

PRISONER BIBLE MINISTRY

PRAYER LETTER

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THANK YOU SO MUCH FOR GIVING TO OUR CHURCH'S PRISONER BIBLE FUND. The following are prayer requests for some prisoners with whom we have had contact during the month of July. Routinely, upon request for a Bible, a prisoner questionnaire is sent to each individual to determine how and to what extent the church is able to help. Many have also requested correspondence materials, which are currently being developed. We desire that YOU partner with us and continue your ministry to these is by interceding for them and their families before the throne of grace. (Hebrews 4:16, Eph. 6:18, Phil. 4:6) Some do not know the LORD Jesus Christ as their Saviour and we urgently desire to see each one understand the gospel, and come to Him. Others need to mature

spiritually in Christ that they need never return to prison. Each has special needs as an incarcerated person and a particular emptiness as prison is a very lonely place. For each we pray that their eyes would be open to His desire for their spiritual maturity, and holy living. We pray that each will find the rivers of living water and the abundant life in Christ. (John 4:14, 7:38,10:10)

We know that God is not willing that any should perish but that all should come to repentance. While these are bound, the Word of God is not bound, but able to transform lives for the glory of our Lord Jesus Christ. Let us remember these as bound with them.

REMEMBER THEM THAT ARE IN BONDS, AS BOUND WITH THEM; [AND] THEM WHICH SUFFER ADVERSITY, AS BEING YOURSELVES ALSO IN THE BODY.
HEBREWS 13:3



Unlike the playful prisoner at the left, the approximately 1000 men (less than a handful of those requesting Bibles are women) imprisoned are in a very serious, dark, and difficult place in their lives. How we pray that the light of the glorious gospel might shine in their hearts and their lives would be transformed by our living Saviour, the Lord Jesus Christ.

PRISONER SNAPSHOTS

Mark R.--NE

"He means everything to me. He is my guide, my confidant, my leader. He is who I turn to in times of trouble as well as good times."--of the Lord Jesus Christ

Mark knows Jesus Christ as his Saviour and realizes that his imprisonment was a "wake up call" from the Lord. He was born again in 2003 in Las Vegas. His wife attends a Baptist Church, and was instrumental in bringing him, a disillusioned Catholic, to Christ at that time. He also has three children. He is involved in two Bible study groups at the facility, various correspondence studies, and weekly visits with a clergyman from the Church of Christ. As the prison is currently between chaplains, pray that the Lord would bring a sound Bible believing minister to the position. He particularly wants a Defined KJB so that he can make notes in his Bible. The facility has read only New International Versions. Mark identifies himself as a Baptist or other Bible Believing church member. Romans is Mark's favorite book of the Bible, and Philippians 4:13 is his favorite verse. "I can do all things through Christ which strengtheneth me." This comforts Mark by knowing that "I can get through any trial or tribulation that I might face. It also keeps me humble when I face good times in that they came to me from Him and not on my own accord."

Mark's personal prayer requests:

- "my friends and family come closer to Jesus"
- "the state ofbecome more accepting of felons"
- that I might gratefully(sic) accept God's plan for me"

Mark was convicted of two counts of felony child abuse. His victim was his 15 y.o. nephew.

Requests correspondence material from BFTBC
Incarcerated in 2009
Expected date of release is fall 2014

Tommy B., Jr.--VA

"I have two really key memories in my life, that was to be there to see my baby boy and girls birth."

Tommy did not know the Lord Jesus Christ as Saviour as he filled out his questionnaire. But before mailing it he read and signed "Christ Our Passover Sacrificed For Us" professing his faith in Jesus Christ as Saviour. Praise God! He has resided in Virginia for much of his life, and though he associates himself with the Baptist church was not saved until now. His favorite Bible verse is John 3:16 and says he likes it because it gives him faith. Tommy is interested in receiving correspondence materials from the BFTBC so that he can "get to know our lord." Please pray that he would grow in grace and the knowledge of his Saviour Jesus Christ. II Pe 3:18 Tommy has used drugs in the past and states that he has been clean for five months and has recently begun serving his sentence. He desires for the future that he would "get my life together, and own my own tree cutting company." Please pray that God would transform Tommy as he renews his mind in personal Bible study and correspondence. Romans 12:2 May he know only the completeness of being "put together" by LORD in his weaknesses seeing God's strength. II Cor 12:9,10. Pray also that God would raise up a ministry at the county jail where he is temporarily to lead needy souls to Christ.

Tommy requests we pray for:

- Sherry C.
- Christopher B.
- Kristen B.

