

# Lighthouse Holiness Ministries

“El Faro de Santidad”

*Carrying the Gospel of Christ to the prisons of México*

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Greetings from our corner of “His” field!

## *Thirty Years Ministering in Mexico!*

With the new year of 2023 before us, we can hardly believe it, but we are entering our 30<sup>th</sup> year of ministering in the country of Mexico; one year of language school, four years in Torreón, Coahuila, and 27 years in Mexico’s prisons, having begun ministering in the prisons while living in Torreón. When we first came to Mexico, we never dreamed that this would be the path in which the Lord would lead us, but through all the joys and tears, by faith, we have seen the Lord’s hand all the way.

## *Manuel Fajardo and Javier Sobrevilla*

Over the years we have seen many inmates come to the Lord, and dozens of them have left the prisons and are now carrying this same Gospel to their own people. Two of these are Manuel Fajardo and Javier Sobrevilla. I have mentioned these two men previously but would like to tell you a little more about them.

Javier has become my right-hand man in working in the prisons. The Lord has blessed us with a good relationship with the current prison authorities. For this we are very thankful. We are also thankful that this relationship has been extended to Javier. With the credentials which we have given Javier through our ministry (Lighthouse Holiness Ministries), he has been accepted in good standing to minister in the prisons of Reynosa and Santa Adelaida (Matamoros). He is a great help to us, but his ministry reaches beyond the prisons. Javier is also ministering three times a week to both the men and women in the drug rehab centers in Reynosa. He is doing this while also pioneering a little church with a congregation that has grown to about 30 people!

Recently Manuel was released from prison after nearly 10 years of incarceration. Shortly after entering the Matamoros prison, he gave his heart to the Lord and since then has been a great blessing to us in the work. He is one of very few who has completed the entire five-year course of studies. You can believe me when I say that he is a deep thinker who knows the Scriptures. For several years now, he has helped to coordinate the studies with the inmates inside the prison, and he has also taken a load off my shoulders by grading some of the studies. Upon his release from prison, Manuel expressed his desire to continue helping in the ministry. He will not be able to visit inside the prison until six months from the time of his release, but he continues to assist us with grading studies. He is able to



Manuel, Javier, and Bro. Morgan

keep in constant contact with many in the prison by means of social networking apps like Whatsapp. It is our desire and goal to eventually fully transition the prison Bible Correspondence Institute ministry into the hands of Mexican nationals. Manuel and Javier have shown interest in this goal and are faithfully working with us on implementation plans. I am now 65 years old and do not know what the future holds. We would love to see this Bible Institute part of the ministry transition to indigenous hands while we are able to rejoice in seeing the work continue on for the Lord. Presently there are 73 inmates enrolled in the studies within just these two prisons, and we give God praise for the spiritual maturity that we are witnessing day by day with these men and women.

### ***The Full Course of Studies Soon Will Be Online***

In our last newsletter, we had announced that soon the studies would be made available for completion on the internet. We had hoped that this project would have been completed sometime between Thanksgiving and Christmas, but we found the task to be more daunting than we had expected. Please help us pray concerning this task. When completed, both English and Spanish will be available anywhere in the world where one has access to the internet.

Let us close this letter with a small testimony concerning the effectiveness of these studies. It is a long story, but if you remember, the studies were translated into Farsi (language of Iran) by a Muslim university professor. In the process of translating the studies, the professor personally surrendered to the Lord, accepting Christ as Lord and Savior. Recently, I had the privilege to minister where this professor now attends services. After the service, I saw the professor by the side of an elderly woman. Crying, the elderly woman approached me and gave me a big hug. Though she could only speak Farsi, her comments were translated for me. She said, "For over 72 years I lived my life as a devout Muslim not knowing Christ, but He loves me and has now accepted me."

This is why we feel these studies are so important. As a person slows down and reads God's Word carefully in order to complete a study, he or she comes "face to face" with what the Scripture actually says. And there is POWER in the Word of God! Wonder working Power in the Word of God!

Once again we want to thank you for your faithfulness to this ministry over the years. This work for the Lord could not continue without your faithful prayers and support. We believe that the Lord's return is imminent. Let us work while it is day, because the night is coming when we won't be able to work.

From our corner of His field,

***Gary, Brenda, and Joey Morgan***