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Dear Friends:

Sometimes our Missionaries come across men whose hearts are hardened by sin. But God is able to break the hardest of hearts that have been calloused by a sinful lifestyle. When I run into someone whose heart has been hardened by sin I am always reminded of Psalm 50:22 *"Now consider this, ye that forget God, lest I tear you in pieces, and there be none to deliver."* And Job 23:16 *"For God maketh my heart soft, and the Almighty troubleth me:"*

I could not pass up the chance to go in prison for the first time this year. We were at the Turney Center in Only, TN. It was great to be back in prison one on one. I was in the lockdown where I met Stephen, a 33-year-old. He told me he had been locked down for 6 years on a 30-year sentence. I asked Stephen if he knew the Lord. He told me, "no." I shared the Gospel with him and told him of his need to repent and receive Jesus Christ into his heart. Then I told him about the alternative if he didn't receive Christ. He would be going to Hell. Stephen did not want to go to Hell. He knew he had to humble himself and receive Jesus Christ as his Savior. I told him the best way I knew to humble myself was to kneel down so we did. Stephen cried out for forgiveness from God. He repented of his sin and God saved him as only He can. We were at the Turney Center for 4 days and saw 7 men saved. Praise God!

We were in another unit where I met Ben, a 37-year-old. Now Ben told me he was an ex-member of the Outlaw Motorcycle Gang. Then while talking to Ben he also told me that his Father was second in command in the organization. I asked Ben if he knew the Lord Jesus Christ as his personal Savior and he said, "yes." I asked Ben how long he had been locked up, he said 7 years. Then I asked how long he had to go. He told me they would let him out in 350 years. His sentences are running one after another. Please pray for Ben that he will grow in the grace, truth and knowledge of the Word of God.

Missionary Jim Davison

When the message about the Gadarene maniac was over, a tall black man got up and came forward. He was a "cutter" which means he cut himself. He had all kinds of marks including cigarette burns on his arms. His hand was wrapped where he had been hitting a door trying to hurt himself. He was ashamed of what he had done and was wanting to punish himself. He said if Jesus could restore this maniac, he wanted Him to restore him as well. So, we were able to lead this man to the Lord. Praise God!

Missionary Frank Patton

As I write I am reminded of the song, "Grace Greater Than Our Sin." I am glad that where sin abounds, we can have grace that is greater than all our sin. Thank you for allowing Rock of Ages Ministries to be the recipients of your gift in the amount of $210.00.

In Christ,

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