Tommy will be leaving he county jail soon, most likely transferring to a long term facility. The reason or his imprisonment is unknown.

Please pray that Tommy will have a sound mind to understand the Bible, and study materials, and that God would open his understanding to His mighty Word so that he would grow thereby.

Requests correspondence material from BFTBC
Incarcerated recently, conviction April 2013
Expected release 2016

Nhial--NE

"Jesus Christ to me means everlasting life in Heven(sic) and second chance for all man(sic) kind for whom that believe in him."

Nhial is a self-defined Roman Catholic and Latter Day Saint. He came to America from Sudan as an eight year old. He recollects, "I was amazed at how big New York City was at the time. I could never forget that day." A friend named "Matthew" at the facility suggested he get The Defined King James Bible when asked. Nhial wants to have "a chance to learn the scriptures." Lets pray that God would open up the eyes of his understanding so that He could know the glorious gift of salvation in Jesus Christ. Nhial is involved in Catholic Bible Study once per week. Proverbs is his favorite book of the Bible. He desires Bible study materials as well from the BFTBC. Nhial is only 27 years old, yet he has been incarcerated several times. He is presently awaiting trial on fourth class felony charges for making terroristic threats and public drunkenness. The sentence will be zero to five years. He has been clean from drug use for nine years. The pretrial hearing will be July 29th. His desire for the future is that he could go

...and letters

(state), to get a few degrees and go back home to South Sudan to give back what was given to me back in April 17, 1994 as a refugee.”

Nhial requests prayer:

- “for my mother and siblings to be saved”
- “for my father and uncle to be saved”
- “and last but not least for me to be saved”

What a wonderful list of requests! Nyaek is Nhial's mother's name. Please pray especially for her and Nhial. She is living in the United States, also.

Requests correspondence material from BFTBC
Awaiting trial
Sentence to be from 0 to 5 years

Randy Lee F.--FL
“Christ means to me a new beginning in my life, were(sic) I can vision Him helping others as He walks with me daily and guides me. And works in my life and gives me the strength to help other(sic). He is my rock.” --explaining what the Lord Jesus Christ means to him

Randy fondly remembers his “grandmother telling him about God, taking him to church”, and “how God has always had His hands on him through life even when in trouble.” Though he has other Bibles in his cell, he is eager to receive a Defined King James Bible saying “I cant (sic) wait to receive it and hear from you again.” He “has always loved the King James...” and feels he would be helped by the definitions. He desires to use this Bible to help others. Randy came to Christ over 25 years ago at a church revival. He has, however, been sentenced four times to serve time. Please pray for spiritual understanding and spiritual growth for Randy so that he could stay out of prison and develop Christlike character. His favorite verse is Ephesians 4:23 “And be renewed in the spirit of your mind;” because “this is how people come to know there(sic) errors and come to God.” The facility’s chaplain is named Henry. Randy has been clean from drug use for a year. Upon his release Randy plans to find a good church and give “his time and means” to serve God ministering to other addicts and alcoholics.

Randy requests prayer for:

- “our world”
- “his dad”
- for himself “that God will use me where he wants me”

Randy was convicted “for drinking and fighting, and for battery.”

Requests correspondence material from the BFTBC
Convicted Sept 2012
Release date May 2014

Clinton J. III--FL
“God blessed me to see 7 children born, I also delivered one on Jan. 26, 2012. It was wonderful.” --recounting key events in his life

Clinton indicates he is saved, but explains how as “in water in the name of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost by brother Al P...” As stated this is baptismal regeneration, and not true conversion. This was during his incarceration; however, apparently at a different facility. Clinton stopped using drugs at the time of his baptism. As he does identify himself as a Baptist, it is possible that he was baptized at the time of his salvation. However, one wonders as to what mode of baptism was administered in the facility. Please pray that as Clinton reads and studies his Defined King James Bible God would open the eyes of his understanding and that he would have clarity of thought to know for certain if he is saved, and if so to be able to communicate his salvation effectively. Or otherwise, to truly come to the Lord Jesus Christ as Saviour. Clinton has a finance--“wife to be.” Mike H... is his favorite chaplain at the facility. He and his bunk mates study the bible, but he is not involved in formal studies. His favorite chapter is Psalm 116 because “my soul is crying out to our Lord and Savior just like the verse”(chapter). His favorite book of the Bible is James. He says that Jesus Christ is “everything and some! He’s my Rock, and my strong hold.” Clinton desires to “finish his Bible college studies in Jacksonville, God willing I’ll become a Bishop or Deacon.”

