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Psalms 10:14b "...thou art the helper of the fatherless." The young man sat with his back to me most of the time while I taught. He looked to be 17 years old. He was tall and skinny with messy black hair. He often kept his head down; his heart was bitter. His father had died, and his mother abandoned him in 2020. At one point he said he would rather be in prison than in the care of the state. In bitterness he resisted the love that God had sent to him. He had no desire to believe that God loved him because of the **failure of those who were to care for him most.** You could sense the anger, hurt, and sorrow he carried. He was in a place where no man could help. Only the helper of the fatherless could minister to his soul. Only Jesus could heal the feelings of abandonment, loneliness, and rejection. How many more are there in our world who have the same feelings, how many more are fatherless, and abandoned? The truth is they do not have to stay this way. The message of Christ and his love for all mankind is a message of hope even to those who have reached the lowest, loneliness point in their lives. I am glad Jesus is someone who cares and someone who shares all our troubles like no other can do!

Ministry and Prison

As we move into fall, I am excited to see what the Lord has in store for the remainder of the year. This month started out at a prison in NC. I was able to help in the evening services and to teach a Bible class. We had 4 saved during this meeting. The next week I was at a Juvenile Prison in WV. I preached once and taught two lessons. One lesson was on Adam and the other on Noah.

The juveniles asked a lot of questions on the final night of the meeting. We had several saved during this meeting. It was great to see Gods Word opening their eyes to truth. I also coordinated two prison revivals at prisons in SC. We had good days of visits, and the services were well attended. To close the month, I was at a women's prison. The female inmates were very excited to see us again. They listened very well. In one of the messages at this prison I talked about how a mother should instruct her children from the Bible and teach her children Biblical truth. At the close of the service, I had a lady come up to me and ask me where in the Bible was an example of a Godly mother. She said she wanted to be a Biblically sound mother to her children. I pointed her to Proverbs 31 and 1st Samuel chapters 1 and 2 (the story of Hannah). She thanked me and said she would read and learn how to become the mother God wanted her to be from the Bible. As I close let me say thank you all for your prayers and support. If you would like to have us come and give an update, please let me know.

Please pray for the following needs:

- Bible Funds for Bibles for inmates.
- Trenton C.I. Christmas Dinner Funds.
- New missionaries and volunteers.
- Open doors in SCDC

In Christ's service,

**Thomas, Stephanie, Vivian, Isolena,
and Garrison Hawkins**

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2 Corinthians 4:5 For we preach not ourselves, but Christ Jesus the Lord; and ourselves your servants for Jesus' sake.