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Dear Family-in-Christ,

Almost

Exod 17: 4 And Moses cried unto the LORD, saying, What shall I do unto this people? they be almost ready to stone me.

I chose this passage because v. 4 says, "... they be almost ready to stone me." I also chose it because it is the first reference to "almost" in the Bible. It reminds me of the little riddle I've used kiddingly for years: "would you rather be almost saved or almost drowned?" Of course the answer should be "almost drowned." I'm sure you will agree! Which brings me to the reason for choosing my title, "Almost." We almost had a three day revival meeting in Sneads, Florida this month.

Five Rock of Ages missionaries, Tim M., Matthew N., Howard S., Chuck C., and I along with a volunteer, Randy E. gathered at Victory Baptist Church on Tuesday night, January 19th. The next morning, at 6:45, we packed into Tim's old van, and headed for ACI East prison, about an hour south of Dothan, AL, in Florida. It seemed terribly slow at check-in. I was paranoid more than normal as we entered the building. I checked my pockets over and over again trying to find my cell phone or my wallet or my car keys, etc. More than once, I've had to ask our leader for his car key so I could leave in his vehicle what I was forbidden to take in. At any rate, we all made it through the metal detector. It was chilly that morning, and my feet were freezing, because these mean officers make everyone take their shoes off, and run them through the metal detector. It's not uncommon for one in the group to forget to take his belt off, thus setting off an alarm while passing through. So far, so good.

We arrived in the chapel, six strong, and began our wait to go into the men's lock-down area for one-on-one visitation with the inmates. The prison was in "recount" because the first "count" was not accurate. These recounts always take longer, and finally, after waiting more than hour, three of us were escorted by the chaplain into lockdown. Of course, we had to wear masks, and maintain social distancing as we spoke with the men, but at least we were fishing for men! I had a good witness with an inmate who almost made profession of faith; perhaps the next time.

As we finished up visitation, we met our colleagues back in the chapel. We would be leaving shortly for lunch, and would return in the early afternoon for our first preaching service. I had been nominated to preach, and I was excited about it. But, here comes the chaplain, shaking his head sideways. "Sorry men, but their has been an incident, and the whole facility has been put on 72 hour lockdown." Our hearts sank as we realized the whole revival meeting would be canceled. Almost, we had a prison revival. Almost. The Lord willing, we will be back!

We remain in Christ's Intensive Care,

Received \$125.00 for January. Thank you.

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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.

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Prison Doors Opening?

Col 4:3 Withal praying also for us, that God would open unto us a door of utterance, to speak the mystery of Christ, for which I am also in bonds.

I would ask you dear folks to pray for us ROA missionaries, "... that God would open unto us a door of utterance, to speak the mystery of Christ ...". We have no need to wonder what such mystery is, for God has revealed it to us: Col 1:27 "To whom God would make known ... this mystery among the Gentiles; which is Christ in you, the hope of glory:" Christ living in us is a great mystery to the lost, but He living in us is the very enabling to we need to effectively speak forth the mystery. We long for prison doors to open once again that we might speak about Christ who died for our sins, rose from the grave and took up residence in us. This is the mystery of Christ which MUST be proclaimed.

God has opened one door of utterance: we have a one-night, open-air revival service on Thursday, September 10th, at Haralson County Jail, in Bremen, GA. This will be our first revival meeting with inmates since mid-March this year! I'm really excited about it! We also have our annual South Carolina Blitz coming up the first week of October. I've been told that the final decision by South Carolina prison officials will be made the first week of September. Please do pray for this great door to open by God's grace. We normally minister in 10 different prisons with around 100 ROA missionaries and volunteers. What an opportunity to "... speak the mystery of Christ ..."!

And please pray for our neighbor. On Sunday afternoon, He told me he won't believe unless he can see the Lord. I explained to him that God's way was not to show Himself like he wished for, but rather we must live by faith. I didn't think of 2 Cor. 5:7 ("For we walk by faith, not by sight") until after I left. As a Godsend, that Sunday night, our pastor used Psalm 27:13 in his sermon. It says, "I had fainted, unless I had believed to see the goodness of the LORD in the land of the living." God says we must believe to see, not see to believe. I'll bring that verse up to Jerry the next time I see him.

I was blessed to preach at the Atlanta Baptist Rescue Mission on Thursday night, August 20th. The Lord gave liberty, touched the hearts of three men, who came forward at the invitation to repent and trust Christ as Savior. It's great to know that the Spirit of God is still using me, bless His holy name.

Thank you very much for your faithful support during these hard times. We love you all very much.

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