Clinton asks prayer for:

- “Matt. 26--For God to keep feeding me soul food”
- “Psalm 116--For God to watch over all us Christians”
- “For God to keep the evil away every day”

The reason for his incarceration is unknown.

Requests correspondence materials from BFTBC
Convicted August 2011
Expected release date February 2014

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

and more prisoner letters

Anthony R. -- FL

"He's my everything, He's all I have in this very dark and weary place. I've learned to trust in Him and stand on His Word because truly(sic) without Him I wouldn't be able to do anything. And that's why I praise Him because He's been better to me than I've been to my (sic)ownself."

Anthony is born again having been saved at jail almost six years ago. He identifies himself with the Pentecostal type church. He is actively involved in Bible studies on fatherhood, another led by Chaplain Smith, and a third led by Brother P. of a local prison ministry. He is also involved in chapel, leading praise and worship, and in leading a faith and character based program. He particularly appreciates the latter program's "opportunity to continue teaching men how to model the characteristics of Christ." He desires to have a Defined King James Bible to have "a new Bible" to teach "from that version as well." Other versions he has are Life in the Spirit and the NIV. Please pray that Anthony would have the Holy Spirit's illumination to understand why the King James Bible is God's preserved word in English over these other translations. Also, that Anthony might see God's call to become a separated believer unto Himself away from modernistic adaptations such as praise and worship. Pray that the men that come to minister at the prison might understand sound doctrine and the working of the Holy Spirit versus worldly methods. Anthony had used drugs prior to his salvation and has been clean since. He has many favorite scripture passages, but gives Acts 20:18ff as one of his favorites. He indicates he likes this passage because "it teaches me not to hold anything back

on these grounds and how I should follow Pauls(sic) example modeling out principles of the gospel(,) giving the men something to go by instead of filling their heads with the knowledge of the word only." Anthony desires to open a facility to help men and women in society overcome drugs, alcohol, and other negative behaviors using the Word of God.

Anthony requests prayer:
 • "To be back in court this year to reverse my sentence"
 • "To be used continually while I'm waiting to go back"
 • "To make a way for me to continue teaching alcoholics and others his word at my own facility"

Anthony is working on an A.S. degree in theology, after finishing he plans studies on a Bachelor's degree from a Baptist school in the area.

He was convicted on an unknown sexual offense.

Bible only requested
 Conviction in 2010
 Awaiting hearing to overturn conviction
 Expects to be released in this year(2013)

Henry N. --MS

"I am 35 years old. I was 33 when I got saved. My life was(prior to salvation)...drug use, alcohol, and full of sin. ...lived my life without having the lord as my savior and was head(ed) for destruction straight for hell. Now I serve an unconditional loving God of grace and mercy that I am not worthy of but I'm thankful for God's second chances."--editor's

Henry by his own testimony above came to Christ about two years ago while in a county jail. He identifies himself as a Baptist as is his wife also. Upon hearing of the Defined King James Bible he from a fellow inmate he desired to have one to give him a better understanding of the King James, which he has along with an NIV and NASV in

his cell. Please pray that God would give him good understanding of the superiority of the KJB and a dedication to it. Henry is going through a discipleship program in 8 steps. He is presently in step 3. Luke 14:33 is his favorite verse "So likewise, whosoever he be of you that forsaketh not all that he hath, he cannot be my disciple." Its his favorite because "you have to give up everything in order to become a faithful disciple for God." The Lord Jesus Christ means "everything to me. I take all my worries, problems, blessings and lay it at the feet of the cross because I am not worthy. But because of His wonderful love, grace, and mercy I am forgiven because of the blood shed at Calvary that covered all of my sins. I'm a firm believer in the death, burial, and resurrection of my lord and Savior Jesus Christ." The facility has a chaplain, E. Richard. He has been sentenced to serve time before. He was a user of drugs, but has been clean for about 2 1/2 years. For the future Henry is seeking the "calling of the Lord" knowing he "cannot make it without Jesus Christ as the center of my life." May the Lord give him the spiritual growth and direction for his future that he desires that the Lord Jesus Christ will receive the glory. "I've tried over and over without him, and have gotten no where. Thank God for His grace and mercy and being an unconditional loving God of many chances," he reflects. Please pray for Henry as he will be leaving the facility for four weeks for medical treatment.

Henry requests prayer for:
 • the lost
 • his children, the world, poor
 • a hedge of protection around our military whose "lives are on the line"

Henry plead guilty to possession of meth and aggravated assault.

Requests correspondence material from BFTBC
 Convicted July 2012 Expected release 2017