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God is good! Give Him all the praise! This year has been filled with praises! God has done so much with the physical needs of the ministry. We praise Him for the trees that were trimmed last spring and summer. Praises for the finished remodel project! Pictures are now going on the walls making the office more inviting.

Praise the Lord for how He works out the purpose of this ministry. October was the 47th anniversary of the beginning of the ministry. The first Christ For Me magazine was printed and sent to boys and girls that Ron had taught. Since that time, many changes have occurred in the ministry. And though the magazine is no longer printed, the goal of establishing the individual in the Word of God was key. Through every change, God moved and directed how to accomplish the goal of reaching boys and girls, men and women with the Gospel of Christ and disciple them in the Bible with the aid of published materials.

With that in mind, we are on the cusp of another great change - an online school behind prison walls. Through EDOVO that will be a reality. As I said last month, we signed a contract with EDOVO to put 15 courses online this year. In the last newsletter, I asked you to pray for an individual to work on this project, placing our courses into the EDOVO editor. *Praise the Lord* -- He answered! A retired missionary has volunteered to help us with this project. We both have a lot to learn about the EDOVO editor. Pray that we will

learn quickly. This is a big task, so pray that others will be willing to help with the project.

Our ministry is not the only one having issues with getting lessons into prison facilities. This is a nationwide issue that even affects larger more well known ministries. Just a few weeks ago, I had a meeting with the prison ministry coordinator of Emmaus, Gen Kliever. She explained that even the larger organizations were struggling with getting resources into the hands of prisoners. This is the reason we have to change our focus from mail in courses to online. But there are downfalls that we must work out. One major issue is that this is a closed system. We will not know who is taking our lessons. We will know how many people have taken them, how much they accomplished, but the names are kept from us. To facilitate a more personal approach, we can establish a mentor program for the students which can be promoted in each lesson.

What would a mentorship program look like? At this point, it is in the beginning stages of development and the scope may change as details are worked out. When a student contacts us, we would assign a mentor who will keep in touch with the student via the established facility email system. The mentor would keep in contact, answer questions, send literature (one page tract like documents), and pray for the person. Please pray for us as we develop this program. Pray for volunteers who would be willing to help in this way.

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Ministry Report...

Mailbox Ministry Report

October shows a stabilizing trend. Although we had more lessons sent out in October than in previous months, but we had fewer to grade.

	1st Qtr	2nd Qtr	3rd Qtr	Oct.
Total Students	839	766	812	291
New Students	142	146	128	47
Lessons sent	3872	3741	3600	1157
Lessons graded	3093	2933	2909	892
Certificates	255	241	249	73
Salvations	0	1	0	1
Bible Sent	3	0	0	0

For several years, we have partnered with different chaplains. Carthal Cobb has been very faithful in sending us students from Dick Conners Correctional Facility. In September, the Oklahoma Department of Corrections decided not to allow paper to come into the facility making it very hard for the group to get sign ups for Bible Courses. Although they are still going in, we are not receiving many new sign ups from them. Please pray for this team of men.

Another chaplain we have partnered with is Ray Potts. He takes lessons into the Cherokee County Detention Center for us. Officially, he began volunteering at the ministry last January. He took over 15 student packets last month with him to jail.

Jail Ministry Report

Due to health issues, John Hoverson was not able to go into jail very much in October. He did speak with 25 guys and gave away 5 Bibles. He has returned to full duty this past Tuesday. Please pray for him as he continues to share God's Love.

Finance Report

	September	October
Beginning Balance	43,909.53	42,094.73
Income	13,743.81	11,143.25
Expenses	18,058.61	16,889.83
Transfer(from Savings)	2,500	0
Ending Balance	42,094.73	36,348.15
Savings	37,703.61	37,787.82
Petty Cash	25	25
Total Balance	79,823.34	74,160.97

Praises...

God is so good! Throughout the newsletter, I've mentioned several praises. I am listing them again here with a few others!

- for the many projects that have been completed on not only the building, but also on the grounds.
- for the new volunteer to work on the EDOVO project.
- for new contacts made with other ministries. I spoke with the leadership of Genesis Ministries out of Texas. We are all having to make changes to our way of ministry.
- for new ways that God directs us in reaching others.
- for the different ways God provides for this ministry.
- **Prayer...**
- for direction as we seek to establish a mentor program.
- for our staff and volunteers: for wisdom as they work with different aspects of the ministry and health issues as they arise. Many of our volunteers have more than one area of responsibility, but the main one is listed. Several have ongoing health issues that need prayer.
 - ◆ Freida Goossen, staff - Director
 - ◆ John Hoverson, staff - Chaplain
 - ◆ John and Patty Stucky, staff - Course Creators
 - ◆ Lyndia Land, volunteer - Mailbox Coordinator
 - ◆ Susie Burlison, volunteer - Student Processing/Special Projects
 - ◆ Nancy Kehner, volunteer - Grader
 - ◆ Jerry Sanders, volunteer - Grader
 - ◆ Kathy Snead, volunteer - Grader
 - ◆ Janet Tannahill, volunteer - Donation/Payroll Bookkeeper
 - ◆ Paul Tavener, volunteer - Lesson Fulfillment
 - ◆ Monica VanDonkelaar, volunteer - Housekeeping
 - ◆ Denise Beaman, volunteer - Follow up Coordinator
 - ◆ Bob Crank, volunteer - Bookkeeper/Finance
 - ◆ Gwynne Shaver, volunteer - EDOVO Project
- for a person to learn and take over the Donation/Payroll position. Janet would like to retire.