

# PRISONER BIBLE MINISTRY

## PRAYER LETTER

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**THANK YOU AGAIN FOR GIVING TO OUR CHURCH'S PRISONER BIBLE FUND. AND THANKS FOR PRAYING for the prisoners. Over 100 questionnaires were sent out in July. This second issue of our prayer letter includes excerpts from 10 prisoners some of whom are saved and others who need Christ. Please continue to pray, and rejoice with these that have come to Christ in prison. I trust these testimonies will give you boldness in your prayer life. Recently, my husband, daughter, and I went to Ohio to meet and spend time with my parents. During our stay a shocking event took place that stirred all of us. Its pertinence to these men is well founded.**

Shortly after dawn Sunday morning, a violent cudgelling jolted in my spirit. Images of drunken revellers pounding doors immediately came to mind. Sudden terror overtook me. For a split second my mind raced. Three more pummells resounded, perhaps from across the hall of our hotel room. No, the plangent bashing was down the hall. In sudden surprise came the clamorous outcry, "POLICE OPEN THE DOOR!!!!" Others heard sounds of the police penetrating the room and shouting out to the two men to get to the floor. Before the police or SWAT team(as some surmised them to be) entered the room--three doors down--phone calls had been made to those in the adjacent rooms to evacuate. It was shortly after six am. Rumors of frightened hotel guests sitting in their cars while the police broke into room 126 flooded the breakfast area. Accounts of unusual behavior of the two guests in the pool the night before surfaced. Rumors of drug dealings permeated the hotel. Police with gloves came to the front desk. Hotel staff huddled in the parking lot while police "tore apart" the two men's car. Maintenance personnel prepared to hang a door and took down the battering-ram-cleaved door. As startling as this event was, it parallels in many respects what each of these prisoners have encountered first hand.

BUT ALL THAT HEARD [HIM] WERE AMAZED, AND SAID; IS NOT THIS HE THAT DESTROYED THEM WHICH CALLED ON THIS NAME IN JERUSALEM, AND CAME HITHER FOR THAT INTENT, THAT HE MIGHT BRING THEM BOUND UNTO THE CHIEF PRIESTS? ACTS 9:21

# PRISONER SNAPSHOTS

*David S.--FL*

*"Let not your heart be troubled"*

*John 14:1*

*quoting from his favorite verse which "helped me through many hard times."*

Father, and first love." He defines himself as a Baptist who "believes strongly in the Lord." He has no Bible presently.

His desires for the future include: "to get a good job and shortly(sic) after that start a small business where I may be able to help others by giving them employment. I also plan to purchase a home."

David, a self-described "poor black man" "born in 1957", made a profession of faith three years ago. He does not tell us much about himself, but that he used drugs some time in the past. He is clean now and calls the Lord

J e s u s  
Christ "my Saviour, my

David requests prayer for

- "peace" ( Rom.5:1. Phil. 4:6.7),
- growth/salvation in the "Lord"( II Pe. 3:18),
- and "happiness"(joy of the Lord--Phil. 4:4).

Pray also that he might be conformed to the image of Christ (Rom. 8:28) and able to stay out of prison. This is his fourth incarceration.

Requests correspondence material from BFTBC

Convicted of burglary in 2013

Expected release date is 2015

*Jorge L.--FL*

*"Coming to America and landing on solid ground I know thas(sic) I was free." - recounting a key memory*

to whether he is Jewish or Christian. Jorge does have a Jewish Bible, however. He is involved "at this time (with) the Jewish faith but" clarifies "my heart is open." It is unclear if the Jewish study is a Messianic one. He does note his favorite book of the Bible is John, and John 3:36 is his favorite verse "because God gave his begotten Son to take away our sins." Pray for Chaplain C, and Bible study leader Mack that they would communicate a clear message of salvation so that Jorge could have this clarity. He says Jesus Christ is "my Lord and my Savior and my life." Pray for Jorge to have a sound mind and the Holy Spirit's illumination and conviction to trust Christ as Saviour, if he has not yet.

Jorge describes his goals for the future. "Right now my goal is to continue to study the Word of God and work on my court case. I am considering either a jail ministry or prison ministry wick(sic) even if I am not released, can still be done wick(sic) is why I am requesting this Bible." Pray God save, grow, and use Jorge for His glory at prison. Praise the Lord for his willingness to be used.

