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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

- Opportunities to present the ministry in local churches and new support.
- I have an opportunity to get into another prison and a large jail in our area. Please pray for wisdom and favor with administration, and God to open the door.
- Please pray for a youth camp I will be preaching at the 1st week of June.

Dear Ministry Partners,

May 1, 2026

I want to thank each of you for your prayers and support this month. Both are very much needed as God continues to open doors and present opportunities to serve him.

One of the big highlights of the month was resurrection Sunday. On that day I was able to preach in 2 different men's prisons, and 1 women prison with 267 inmates attending services and 9 professions of faith. It was a wonderful day as I was reminded that Christ rose from the dead to save all the world. I preached a message entitled "Lessons from the Graveyard." At one of the men's prisons the Lord really worked. Sometimes in prison there can be a lot of distractions but during this service the men listen attentively, and 8 men made professions of faith. I look forward to being back at this prison in May.

Another highlight was during one-on-one ministry. This has been a wonderful opportunity to talk, council and pray with inmates. During one of these session two men realized they had never really been saved and trusted Christ that day. Another man I talked with was struggling with some personal issues. The issues had happened while he was in county jail and now, he is in prison. He will have to deal with these things once he is released. I spoke with him about how God can comfort us and give us wisdom to deal with the situations in life.

This month I also completed a book to be used in the prisons. It is entitled "Think on These Things." I have begun presenting it to my chaplains and so far, I have 8 prisons that would like to have the book to give to the inmates. Please pray for God to use this book to help inmates.

I thank God for how He is expanding the ministry. I have added another monthly service at a new prison this month. Also, I have added more services at two prisons I am already in. Praise the Lord for opening doors.

As I close this letter, I want to say that God has been good. I have preached to over 640 inmates this month and seen 35 souls make professions of faith. The need is great and the harvest plentiful. I am looking forward to what God has ahead.

In Christ's Service,

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