



The Jones Family

Prayer Letter May 2023



Faithful Friends,

I wanted to update you on the work of the Lord in the S.W. Florida jails and prisons. On Easter morning I was not schedule to preach at either prison that I go to regularly, so I decided to go and visit cell to cell in confinement at one of the prisons. In my 26 years of ministry I have never tried this so I was not sure how it would go. I prayed most of the 45 min. drive there and asked the Lord for help. Praise the Lord, as I entered the prison for check in, one of the two officers asked me this "what is Easter all about?" I was able to talk to both of the officers there for about 15 minutes telling them the true meaning of Easter. One of them had already trusted Christ and the other was a little shy so I promised to drop off a ROA correctional officer's New Testament. I then spent the next three hours visiting in confinement and was able to witness to about 60 men that were there and awake. I did not lead any to Christ, but I was a blessing to those that believed that HE IS RISEN!! The men were surprised that someone would visit them so early Easter morning. (Confinement at this facility gets no visits from outside clergy) I praise the Lord for what he allows me to do.

Prison Work: I worked a total of 41 hours in two prisons, (Nine days) and had one man accepted the Lord. We had seven days of lockdown due to several stabbings. Two of my Bible Institute classes were cancelled because of this.

Bible Institute Work: In the Upper Midwest Bible Institute (correspondence) I have 1,675 active students, in April I graded 553 lessons, mailed 510 lessons, enrolled 38 new students, printed 9,791 pages of lessons, mailed/passed out 8 Bibles, graduated one student and had seven accept the Lord. I worked a total of 137 hours grading lessons this month.

In the classroom Bible Institute at the prison I have a total of 45 students doing the lessons. You and the Lord blessed us with \$1,474.00 in donations this month!! I spent \$799.54 in mailing cost and supplies. Thank you so much.

Prayer Update: My wife had to have several tests done on her heart and a few days ago she met with her cardiologist and he said that everything is good so thank you for the prayers. Thank you to a couple of churches in Michigan for the extra money for the Bible Institute. On April 25th we celebrated 26 years of fulltime ministry. Thank you for praying for us and for the support you have been faithful to give.

(I have printed on the back a note from a student doing our Bible Institute)

Please keep us in your prayers.

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Thank you for all your support & the special love offerings. Tell the church we say "Thank you"

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2 Corinthians 4:5

For we preach not ourselves, but Christ Jesus the Lord; and ourselves your servants for Jesus' sake.