Jorge requests prayer:

- "to gain deeper understanding of the Lord"
- "for wisdom to understand the things of God"
- "and to one day be released from prison"

Requests correspondence material from BFTBC

Convicted in March 1998

Unknown release date

## ...and letters

David has had a very molested...at 9 years was 16 years old...been twice...a recovering David has been given David has been clean fellow inmates King James Bible to to aid him in spiritual has the Gideon's New of 2012, about ten incarceration, David salvation" through

involved with a Bible study with Rodney from Grace without Borders. He desires to continue to learn and grow that he might "shine like a beacon for others."

*David J. L.--IA*

*"...It reminds me daily that we are not perfect and that I need to renew my priorities." - speaking of Psalm 51:10-12  
"Create in me a clean heart, O God; and renew a right spirit within me. Cast me not away from thy presence; and take not thy holy spirit from me. Restore unto me the joy of thy salvation; and uphold me with thy free spirit."*

rough life. "I was old, my mom died when I married and divorced alcoholic and drug addict." three children as well. for 1 1/2 years. Some recommended the Defined David who would like one growth. He presently only King James. In December months after his "prayed for forgiveness and Jesus Christ. He is

Please pray David would comprehend with all the saints what is the breadth, and length, and depth, and height; And to know the love of Christ, which passeth knowledge," Ephesians 3:18, 19a.

David requests prayer:

- "that Cindy is able to get her finances in order"
- "that my children don't turn out like the man I was"

David is imprisoned for "sexually manipulating" a half sibling "while using alcohol and drugs."

He desires to "get a job, stay with the Lord, find a suitable place to live, and prove that I am a new creation in Christ" when released.

Requests correspondence material from the BFTBC

Convicted Sept 2012

Release date May 2014

*Donald B., Jr.--FL*

*"Good Memories! I've got a lot of. But the most important of them all is having the mother that I've been blessed with. And yes she is still with us today, she's been through a lot. But I've never went without. I've got 5 brothers and 3 sisters. Father pasted(sic) away at the age of 3 years old. Step father loved him like he was my own father, he and mother where(sic) together for about 10 years. He also pasted(sic) away back in 2003."*

Donald identifies himself most closely with the Church of the Nazarene. In June of this year he prayed with a friend to receive Christ as his Saviour. His favorite book of the Bible is John, and his favorite verse is "Then spake Jesus again unto them, saying, I am the light of the world: he that followeth me shall not walk in darkness, but shall have the light of life." John 8:12. Both a friend and an uncle recommended the Defined King James Bible to Donald. His uncle believes "it could help me understand the word more!" Presently, Donald only has a New International

Reader's Version in his cell. He is involved currently in a correspondence Bible study through School of Christ International. Although Donald used drugs in the past, he has been clean for almost a year.



## ...and more prisoner letters

Donald request that we pray for his mother and family. Pray also for his spiritual growth, that he might be conformed to Jesus Christ, and never need to return here. (May it be his first and last conviction.)

Once he leaves the facility Donald envisions himself ..."Finding myself staying in the Word, helping my mother, being the son she wants me to be. I'm also working on my GED here... Finding a good job out there."

Requests correspondence materials from BFTBC

Convicted August 2012

Expected release date is December 2014

Neil expresses "I used to be in the military and have many positive memories such as service to country as well as having a B.S. in Political Science." Neil indicates he was saved when he was 10-12 years old in his local church. However, he says he was saved by baptism. His church preference is non-denominational. God does appear to be working in Neil's heart though as he says "I have believed before, but would like to again" about genuinely trusting Christ as Saviour. Please pray that Neil

might understand that genuinely trusting Jesus Christ as Saviour only happens once, and show him that God's promise is secure. God is not a man that He should lie. May he come to Jesus Christ without the filthy rags of human righteousness depending only upon the merits of Jesus Christ, and then grow in grace and knowledge of Him. His favorite book is John. Apparently, during his upbringing his family said "grace" before meals quoting "O give thanks into(sic) the Lord for he is good, for His mercy endures(th) forever." (Psalm 107:1) He especially likes that verse because it has "stuck with him."

