5:11, 18:39



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