

GULF COAST PRISON MINISTRIES

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Dear Friends,

After 10 years, St. Clair Prison in Alabama has allowed us back into their lock-up unit.

There are about 300 housed there in 8 different cellblocks in single-man cells. These segregation areas have always been the best places to minister in any prison.

For the last 2 months, I have been permitted, not only to preach, but also to pass out tickets and have drawings to give away goodies (sweets and toiletries) for the privilege to preach to all. They are always ready and willing and behave like perfect gentlemen every time. The prison staff are always amazed at their behavior. It's really very simple...“a man's gift maketh room for him” (Prov. 18:16).

Preaching in lockup has probably never been done (we certainly never have till now). However, I will bet the farm that no one has ever been allowed to give away these cherished items in such a setting.

All prison and jail allowances are most ephemeral. Please pray this “great door and effectual” remains open, for there are “many adversaries” (1 Cor. 16:9).

Our northern team had 2 more prisons added to their revival schedule this quarter. Both were re-opens...thank the Lord – and thank you for sending us.

PRISON & JAIL REPORT: Calhoun Co. Jail, AL – **39 saved (15 of these were women)**. L.C.I., OH – **1 saved**. St. Clair, AL – **8 saved**. Bledsoe, TN – **2 saved**. (50 total saved)

A soldier for Christ,

Dr. Dave Turner,
Director

TESTIMONIES ABOUT PRISON BIBLE SCHOOL

I'm a graduate of the Bible school at Marshall County Prison. I am attending a Baptist church in Maine and getting ready to go into full-time evangelism.

The Bible school has taught me so much and given me so many Scriptural references thoroughly expounded with such authority, I had to convert to Biblical Christianity. As a thanks for what you men have done in offering me a free education that has completely altered my life, I wish to pass along the same knowledge to others.

-Chad (PBS graduate, Doctorate degree)

One of the men here, who is the number one graduate (he has received two degrees), is sitting with me here now. He says the courses are the most remarkable things he has ever experienced – completely changed his life.

The Bible school has completely revolutionized this place. Infractions have declined greatly, inmates are happy, staff is happy, I am happy. God's blessings have been evident in all areas of the institution. God is calling men out, some to preach, many witnesses. We have some really good preachers in the making. Revival is going on, souls are being saved, lives are being changed. God is blessing.

-Chaplain Don Jordan, Scotland Correctional Institution, NC

I was in jail when I stumbled across one of Brother Turner's books, Basic Training for Christian Soldiers. I was one of those hard core career criminals that deserved to be locked away and forgotten, but I had recently given my life to Christ and I read and re-read that book. It helped me turn my life around. It was this book that led me to pursuing more of his Bible studies and eventually seminary. I know firsthand the need for sound doctrine inside the prison and how it can change a man's life, which is why I formed a prison ministry as soon as I was released. GCPM was very influential in the formation of Brazos Bible Prison Ministry.

BBPM has been sending Bibles and Bible studies into various prisons in 5 states for 8 years. We have watched this ministry grow from 15 men to nearly 275. We are excited to be a part of what God is doing behind the walls. By placing Bibles and Bible studies in their hands, we become part of God's plan to train men to become Bible teachers who will in turn train other men to become Bible teachers. Each time one of our men is transferred, we are given the opportunity to get more Bibles behind a different set of walls. The letters we receive speak volumes about the work God is doing. His hand is definitely moving, and we are blessed to be part of that.

-Stanton Hill, Founder of BBPM