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God continues to bless the work and the seed is being sown. I would like to thank everyone for the words of encouragement that continue to come my way. I also would like to thank all of those who are helping to make this work the success that it truly is becoming. Brothers Kevin Isenberg and Eric Scher for the work at the Bonne Terre facility, Brothers Tom Wessel, Charles Fike, Terry Dubois, and Rockie Lee at the Pacific Facility, and Sisters Susan DeJarnette and Linda McGlawn with the StoryLink Program. Also Mary and Judy from the prison send a big "thank you" to everyone who donated clothes and I want to thank Gene and Susan for packing them up. And finally I want to thank everyone who has sent me cards and the prayers that are being offered.

Over 120 tracts were handed out this last month to over 130 inmates. Many of these inmates are new and some are returning to get additional materials. The attendance at the Pacific prison is growing. We averaged around 12 inmates each Lord's Day. Our new brother in Christ, Bill Lauer has been consistently attending. Our other new brothers need our prayers and letters of encouragement have been sent to them. Lessons on Understanding Jesus, Power and Authority of God and Jesus Christ, Following Jesus, and Baptism being a command from God were delivered this month. At the County Jail attendance is still growing with anywhere from 10 -14 attendees each Monday.

The New Life Behavior classes started on the thirteenth of August and the four participants are gaining knowledge of God and following Him to change their behavior. These classes have been great so far. Please pray for this particular effort that it may grow in number. There are gentlemen in this class that are learning the gospel for the first time.

I am beginning to develop a rapport with some inmates that only see me on Thursdays. With patience and perseverance the hope is that they will start attending the Sunday service or the Thursday morning classes. Trusting an outsider is hard for the offenders to do and it will take some time. However, on the other hand good news was received on the last Sunday that one inmate has decided to be baptized into Christ. God be praised. His name is Alien Nuyt. He has been attending regularly for sometime. God's simple plan of salvation works when presented with love and sincerity. The process has been started with the chaplain and, God willing, I will report the baptism of Alien in next month's newsletter.

My passion and zeal remain high. Thank you to those congregations that are sending support and to those that have invited me to speak at their congregations. If any other congregations are considering having me come to share a report, please contact me soon. Sunday nights are getting scarce as the end of the year is looming. Support is still needed. Please continue to pray for the effort.