Neil is presently in a county jail awaiting trial on the 9th of November. It is unclear whether or not the facility has a chaplain.

After being released from prison Neil says, "I would like to go into law or hopefully find a job with office skill."

Neil requests prayer for:

- "my grandma with Parkinson's disease"
- "my family in their struggles"
- for himself "to have the strength to have acceptance"

Requests correspondence material from BFTBC

Awaiting trial to begin November 9, 2013

*Kevin H.--NE*

*"And I attend church in here, and the guy that comes here wants me to read Galatians and others verses to(sic). --as to why he desires a Defined KJBible*

Some things that left an indelible mark on Kevin were "when my boy died in a car wreck, when my sister died of cancer," and when "my dog passed on my boy's funeral." Kevin identifies himself as a Lutheran, and writes only the "Father's Prayer" and the "Creed" as prayer requests. He is interested in trusting Jesus Christ as his Saviour and as of yet does not know enough of the Bible to have a favorite verse or book of the Bible. Don is the Bible study leader at the county jail. Please pray that Kevin would have a clear understanding of the gospel as he presently seems to

# PRISONER TESTIMONIES ...

have a head knowledge of salvation. He says he wants to receive Bible correspondence material stating that "it does hurt to keep reading an(d) learning, then the problem with most is we think we know everything." He has been clean from drugs for eight weeks. His sentencing was recent. His desire for the future would be "to live life God's way." Please pray that Kevin would understand that to do the will of God is to believe on Jesus Christ whom He sent.

As Kevin has no other requests please pray especially for his salvation, and spiritual growth.

Kevin believes he will be transferring to a long term facility in November.

Requests correspondence material from BFTBC      Recently convicted      It is unclear whether Kevin will be released--possibly life sentence

Sammy "accepted Christ and confessed him as my Lord and Saviour and also admitted I was a sinner in(need) of a saviour" in August of 2000. He would like a DKJB as he believes he would get a better understanding of the Word of God and "it will be easier to study". Sammy recounts, "The first day I ever personally called on the name of Jesus for help, I was about 15 years of age and I was robbed at gunpoint, and the guy shot me. I didn't know I was shot at first because I ran when I heard the shot, but when I found out I cried out to the Lord and felt a peace that's unexplainable and I knew I would be alright. From that day until now I noticed something different about myself and it was the Holy Spirit." Sammy is involved in a gospel ministry at the facility, and is receiving correspondence materials from two ministries.

Sammy requests prayer:

- "to be more obedient"
- "that the Lord's will be done in my life"
- "that I receive favor on my appeal"

The king's heart is in the

hand of the LORD, as the rivers of water: he turneth it whithersoever he will." Proverbs 21:1 and Isaiah 54:17 "No weapon that is formed against thee shall prosper; and every tongue that shall rise against thee in judgment thou shalt

condemn. This is the heritage of the servants of the LORD, and their righteousness is of me, saith the LORD." are Sammy's favorite verses because they assure "me that my Father in heaven is in control of all things." Proverbs is his favorite book.

Sammy has been clean for 26 months. He has ambitions to work on his theology degree, and after his release plans "to have a business in catering and I also feel I was called to be a minister of God's Word. Pray especially that Sammy would be able to discern the differences between various Bible translations (he has an NIV, Gideons, and GPS New Testament) and that he would develop wisdom and Christ-like character to be able to stay out of prison for the rest of his life. This fourth conviction was for burglary. Pray that Chaplain G would have wisdom in guiding Sammy to spiritual maturity in Christ.

Bible only requested

Convicted May 2012

Expected release is sometime this year, "Lord willing"

## REMEMBER THEM THAT ARE IN BONDS

Albert gives testimony to receiving Jesus Christ at age 15: "When I was fifteen years old I finally realized going to church every Sunday wasn't gonna help me get to heaven." So in a Southern Baptist Church he was saved by "confessing all of my sins and giving my whole life to the Lord Jesus Christ and God indicates a friend study Bible from you." Bible to help with his my walk with Jesus an NIV and ESV and a pray that God would superiority of the text of as he grows in grace facility does not have a the three chaplains are the time. Various come to preach. Please these preachers God sound ministers of the be willing to commit their

