



# Christ Behind the Wall

Prison Ministries

A "Life-Changing" Study for the Incarcerated

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## QUIPS FROM INSIDE

**"I have recently given up the security of my wheelchair, as encouraged by God. One of my biggest struggles, before the chair and after, is summed up in one word: discouragement.**

**"What I am learning through Paul's words that whatever state I am in, I am to be content. And yes, we Christian prisoners find ourselves in many states of discontentment: No Yard today; No dayroom today; No visiting today; No canteen, no packages today; No Pastor Riley's Bible Study tonight, etc., etc. I could go on and on concerning how we have to deal with a lot of "No's."**

**"I Always thought this verse, Philippians 4:11 ("Not that I speak from want, for I have learned to be content in whatever circumstances I am."), meant that one day soon God would somehow "ZAP" me and presto-change, I would be forever content. Nothing would bother me! Was I ever wrong!**

**"Fortunately, the Holy Spirit aided me in my understanding this passage and pointed out the key word in this verse, is "learned." I realized when I wake up every morning, I have the free choice to be "content" or "discontent." So its not a "zapping," but rather a learned discipline in my walk with Jesus.**

**"I can agree with Paul that I have not attained the goal yet, but at least I know what direction I need to go in, as I press on until I master this contentment-thing.**

**Michael Clark, D Yard, Corcoran SATF**

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

## **ATTACKING SATAN'S DEN...JAILS & PRISONS!!**

Christ Behind The Wall Prison Ministry will definitely have a presence at FCI Mendota Federal Prison! I have been approved and will be their very first training session on Saturday, March 10th. .

I will be sending out letters to the churches in Mendota, Kerman and Firebaugh, which are within twenty miles of the prison. I'll be requesting a meeting with the pastors, show him our training program, and seek to have a time to speak to the congregations or men's groups. Please be in prayer for Our Lord to bring six volunteers to CBTW so that we can start training them ASAP for FCI Mendota.

Please pray for the other training programs to be successful in providing volunteers for the other prisons and jails. I'm finding out that not all who go through the program get cleared immediately. Our training at the Madera County Jail has resulted in one cleared volunteer, and one who can re-apply in a year. The training for the Fresno County Jail also had one who can reapply in three years, one who was cleared, but is presently volunteering with a different program and one who is still awaiting his final approval.

We do have another CBTW training program set for Saturday, March 17th. If you would be interested in attending, let us know and we'll save you a seat!! I have three, possibly four, volunteers waiting this session. Please pray for God to bless our training time



## **JANUARY ACTIVITY**

This month we were affected by fog, lockdowns, but the inter-prison movements of the inmates has slowed a bit, so that is good.

But, like the troupers we are, we still showed up!

Six of us were able to hold eighteen (72%) of our scheduled classes, that consisted of 374 students.

### **PRAYER CONCERNS**

1. Adam Rodriguez will get cleared to be able to volunteer in Fresno County Jail.
2. We will be able to have four to six potential volunteers at our scheduled March 17th CBTW training session.
3. Ministry contributions will pick up.

### **ZAC'S CORNER**

Looking and searching for peace will not always be found; so find your peace within and you will always have peace. Jeremiah 29:7



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