

# ROCK OF AGES MINISTRIES

*"For we preach not ourselves, but Christ Jesus the Lord." II Corinthians 4:5*

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Dear family in Christ,

## Flashlights With God ...

Isa 9:2 The people that walked in darkness have seen a great light: they that dwell in the land of the shadow of death, upon them hath the light shined.

When penned by Isaiah, he probably did not fathom the depth of it. In John 1:9, we are told that Jesus ("the true Light") lights every man that cometh into the world. And so it was with us. Jesus "lit us up" to expose the despicable nature of our sin. Did Isaiah know that he was prophesying about Jesus, the Light of the world? And then, what about those "that dwell in the land of the shadow of death?" That certainly describes the inmates we deal with, does it not? Nobody is more in the shadow of death than they! We need to be flashlights with God (not for God, but with God). He is the Light, we are the body through whom He shines. No more is this needed than in our county jails. Bro. Richard P. and I were in a county jail this month. We preached to 8 dormitories of men "out in the yard" in two different services. In each service, during the invitation, there were men on their knees calling out to The Light to be saved. Flashlights with God. That's what we want to be. After speaking with some of the men, it was obvious that no preachers had been in that jail for over 6 months. To me, that is a crying shame when there are so many Baptist churches in the area. Perhaps your church could begin a jail ministry in your county jail. Be flashlights with God!

Bro. P. and I were at the Women's Probation Detention Center in Claxton, Ga, this month. On the first night of the revival there, after I preached, an inmate asked me when we were at a certain county jail. I told her that it was actually just 24 hours before. She said that she had been praying with Linda (my wife) that night that her fiancé would be saved, and that he was in that jail. I asked for his name. She replied, "Kevin." Well, 2 of the men that I led to Christ were named Kevin. I asked for his last name. She said, "Smith." I pulled out the results card for that jail, and sure enough, Kevin Smith had made profession of faith the day before! What are the chances of that happening? Bro. Eddie Gordon, former Rock of Ages missionary, has a saying that covers it – "That's not odd; that's God!"

I sure do appreciate my wife travelling with me for meetings at the women's facilities. She is a seasoned witness with Christ, and is able to deal effectively with the ladies at our services during the invitations and times of fellowship following. Also, when she is traveling with me, I can find my socks!

Please do pray for those who were newly born into God's family, and for me that I, the flashlight, will keep allowing The Light to shine through me to light up the inmates.

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