

JULY 2017 REPORT ON THE  
WORK IN CORRIGAN, TEXAS  
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Dear Brethren,

I hope you all are well. At Estelle, we have finished the class called "Searching for Truth." There were 4 in the class who had never had the pure truth presented to them. These men now know the truth, and now it is up to them whether they will follow the truth or reject it. We will watch the 6 videos one more time for review because others have come into the class late. If you are familiar with the Jules Miller filmstrip, this is like that except much better in my opinion, and the video only costs \$2. And it has books that go along word for word and has review questions. Excellent material.

In the class with the brethren on Tuesday, we continue our study with Harkrider's book #2. We just concluded a lesson on authority. We had two more join our class. We hope they will become brethren eventually. Sam brought them in. I can't say enough about Sam. He is my inside guy. He holds it all together inside and keeps the guys motivated, and keeps it so I can keep coming when the enemy tries to stop me. There are those who resent the church of the Lord and do what they can to keep us out.

And in the high security class Tuesday, I fielded questions for an hour and then we studied the last half of James 3 and had discussions. There are some men really wanting to learn what the Bible says. When I started teaching I kept having to clear my throat and cough every once in a while, and then I realized that was familiar. They had evidently sprayed the tear gas an hour or so before. I hope I never get the full force of that stuff. I was still clearing my throat the whole hour going home.

There are 3 or 4 brethren who have been transferred to other prisons in the area. They have a hard time staying faithful by themselves. So I am trying to set it up where each Friday after the one class I have at Estelle, I will go to another prison and teach one individual. I want to rotate it so I see these men once a month and have a study to keep them anchored. I've seen too many lose their faith when they have no one else to encourage them for years. But there is so much red tape to get into every prison. You have to go through the Chaplain and he has to OK it and he wants "official" papers that show I am ordained or am licensed etc. So it takes time and patience.

In the work in Corrigan, we still have the meetup class at Texas Burger each Tuesday night. Each Friday night I study at the Harts' house. With the congregation, I'm still teaching Romans in the classes and preaching on the Minor prophets Sunday nights, and various topics Sunday morning.

Concerning support, nothing has changed. I am so grateful for those who love the Lord and want to see the gospel spread to the glory of our Father. Brethren, we are joined together in the greatest work on earth! Your joining with me encourages me to keep on keeping on when I have to have to hit the buzzer at 5am three times a week, and drag my body out of bed with its aches and pains.

Which brings up the problem I have with my back. Things are going along steadily. I find if I don't push it too much, I just have a dull ache in my leg and I can usually sleep alright at night. When I mow the grass or stand all day at the prison (I sit on a stool as much as I can) then I have trouble the next day, but not enough to have back surgery. My wife rarely gets out now-a-days except to the doctor and to church services. She makes it to about half of those. When she can't come, I call her and we talk while I'm driving back and forth, and then I leave the phone on during the class or worship service and she can listen and have a share in the whole service. Please pray for us.

In Him who saves,  
Robert