

Dear Ministry Partners,

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Summer is almost over but God is still at work!! This month I was able to hold 15 regular services, 1 two-day revival and visitation meeting at a prison, 3 one-on-one counseling sessions, completed training to go into a local jail, and started the process to get approved for the largest juvenile facility in NC. To say the least this month has been busy! In total I was able to preach to **551 inmates with 40 professions of faith being made!**

I want to highlight the two-day revival meeting at a prison in SC. This was the first of two of these types of meetings planned for this year. God blessed and opened the door at this institution in a great way. On the first day I had a team of volunteers with me. We were able to visit the dorm for new arrivals into the prison system. We went cell-to-cell sharing the gospel and the men were hungry for the word of God. We spent an hour and half in one unit sharing the gospel and praying with the men behind the bars. That afternoon the team and I visited the hospice unit at this facility. It was very hard to do these visits as many of the men we saw were very sick and some near the end of life. The team and I visited, offered words of comfort, pray for, and witness to these inmates on this unit. One man I talked to had been in prison for over 43 years. He said he was saved and ready to meet the Lord. I prayed with him and he thanked me for taking time to visit him. Even now my heart is saddened at the thought of his condition. I thank God we have an opportunity to visit the sick in prison.

The team and I were also able to comfort the inmates providing the care on the hospice unit. These men were discouraged. Many of these men were regulars to my services at this facility and asked me to pray for them and the men in the unit. It was a sobering but sweet moment of prayer as God comforted all our hearts in this very difficult place. Please pray for the inmates on this unit and those inmates who serve in this area of the prison.

Sometimes the ministry is about going to the hard places, the sad places. Yes, the services and Bible studies are wonderful but sometimes it is about getting down where people are and weeping, praying, and trusting with those who are suffering.

Thank you for your prayers and support. This month I was able to visit several churches and present the ministry as we seek to raise more support, we are currently operating on around 70% of our monthly support needed. Along with personal financial support I also need funds for Bibles and printing. I have written a book and have one more in the process of being edited. I need funds to print these books to be distributed in the institutions. God is supplying our needs, but the ministry is continuing to grow and with that so is our financial need.

In Christ's Service,



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We are your missionaries to the prisons in the Southeast, USA. We are Samaria Prison Ministry, a local church prison and jail outreach from Tabernacle Baptist Church in Salisbury, NC. I organize meetings in prisons and jails and personally lead teams to minister at these institutions. I preach in church-style services, counsel inmates, and teach Bible studies aimed at encouraging and discipling inmates.

PRAYER REQUESTS

- Pray for new supporting churches and the Lord to provide.
- Pray for a large jail I start working this month. I will be preaching in this large jail twice a month along with visitation moving forward.
- Pray for an opportunity that SPM has at the largest Juvenile Justice center in NC.