

"For we preach not ourselves, but Christ Jesus the Lord." II Corinthians 4:5

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For now we see through a glass, darkly; but then face to face: now I know in part; but then shall I know even as also I am known.

I Corinthians 13:12

Dear Friends,

On this cold start to February 2017, I had to look back on January and tell you what we had the privilege to do for the Lord. I used I Corinthians 13:12 this month, because of what happened on January 22nd. I had a busy day and it started by me leaving the house at 4:45 AM to travel to a prison 90 miles away for a 7:50 AM service. After the prison I was to travel another 30 miles North to fill in for a pastor that was sick. I noticed as I pulled out of my garage that it was really foggy. I started down the road and quickly realized that I could only see about 10 feet in front of my car. I pushed on for about 20 miles and I knew I was not going to make the 90 mile trip. I pulled over and called the prison I was supposed to go to and told the officer that I was not going to make it because of the fog. The officer told me it's a good thing I called because they were not allowing the men to leave the dorms because of the limited sight on the yard.

I was disappointed, but I started back home and I thought as I slowly drove, that this is the way this World is. I mean the limited sight I had all around me kept me from seeing anything. I knew the road that I was on, but I struggled to find where is needed to turn. I could not see my landmarks until I was on top of them. This was a great reminder that we walk by faith, not trusting our feelings, moods, or our sight, but we trust the Lord. I made it home just fine and then waited about an hour before leaving to fill in for that Pastor. I started off again to and in no time that pastor called and said he had cancelled church because of the fog. The morning was not a complete loss because of the lesson I was reminded of in the early morning fog. Praise the Lord.

I was able to preach in five prisons in January and lead six inmates to the Lord. I also worked 166 hours in the Upper Midwest Bible Institute grading and sending Bible lessons into the prison system. We sent 47 Bibles and 609 lessons out in the month of January.

I received a letter last week from an inmate. I have printed it on the back. This is what it said, "I am uncertain that I am saved. I have lived a pretty un Christian life so far. I want to change my ways, for me, my family and God. I believe I can be saved. I just need the right guidance and support. Thank you for the help." I sent him out a lesson on salvation and also a letter and a New Testament Bible. I am reaching out to a pastor that is in his area to go and visit him. The jail is about 6 hours away so pray that this young man accepts the Lord. With him just writing this letter to me and telling me he wants to change his life means he's on the right track. I'll be making a trip up there soon and I look forward to working with him on discipleship material.

Thank you again for all your love, prayers and support.

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