



# El Faro de Santidad

Lighthouse Holiness Ministries

*Delivering the Gospel of Liberty to those incarcerated in the prisons of México*

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## Newsletter - February 10, 2025

### Greetings from Our Corner of the Lord's Field!

As we embark on our 32nd year of ministry in Mexico - 30 of which have been dedicated to the prisons, beginning in the state of Coahuila, we stand in awe of God's grace and faithfulness. Throughout the years, we have witnessed His mighty hand moving in ways beyond what we could have imagined.

We are deeply grateful for the continued work of the Correspondence Bible Institute within the prisons of Reynosa and Santa Adelaida, both located in the state of Tamaulipas. At present, 99 inmates, men and women alike, are actively enrolled, diligently pursuing their studies. Words fail to capture the immense impact of this institute, not only on the lives of the inmates but also on the governing authorities who oversee these facilities.

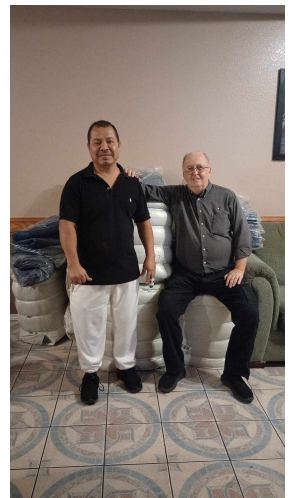
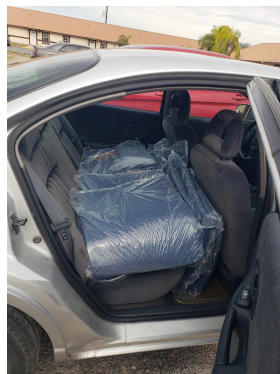
Many of you are familiar with Hno. Miguel Iglesias, the former inmate pastor in Reynosa, who was incarcerated for nearly 20 years before his release. Recently, he shared with me a testimony that he had never mentioned before. At his final court appearance, a significant obstacle stood between him and his release; a fine of nearly 4,000,000 pesos (then approximately 15 pesos to the dollar). As the judge reviewed his case, he took special notice of the stack of completed study certificates from the Bible Institute. Deeply impressed, he carefully examined each certificate and observed the undeniable transformation in Hno. Iglesias' life. Recognizing that this change had come solely by the redeeming grace of our Lord, the judge completely nullified the fine, clearing the way for his release.

We have heard numerous testimonies of lives changed through this ministry, but few as remarkable as this. Even so, dozens of former inmates are now actively serving in ministry, and countless others have surrendered their lives to Christ. The Bible Institute is a powerful tool in God's hands, and we ask that you continue to lift it up in prayer.

Currently, there are four of us engaged in this prison ministry. God has graciously allowed me to credential three additional ministers; Javier Blanco, Felix Salinas, and Federico Ramirez, who have been officially recognized by the Mexican government to minister in these facilities. With our combined efforts, we are able to spend even more time counseling, preaching, teaching, and overseeing both the Christian libraries and the Bible Studies. God is truly expanding the reach of this ministry!

### Meeting Physical Needs

Beyond the spiritual needs of the inmates, the physical hardships they endure are a pressing concern. Recently, the warden of the Reynosa prison reached out to me with an urgent request; one that has become an annual necessity. While our region may not experience the extreme cold of the north, temperatures dropping into the mid-20s are still severe, especially for those housed in unheated concrete cellblocks. Unfortunately, the Mexican government does not provide for these needs, leaving many inmates vulnerable to the harsh, frigid conditions.



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At the time, I did not have the necessary funds to assist, but I did tell the warden that we would do all within our ability. I thank the Lord for those who carry this ministry in their hearts. Thanks to the generosity of Shadeville Church of God (Columbus, OH), Pocalla Holiness Church (Sumter, SC), and Lighthouse Full Gospel (Roanoke, VA), I was able to immediately purchase 146 blankets for those who could not provide for themselves.

A suggestion was made to check Harbor Freight's moving and shipping blankets, and I was amazed at what I found. For only nine dollars, I was able to purchase heavyweight 72" x 80" blankets, thick and big enough to even double over for extra warmth. Even in this bitter cold, the inmates were able to keep warm. Meeting these practical needs opens the door for spiritual ministry, as it is far easier to reach someone's heart when you have first provided comfort for their physical body.

### **Prayers for Peace and Protection**

We ask for fervent prayer for peace to settle upon these prisons. One of these, in particular, has experienced recent upheaval. It is difficult to convey the complex structure of these prisons to those unfamiliar with their operation. Like many other nations, the Mexican government does not maintain direct control over the prison population. Instead, internal committees of inmates are responsible for maintaining order, and these committees operate under the authority of local cartels.

To put it into perspective, while inmates have assigned cells, they also hold keys to their own cells. As long as they adhere to committee rules, peacefully coexist, and do not cause disruption, they are permitted to live in open society within the prison walls.

Recently, a power struggle within the Gulf Cartel led to a violent conflict, vying for power, resulting in nearly 40 deaths within the prison. This is not just a statistic; these were 40 souls who are now beyond our reach. The urgency of our work weighs heavily upon us, and we plead for your prayers that such tragedies do not claim more lives before the gospel reaches them.

Beyond the prisons, violence on the roads has escalated significantly. Without delving into political matters, recent tensions - including the designation of cartels as international terrorist organizations - have intensified conflicts in the region. The deployment of U.S. military forces along the border has not been well received, leading to further instability. The United States Consulate has issued travel warnings for U.S. citizens in Mexico and has declared the border region a level 4 status. The U.S. Government classifies level 4 as a war-zone.

Just a few miles from us, a gun battle erupted between the U.S. Border Patrol and cartel operatives who fired upon U.S. agents from across the river. Tragically, when the assailants retreated, the Mexican government allowed them to escape. This event unfolded on a day we were scheduled to travel to Santa Adelaida. Warnings to us of heightened cartel activity and clashes spanning over 150 miles along the border prompted us to postpone the trip for safety reasons.

Nevertheless, our commitment to this ministry remains unwavering. We are continuing this work, but we urgently ask for your prayers as we navigate these dangerous roads.

### **Grateful for Your Support**

We cannot fully express our gratitude to those who continue to support this ministry. As you know, we are not financially underwritten by any organization. For over 30 years, this work has been sustained by faith, relying solely on free-will offerings from individuals and churches who feel led by the Lord to give.

Though financial challenges have increased, God has been faithful to meet every need for His work. Our only request remains the same as it has always been: please remember us in your prayers. Pray for protection, provision, and for the gospel to continue being preached, changing lives in these prisons and beyond.

From our corner of His field!

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