

## **CBTW IS BLESSED!!**

The Christ Behind The Wall volunteer acquisition process is much like multi-level marketing: You never know who is going to become part of your organization!

I am so glad that God is in charge of this ministry, because, to tell you the truth, I personally don't have a volunteer "bank" to pull from. Yet the Lord is constantly bringing people to our training classes.

In 2011, we had four training opportunities in which eight potential volunteers went through the program. Of the eight, three joined CBTW.

In 2012, we had seven training classes, of which thirty-two potential volunteers attended. Of the thirty-two, six joined CBTW and five are yet to be trained and placed. Of the remaining twenty-one, twelve became volunteers under different jail ministries, two didn't qualify and the remaining nine decided not to join prison/jail ministry, at least not now.

CBTW now has a seven day a week presence in the two state prisons, one federal prison, two jails and the military youth academy where we serve. Patrick McGinnis goes in on Sundays; Jason Pitts, Maria Contreras, Dick Stoltz, Joshua Long and myself on Mondays; I go in on Tuesdays; Bill Vander Kooi and Harold Perry on Wednesdays, Harold, Addison Jones, Juliana Morales and Chaplain Edwin Peraza on Thursdays, Joe Atinsky on Fridays; Sterling Kyle, Jr and Lupe Flores on Saturdays.

Praise the Lord!! I sure am glad that God is in charge!!



## **NOVEMBER ACTIVITY**

I was unable to hold any of my classes while I awaited my Brown Card clearance...but praise the Lord! I finally got cleared on December 5th! Anyway, thirteen volunteers held 34 classes of 56 scheduled (61%) with 459 inmate students attending. I also preached twice with 80 worshippers in attendance.

Amy and Joshua Long and myself kicked off the TUMI (The Urban Ministerial Institute) program at Pleasant Valley State Prison in Coalinga on November 26th with eleven students. Also Dick Stoltz started his Grief Share program at FCI Mendota Federal Prison and Joe Atinsky started a CBTW program at the Stanislaus Military Academy in Turlock, both in November.

### **PRAYER CONCERNS**

Travel mercies for all the volunteers during the Tule fog season, from now through February.

### **ZAC'S CORNER**

There is nothing new in our lifetime...so let your life be a bright light.  
Ecclesiastes 1:10



"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."

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



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### GOD ANSWERS PRAYERS

"This is a recent testimony and praise report:

"About two years ago I was praying for a Christian brother that I knew from another prison. I was praying that he would be transferred here to SATF. Six months later he arrived!



"One year ago, God let me know that this individual would be part of the music ministry on the Yard. Two weeks ago, Pastor Hetebrink was not here for the service, so the inmates had our own service outside on the Yard. Having lost our music ministry team a couple months back, the church had need desired to restart that ministry. We all prayed for God to help meet this need. No names were mentioned, just for God to give us a music minister.

"Two weeks later, Pastor Hetebrink was still out at the advise of his doctor and Pastor Harper was here to preach. Pastor Harper asked if someone would lead us in some songs of praise. The person that God showed me a year ago, stepped up and lead the church in worship to our God.

"In the closing prayer that day, one of the men's leaders noted the quickness with which God had answered the church's prayers from two weeks earlier for a worship leader.

"Praise Your Holy Name, Lord Jesus, and continue in building up the body of Your church here at Corcoran SATF!

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