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***What's Happening Report
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We are well into the summer months, the third quarter of 2017, and we have had a few new parolees attend our group. We have been viewing a new DVD from World Video Bible School called the "Sermon on the Mount" by Eddie Parrish. It is a series of 18 DVD's, so it has lasted about 18 weeks doing one per week. I try to make application of the teaching to the experiences of those individuals in the group. We have just finished the last lesson, and now we will be looking into personal problems or wrong thinking and using the teachings to deal with them.

There is a person that I would like to highlight in this report. In my teaching, I often have need for outlines and handouts to be typed up for use with the groups. The lessons mentioned above were typed up by a very faithful volunteer, Cindy Brandt, from the Morningside Drive congregation in Alice. She a very busy lady, but makes room in her schedule to volunteer typing and other clerical help for this ministry. There are not many like her – "THANKS, CINDY!"

The Drug Court clients are coming to a separate group two Wednesdays per month with Johnny and John leading that group. They are using the World Video series also. We are making plans for a few of those individuals from either group to go to Kings Crossing church to a retirement and birthday party for John Henry Pruitt, who will be 90 years young. John Henry is a name familiar in prison ministry as he was in prison 37½ years and came out with a truly transformed life. I just wanted my guys to meet him. He is the person who first influenced me to get into prison ministry, and hopefully if some of the guys were to meet him, he can have the same or better impact on them. He has been working with Buck Griffith over the years, and we are looking forward to sharing in the celebration that is being planned for him.

Next is the nursing home news. There has been an average of 10 at the Saturday Bible group. We have been looking at Old Testament characters and are now studying about Daniel. The activity Director shares that they are enjoying the stories. Also with the nursing home, this past Sunday I started teaching in the Alzheimer's Unit that was recently opened. Here I share simple texts like Psalms 23 and play music CD's for them. My approach in this effort is like the other side -- I share the word that comforts them in their time of hardship. They may not be able to comprehend much, but just being there and hearing the word can be a comfort for the moment. Really both sides are an effort of mercy -- letting God's grace deal with the hearts of the people.

The series of DVDs mentioned above can be purchased from www.wvbs.org and are excellent material, especially for churches. I also have the outlines saved if any would like them. If you are interested in any of the materials mentioned in this report, email me at hisservant7478@gmail.com.

Thanks for your time and interest in reading the report. Keep remembering us.

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