*Albert B.--MS*

*"When I was baptized at 15...The birth of my son...And the birth of my daughter...And the night when we were coming home from a revival. And got into a serious wreck. We were hit at a 106 miles(per hour) broadside. I was on the passenger's side.*

*They say I should never lived. But hey they're not God. And I promise only God saved us that night."*

*-recounting key memories*

Almighty." Albert "received a beautiful He desires to have the Bible studies and "with Christ." He also has standard KJB. Please show Albert the the King James Bible and knowledge. The bible study leader and not available much of preachers apparently pray that amongst would raise up some Word who would also time to assisting

prisoners in spiritual growth and discipleship. Albert explains, "We don't have a Bible study group that's why everyone who wants to be with Christ order(s) Bible studies from all over." This is what Albert does. The majority of prisoners want nothing to do with the Bible as Albert describes "we have a lot of youngsters here and about 85% are gang related. You can't talk to them about Jesus Christ because they don't listen, and all they think about is the female guards." Please pray that these that are interested in the gospel would not be hindered by those that aren't, and that as men are grounded in the truth they would be ever prepared for the spiritual battle that rages with the devil for the souls of men. Romans and John are Albert's favorite books of the Bible. "Then saith Jesus unto him, Get thee hence, Satan: for it is written, Thou shalt worship the Lord thy God, and him only shalt thou serve." Matthew 4:10 is his favorite verse because it "let's(sic) every one know that there's not but one King and He is the only one you bring 'praise and glory' too(sic)...It also puts Satan and his demons and followers in there(sic) place: 'last place' because Jesus Christ defeated Satan in everything when He died on the cross and was brought back to life from the grave."

Albert is open and fluent, willing to share what Jesus Christ means to him. "Christ means to me everything to start a new life because what 'He' done at the cross, His death on the cross let's(sic) me talk to God, and let's(sic) me pray to God for forgiveness in Jesus name. Christ means to me a chance to have and live a whole new life. He means a life to eternal life. He means a whole new body, a whole new kingdom--without pain, sickness and diseases. He means a whole new life to be with Him forever. He means love, caring, sharing, and hope. He means me living my life for Him, because if He had not died on the cross none of this would be happening, or taking place right now. But most of (all) He's my Saviour. Amen."

Albert requests prayer:

- "for my family"
- "for my brothers and sisters all over the earth"
- "for all the brothers and sisters who join Jesus Christ in His works"

## AS BOUND WITH THEM; [AND] THEM WHICH SUFFER ADVERSITY,

Albert indicates he is a chronic care patient. His illness is unknown. He desires for the future "not going back to where I got into trouble, I'm going farther North and start all over again. I'm a new person. I've got God in my life. So instead of going back to trouble, I'm going where no one knows me and continue living my life for the Lord Jesus Christ and God Almighty."

Requests correspondence material from BFTBC

Convicted February 2012

Expected release date is 2021

Henry accepted Jesus at age 15 in the "Facility" where he was confessing my sins and has no Bible study involved in classes and various jail Chaplain Ben is at the Pastor C is his all-time Romans is Henry's Bible. "Brethren, I count apprehended: but this forgetting those things reaching forth unto those

*Henry L. III--MS*  
*"The day I first got down and prayed and cried my heart out to God and asked Jesus Christ to come into my life is a day I'll never forget. Then years later...woke up ....with a prayer language. Baptized in the Spirit! Finally, in 2006 a severe head injury that involved 10 days of life support and 20 days in a coma. My life today is a testimony!"-recounting memorable events*

Christ as his Saviour "...County Justice "pouring my heart out accepting Jesus." He leader currently correspondence and ministry courses. facility, but notes that favorite mentor. favorite book of the not myself to have one thing I do, which are behind, and things which are

before," Phil 3:13 is Henry's favorite verse because it "reminds me to forget about all of my past mistakes and shortcomings with all of my ability then to move forward(press on) focusing on doing good, being helpful and becoming more like Jesus was."

Henry associates himself with a non-denominational church, and says he used to be part of the Assembly of God church. He currently has an NIV, NKJV, and NAB in his cell. Please pray that God would open his eyes to the superiority of the King James Bible Greek text as he reads his DKJB.

