

NO SPRING CHICKEN ANYMORE!!



Well, it's finally happened! I'll be turning 70 this year and I'm beginning to feel my age a little bit!

I've had a few health issues since May that are telling me its time to slow down a little bit. I still will be very involved in volunteer acquisition and training, as well as setting up new classes for the trainees to "take over," as well as the day-to-day ministry operations, but I will be giving up the classes that I have been teaching for the past 12 years.

The last two classes to be turned over are D and E Yards at Corcoran SATF. Bennie Williams is going through the Brown Card acquisition process, and we are trying to get a waiver, so that he doesn't have to go through the twelve month waiting period, seeing he already is cleared by the State and has a brown card at Pleasant Valley State Prison in Coalinga. He is also cleared at FCI Mendota Federal Prison and the Fresno County Jail. So, please be in prayer that God might move the minds of the powers that be to consider our request. If not, it will be another 7.5 months till he will be able to acquire his Brown Card through the normal waiting process. Having Brown Card status, allows the volunteer to enter into the prison and Yards unescorted.

I'd also like to mention, that Bennie and I opened up a new class on PVSP Coalinga's D Yard during the month of August! Praise the Lord!!

AUGUST ACTIVITY

In AUGUST, 12 volunteers held 34 classes, out of 47 scheduled (72%) consisting of 486 students.

PRAYER CONCERNS

1. Tim Hoover, one of our volunteers at the Fresno County Jail, is moving to Boise, Idaho towards the end of the year. Pray that God will provide a volunteer to take over his class.
2. We've sent in a request to Corcoran SATF that Bennie Williams might receive his brown card earlier than the one year waiting period, due to the fact that he already holds a brown card at Pleasant Valley State Prison. We are anxiously awaiting a response from them.
3. Travel mercies on all the CBTW volunteers traveling to the prisons.
4. God to continue to supply volunteers desiring to minister to the incarcerated.
5. God blesses our newest class at PVSP Coalinga.

ZAC'S CORNER

When God puts you in a race, He will give you the power to finish!!
Philippians 1:6



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QUIPS FROM INSIDE

“Brother Riley,

“God bless you, my friend, and may His grace and protection always surround you and yours.

“I’m celebrating my 5th month of freedom after 18 years of incarceration and God’s amazing love and provision carries me thru every high and every low. I thank God for my last 8 years in Prison for allowing me ‘time’ to build my foundation in Christ and solidify my relationship with Him. I knew coming out, life would be a challenge and only my complete faith and trust in Him would see me through troublesome times.

“Every minute of my time as a Christian was extremely valuable, and it has proven to be critical in my living a balanced, faithful life.

“I encourage all my brothers and sisters in the faith behind bars; Redeem your time...Study the Word and pray...seek God with your entire being...because your time in prison is precious! Unless you are rooted and grounded beyond a doubt, life will eat you up quickly!

“God is our Rock! Trust Him!

“Thank you so much for your friendship and discipleship, Brother Riley. God is so Good!!

“Your brother in Christ, Glen

Glen is in a Halfway House In Canyon Country

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