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**P**rayer is such a blessing! Whether you pray about a little matter, such as finding your keys or a big challenge like losing a loved one, God wants us to bring our burdens to Him. 1 Peter 5:7 reads, "Casting all your care upon Him, for He cares for you." I learned the verse at a young age. But it is so important to pray. Through prayer, we can talk to God, share our burdens, grief, frustrations, and mostly those many blessings. It is part of the armor of God, part of who we are in Christ. As I think about Victory in Jesus, I can't help thinking about the gift of prayer. Through prayer, we can see God's power on display.



**W**e have been praying and asking you to pray about the mail situation at many different facilities. Just this past week, we received three letters from different students. One was from Great Plains Correctional Center in Hinton, OK. Since last October, we have been unable to send Emmaus courses (books) directly to GPCC. Most of the prisons in Oklahoma have allowed us to send directly to the facility, but the drug problem was too great at this one, so they required all mail to go to the distribution center. We could only send our 8.5 x 11 printed lessons and even those would be returned at times. However, after much prayer from our students, staff and you, this prison is now allowing us to send directly to the student. Praise the Lord!!

**T**he second letter came from a prison in western Oklahoma. They have worked out a way to receive lessons by sending them through the chaplain. This student wrote, "Praise Jesus! This is an answered Prayer for sure!"

**O**n Tuesday last week, I received an email from a student who is in the Tucker Unit in Arkansas. I've been sending lessons to him using the online email system of Securus. It is not the most effective way to send lessons, but it is a work around. Anyway, he said Arkansas has set up a new distribution center with new mailing procedures which will go into effect on September 15, 2025. The mail would be sent to a processing center in Florida. He was told that he could receive Bible lessons again. Please be in prayer because I won't know for sure until next week when I speak to the mail room at the Tucker Unit. If they will allow more than 3 pages, that will be such an answer to prayer. We send our lessons to distribution centers all over the United States with very few issues, so this will be a BIG answer to prayer.

**H**owever, it is still imperative that we look to the future. Mailing issues will always be a problem and it is important to put our lessons where they can be accessed. Recently, I spoke with a representative of EDOVO. This company reaches into more than half of the prisons in the United States and is adding more facilities all the time. We have been praying about placing our lessons on their platform. The final cost of this project has been sent to us. It will be a one time cost of \$1,750 to place 15 courses online. Then yearly, there is a cost of \$350 for them to host and maintain our data. The app only works for those who are incarcerated in a location that uses this app. We will be moving forward on this project. If you or anyone you know would be interested in helping put our courses online, then let me know. My email is [fgoossen@christforme.org](mailto:fgoossen@christforme.org). This is a volunteer position that can be located anywhere.

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# Ministry Report...

**A**gain, isn't it wonderful that we know God wants to hear from us and wants to answer our prayers! Over the years, I've seen Him answer for little things and big requests. He has provided for this ministry, for our support, and for our family. Currently, we see God answering prayer for the remodel project. As it wraps up, I'm amazed at how God has provided for this to happen. Floors have been repaired, doors painted, trim replaced and the stairs are complete. The closet under the stairway now has a door. The print shop is finished and we are in the process of organizing it. John and Janet's office is set up with only a few boxes left to put away. The back two bathrooms are finished and the shower room is almost complete. So now volunteers can stay here when they come from a distance. God is an awesome Provider!



## Jail Ministry Report

*"I'm really grateful for John H. coming out here and talking to me each week. He has really helped me open my eyes to who God is. He is really a blessing from God. He is what you call the light to people who are in darkness. Thank you Mr. John for my Bible and for your inspiring words. God bless you! Love you brother." - Jose*

John delights in sharing God's Word with those behind bars. He gives Bibles to many of those he teaches. He speaks the truth of the Bible to all who will listen. **Pray for John Hoverson as he witnesses to those in jail/prison.**

## Finance Report

	July	August
Beginning Balance	41,311.92	48,123.79
Income	19,062.85	14,473.58
Expenses	15,737.53	23,187.84
Transfer(from Savings)	3,492.17	4,500
Ending Balance	48,129.41	43,909.53
Savings	44,519.96	40,118.54
Petty Cash		\$25
Total Balance	92,649.37	84,053.07

## Mailbox Stats

	1st Qtr	2nd Qtr	August
Total Students	839	766	262
New Students	142	146	50
Lessons sent	3872	3741	1325
Lessons graded	3093	2933	972
Certificates	255	241	72
Salvations	0	1	0
Bible Sent	3	0	0

## Praises...

- for possible changes to the mail procedures in Arkansas.
- for safety during the project to remodel the building.
- for the way that God provides for different projects.
- for volunteers who pull lessons, grade lessons, enter students, and help with projects.
- those who have made life changing decisions for Christ in both the jail and mailbox ministries.
- We received word that printed matter like books or Bibles cannot be brought into the prisons without prior approval. Yesterday, John spoke with the Warden and deputy warden at JDCC and they set up a procedure where he can take 3 Bibles at a time. PTL!!

## Prayer ...

- for Lyndia Land: she will have surgery on September 17, 2025. Pray for her recovery and for any treatment needs that she will have after the surgery as well.
- that the new policy in Arkansas will remove the three page limit for letters and that we will be allowed to send through the processing center.
- for someone that Janet Tannahill can train for the bookkeeping that is done in Tahlequah.
- for Bob Crank: he has successfully set up our books using NetSuite. Also pray for his wife, Camy, who has cancer.
- for the Christ For Me board, Scott Goldsmith, Janet Goldsmith, Earlene Bradshaw, Phil Martin, Dallas Essary, Jim Berry, John Stucky, Bill Beaman, and Bob Crank (Treasurer).