



Christ Behind the Wall

Prison Ministries

A "Life-Changing" Study for the Incarcerated

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QUIPS FROM INSIDE

"Once I was a believer who hated myself for breaking God's laws. I believed that every time I sinned God's anger was chasing me with a curse, and I could not be blessed again unless, I proved myself to God that I was obedient to all His commands. I tried so many times to change for God, but soon after a period of clean living, temptation would hit me so hard I felt I had to give in. Then guilt, shame, frustration would set in again. I would cry, begging God to help me change, and the cycle would start over once again.

"One day I asked the psych why did I do what I did to get myself into prison and forfeit the good I had on "the outside," family and all? He said, "Mr. Mendez, if you think you are no good, you will act like a no good person."

"Then I came across Romans 3:21-23, "But now apart from the Law the righteousness of God has been manifested, being witnessed by the Law and the Prophets, even the righteousness of God through faith in Jesus Christ for all those who believe; for there is no distinction; for all have sinned and fallen short of the glory of God..."

"At that time I knew that I was made in the righteousness of God, apart from my own deeds. It was a gift; so now I don't see myself as no good, but as with the righteousness of Christ.

**May God bless you, brothers!
Brother Al Mendez**



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TRUST ONLY IN THE LORD...NOT MEN!!

Christ Behind The Wall Prison/Jail Ministry has been blessed abundantly by our Loving Father! This past eighteen months have been a phenomenal growth pattern with respect to volunteers.

We presently have ten volunteers and myself holding an average of fifty classes containing a total of 550 students a month, starting in October! Although we lost Rafael Cisneros at Pleasant Valley State Prison, we've added Chaplain Edwin Peraza of PVSP and established a Spanish study on D Yard.

Harold Perry took on double-duty, as we added another study at the Fresno County Jail.

Waiting in the wings, we have Dick Stoltz, who has been cleared at FCI Mendota Federal Prison and is waiting for his teaching supplies to arrive before he starts his Grief Share program there.

In November, Joseph Atinsky, will be opening studies at the Stanislaus Military Academy, a school for troubled youth in Turlock, and at the Honor Farm Men's Jail in Modesto.

Lupe Flores will be starting a Spanish study with the women at the Fresno County Jail, as soon as she finishes her Israeli missionary commitment next month. We are also waiting to hear about clearance for our latest trainee, Addison Jones.

When I get back from my Wisconsin vacation this month, I will be working to secure potential classes with five other possible volunteers in the Modesto area.

Who would have thought eleven years ago, Christ Behind The Wall Prison/Jail Ministry would be where it is today...with this spurt of growth coming in the past eighteen months...obviously God did!!!
Praise His most Holy Name!

SEPTEMBER ACTIVITY

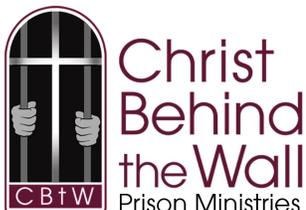
Ten volunteers held 30 classes out of 39 scheduled (83%) with 427 students participating. I preached twice at FCI Mendota with 85 worshippers.

PRAYER CONCERNS

1. God would bless successfully the Car Show Fundraising effort this year.
2. More volunteers with a heart for prison ministry would be directed to us by God.
3. Ministry contributions will pick up.

ZAC'S CORNER

Strength, rock, fortress, shield, salvation, stronghold...just a few things we need that God provides!
Psalm 18:1-2



"Christ Behind The Wall exists to disciple the incarcerated with life-changing classes, based on The Word of God, to deepen their relationship with, and strengthen their faith in Jesus Christ."

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