

Dear Ministry Partners,

October 5th, 2026

With the arrival of fall and cooler weather the work continues to move forward. This month I was able to hold 11 services, do 3 one-on-one sessions and start working at a new jail. In all I had **474 inmates attend services and 10 professions of faith**. During the one-on-one sessions I had **3 make professions of faith as well!**

Just a few highlights this month. During one on the one-on-one sessions, I was able to talk to a man who said he was saved as a young teenager but never saw any change in his life. After talking with him for a few minutes he realized he never understood salvation and what the Bible said about being saved. I presented to him the gospel from the Bible, and he asked the Lord to save him. He left with a light in his eyes and smile on his face. The next man was a young man only 20 years old. He was raised on the street (his own words) and never knew anything about the Bible. I presented the gospel to him and told him what the Bible said about mankind's need to be saved. He also asked the Lord to save him! That day I talked to a total of 6 different men and watched as God helped each one from His Word.

Another highlight of this month was at a women's prison. This was not a scheduled meeting. The chaplain had a cancelation and called me to see if I could fill-in. I was very thankful for this opportunity. My wife was able to go with me, and she taught the about the first 5 books of the Bible to the ladies then I preached from Ephesians 5 a message entitled "Followers of God." The female inmates listened very well and were grateful that we came to minister to them.

This past month also saw attendance at one of my prisons continue to grow. The services here are beginning to be very well attended and anticipated by the men. One blessing this month was one man praised the Lord for an answered prayer. His girlfriend found a place for them to live once he gets released. (We had prayed about this need last month and God worked everything out, praise the Lord.) I also was able to pray with another man about a personal situation. I am glad the men are starting to trust me. The chaplain has changed my schedule at this facility; I will still be going to this prison twice a month but one of the services will be held in the evening. This is a work release camp and **will increase the number of inmates that are able to attend my service**. I am extremely excited to see what God is going to do here as the ministry continues to grow. Please pray for the new schedule.

Thank you for your prayers and support. I am happy to report that this month our support increased. We are still praying for new supporting churches as God continues to open doors for the ministry. Please pray for the new jail ministry, and the juvenile prison opportunity.

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 in prisons and jails, 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 the inmates to see their need for salvation and for their need to grow in faith.
- I have two special requests for two different prisons.