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As we approach this Easter season, we rejoice because our Savior is no longer on the cross. He died and shed His blood that we might have the forgiveness of sin. Someone recently said, "The greatest bridge in History was built with only two pieces of wood and three nails." Definitely, it was His sacrifice on the cross, being our substitute for sin, that we can '*pass from (spiritual) death unto (Eternal) life*' (John 5:24). But, the most wonderful part of this season is that HE AROSE--not because we deserve it, but because He loves and He gives (John 3:16). The tomb is empty and He is now seated at the right hand of the Father interceding for us (I Timothy 2:5). What a wonderful Savior we have! This is the message that can change and transform lives '*by the renewing of our minds*' (Romans 12:2). Oh that we can get this message to the multitudes in Mexico that could get 'swallowed up' in all the violence and wickedness which can ruin their lives.

The ministry at the Federal Detention Center this month proved to be quite interesting. We never know what the attitude of the inmates will be as the Word of God and message of Salvation is presented to them. There were twenty-six men that attended the services and they seemed genuinely interested. When the services were over, one man stopped at the door and told Duane that he had surrendered his life to Christ during the service. Our ministry at the Detention Center has always been primarily to the inmates. Each month, there is a guard assigned to keep watch during the services. The guard that has been with us for years has always acted bored and very disinterested. This month, as the service began, he even asked for a hymnbook so he could sing along with everyone. Therefore, we never know how far God will use our influence in the lives of others. **Pray** for the inmates and for the guards with whom we come in contact.

With summer just around the corner, we have started receiving phone calls and e-mails from pastors requesting materials. We have always tried to keep track of the pastors to whom the material is distributed. This year, we are hoping to be able to keep records on the computer. We are also encouraging pastors that have computers to send us their requests for VBS materials via e-mail. This way, when they do come, the materials are already boxed up and ready to go. **Pray** for wisdom in distributing these valuable materials. **Pray**, too, for the pastors and teachers as they prepare to teach their lessons to the kids. **Pray**, too, for the safety of the pastors/Christian workers that will be coming for the materials to take them back to their respective areas



Packing up VBS materials to take back to their churches.

We have received some really neat letters recently from some of our correspondence students. One student writes:

"I am so happy and encouraged by the opportunity I have to take these blessed correspondence studies. I feel more prepared now to follow the will of God. I am 41 years old and I believe that it is never too late to knock at the door of our Lord and ask Him to forgive us of our sin and receive us. I do not want to be a bad sinner any more. Today I feel different and ready to triumph. Thank you brethren."

One of the prisoners writes:

"I want to thank you so much for the lessons that you have been sending me. They have been such a blessing and help in my Christian growth. Through this study of the Word of God, I am a different person than I was before, not only in thought but also in my actions. I now understand that God has a purpose for each of us and what is a problem for us is just another opportunity for Him to show His transforming power in our lives through Christ as our Savior."

Please **pray** for each student as they study God's Word.

We are so very thankful for each of you, your prayers, and for the financial help that the Lord provides so that the ministry can continue to go forth. You are such a blessing! We do pray for you that God will continue to bless and use each of you for His glory.

Serving with you for souls,

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"For the perfecting of the saints, for the work of the ministry..." (Ephesians 4:11)

Duane & Marilyn