Henry requests prayer:

- "health, happiness, and safety to all of my family and loved ones
- "divine intervention and assistance regarding my current legal/court proceedings"
- "the manifestation, production, and success of one, two, or three of my current ideas, concepts, plans, etc."

"The Lord Jesus Christ means everything to me. If it wasn't for Him God's only begotten Son, being obedient and full of undescrivable love, mercy, compassion, care, and concern we( I ) would not be able to have the relationship with our Father God. Jesus' life, ways, teaching, and examples set the standard for all of us believers at least they should."

Henry is continually looking "for more edification producing information and materials either for personal purposes or to pass on (share) with someone who needs." He desire to "get myself established and secure in life. Get joint or full custody of my 7 year old child... Pursue my personal and Holy Spirit inspired business ideas, productions, and concept and enjoy life one day at a time." Please pray for his spiritual growth in Christ, that he might understand sound doctrine, and rightly divide the Word of God. II Timothy 2:15 Drug charges brought him to prison the third time.

Requests correspondence material from BFTBC

Convicted June 2011

Expected release within a year of July 2013



## AS BEING YOURSELVES ALSO IN THE BODY. HEBREWS 13:3

Brandon professes to be have been born again through the witness of a fellow inmate, David, in October of 2012. He recently, July 2013, sent back Christ Our Passover tract signed as trusting Christ. We pray that salvation, and truly has done for him. Please understand what Jesus that he need not ask for 10:14, 28-30. Brandon and gain "knowledge and the Word." There doesn't study leader at the would raise a sound study leader to help disciple these men as Brandon. As Brandon has the NIV and NLT in his cell, pray that God would direct him to the KJB to edify and build him up in the LORD. He especially likes the Psalms as he senses God speaking to him more clearly there. He also especially appreciates Romans and Peter.( I or II?)

*Brandon L.--FL*

*He my everything!! The Lord is number 1 in my life and he answer all my prayer and lov(sic) me as his son."--what the the Lord Jesus means to him*

Brandon receive assurance of understand what Jesus Christ especially pray for Brandon to Christ has already done for him, salvation over and over. John desires to have a DKJB to study wisdom and understanding in seem to be a chaplain or Bible facility. Please pray that God fundamentalist chaplain or Bible

Brandon requests prayer:

- for fellowship w. the Lord
- for protection from God
- for salvation

Brandon desires "to work harder and just making better desicion(sic) to make my familys and friends proud of me and just changing my life around and just staying fousus(sic) on positive thing that around me." He declares he has only been sentenced "once and last time!!" Please pray that Brandon would

understand God's salvation through Jesus Christ.

Requests correspondence material from BFTBC

Convicted Nov. 2012

Expected release Oct. 2013??

*Pastor Daniel Waite is currently working on Bible correspondence materials from the books of Ruth and Genesis. He previously taught a class online in the book of Ruth and currently is going through Genesis verse by verse. Questions have been put together for the book of Ruth for prisoners to systematically work through the book of Ruth. Quizzes for the Genesis class will form the basis of the study in that book. Please pray that these materials and others can be efficiently created and sent back and forth for the prisoners edification. My husband also desires to create a foundations bible study for unsaved or new believers that could be sent out initially with the Defined King James Bible. We have also discussed the possibility of working up a study on Bibliology and the Traditional Hebrew and Greek Texts that underly the King James Bible a brief synopsis of the seminar by Dr. D. A. Waite on the King James Bible.*

*We very much appreciate your partnership with us with this ministry to prisoners. As you may have detected, many of these prisoners are hungry for the Word and need very much sound doctrine. Please pray that the chaplains that they encounter would teach them the Scriptures correctly as they rightly divide them. Also, pray for each for salvation or spiritual growth that the LORD Jesus Christ would truly change their lives, and transform them into His image. As one prisoner mentioned, please pray that God protect these men that come to Him so that they may walk without fear for the testimony of Jesus Christ amongst wicked men who want nothing to do with the gospel.*

*Many of these men, most in fact, have named significant others in their lives who are women: whether mother, sister, aunt, girlfriend, or wife. A few have named men. Please be in prayer about whether you would be willing should the LORD direct to communicate with a prisoner's significant other. We trust that these also would benefit from your communication, friendship, and fellowship in the LORD. Thank you for all your support. Sincerely in Christ, Tamara A. Waite*