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LIGHTHOUSE HOLINESS MINISTRIES

Ministering in the prisons of Mexico - Our corner of "God's Field"



Ministering Alone in Santa Adelaida

Covid has had its effect on societies all over the world and it hasn't been any different here with us. Although things are getting somewhat back to normal in Mexico, as they are here in the States, the prisons in Mexico are still operating under medical precautionary guidelines. Whereas visits were pretty much every day except Monday, now they are only on Saturday and Sunday. However, I have been blessed to have been afforded the privilege to minister in Santa Adelaida at my convenience.

Some months back the warden in Santa Adelaida, Señor Zavala, approached me and said, "You have been coming here for so many years, have done so much for us, and are a great friend. Regardless of whether it is a visit day or even if we are shut down due to restrictions, any time that you want to come, the prison is open for you." It has been a little strange, but for several months now, when I have gone, I have been the only one in the prison that wasn't either a guard or prison staff. I truly thank the Lord for the relationship that I have with the administration and staff at this prison. I realize that things can change overnight with the change of wardens, but presently a great door of ministry is still open for me here.

The Bible Studies are going very well. Currently we have 59 students in Santa Adelaida and 35 in the prison in Reynosa doing the studies; 94 in all. Here is a recent testimony from José Z. R., one of the inmates:



"I give thanks to God and ask blessings for you Bro. Gary in my prayers. Thank you for instructing me to understand the Word of God! I have been walking this road with the Lord now for a year, and it is sad to me that I didn't surrender my life to Him in my youth. However, I will never be sad for having repented and given my heart to Him who loves us so much! I have given my all to Him! Blessings!"

Testimonies like this make all the struggles and hardships worth bearing. Over the years, we have seen so many men and women leave these prisons and devote their lives to the ministry. Just yesterday (March 11th), we sent a complete set of the Bible studies to Rene M., formerly an inmate in Reynosa, who is now in Matzatlán, Sinoloa. He is doing a wonderful work for the Lord that includes ministering in the prison there. He contacted us and asked for the studies so that the men and women there can do them and benefit from them just as he did. Saints, there is NOTHING any more powerful and life changing than the Word of God!

ISAIAH 61:1

The Spirit of the Lord GOD is upon me; because the LORD hath anointed me to preach good tidings unto the meek; he hath sent me to bind up the brokenhearted, to proclaim liberty to the captives, and the opening of the prison to them that are bound;



Women in Santa Adelaida

I would love to be able to tell you that all of these women have given their lives to the Lord, but I am not able to do so. However, I can tell you that many of



them have come to the Lord and are faithfully following Him. A few months ago, we had a baptismal service and 5 more of these women publicly testified that they had given their lives to Christ. To take a step like this in an open society prison is serious, but it is also very important. The fact is that there are no "secret Christians" in the prison. Their lives are a 24 hour open book. We thank the Lord for their public confessions!





Everyday Life in a Prison Church

This is Miroslava. She is the women's inmate pastor in the prison in Santa Adelaida. It is difficult to explain the inner workings of an open society prison, but the churches in the prisons function much as the churches do outside the prisons. Regular church services, baptismal services, communion, baby dedications, and even inmate marriages are performed in prison churches.

It is our goal and should be the goal of every missionary -- to establish a work, nurture its growth, and then encourage and allow it to become self-supporting. Needless to say our presence and influence is continuing with these men and women, but they are maturing. During this time of worldwide disruption caused by sickness, they have grown in the Lord. This does not surprise us, because this is not "our" work. It belongs to the Lord!

Personal Thoughts

To say that the past few years have been a little trying would be an understatement. It has been for us here, as well as for many throughout the United States. I was speaking to a pastor a few days ago, and his church still has not reopened since it first closed due to the corona virus. These have been difficult times.

For some time now, the country of Mexico has been moving back toward a degree of normalcy. However, the prisons have not yet done so. It is very possible that due to the drastic operational changes thrust upon them these past few years by covid-19, things "won't" return to the way they were. Only the Lord knows the future and what will happen. We just want to be faithful to His will, and obedient to His call.

Thank you so much for your faithfulness with both your prayers and financial support for this ministry among the inmates in the prisons of Reynosa and Santa Adelaida.

Please continue to remember us in your prayers as we labor in our corner of "His field." Working together we are reaping a bountiful harvest for the Lord among these prisoners!

Gary, Brenda and Joey Morgan

