



# THE HAWKINS HERALD

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**John 1:12 "But as many as received him, to them gave he power to become the sons of God, even to them that believe on his name:"** The word "received" means to "take with the hand, lay hold of, to take upon oneself." People today are reaching forth trying to take hold of many things. Lost men and women are drowning in sin and are reaching to take hold of anything that will bring them some reprieve from their situation. Inmates are reaching looking for solidarity in their lives. They seek something to put their minds at rest and remove the struggles inside. Many soon find whatever they have taken ahold of fails them. It falls apart and they find themselves again struggling in the mire of sin. Then someone comes and tells them of Christ. They are told of how Jesus is the Way, the Truth, and the Life. Conviction comes and they once again reach to take hold of something BUT this time the something is a someone and He (Jesus) grabs them back. They take ahold of Christ and Christ takes ahold of them. He gives them power to become a son of God and they experience the wonderful power of God's saving grace! One of the great wonders of salvation is by faith taking ahold (receiving) of Jesus and allowing His power to transform your life.

## **Ministry and Prison**

I am grateful for another wonderful month of ministry. This month has not been without its challenges, but God has been faithful to do great things. This month I was able to be in four different prisons in SC and two different prisons in NC. At the beginning of the month, I was at a prison in SC that I have not been at recently.

The first day we visited one of the dorms and shared the gospel message with many men. The second day the institution was on lockdown, and we were unable to go in. On the last day of this meeting twenty-two inmates attended services.

They told me they had not had preaching services for some time and were very excited as the Lord was preached. The lockdown on the second day of this meeting gave me an opportunity to help at two NC prisons. I traveled back to NC and helped Brother Rick Hurley that afternoon at a women's institution and that evening I preached at a men's institution. During the middle of the month, I was at another men's prison where we had services and visited every dorm during the meeting. We had three men to make a profession of faith!! At the end of this week, I held a one-day Bible Study/Revival service at a women's prison in SC. We had seventy female inmates attend the morning Bible study and 153 female inmates attend the afternoon services with one lady making a profession of faith. To close out the month we had a great meeting at another SCDC prison. 220 men attended services and four men made professions of faith. As I close this month's report, please be in prayer for my trip to Alaska. I will be leaving on July 6<sup>th</sup>. I am very excited to work in the prisons in Alaska. Please pray God will provide the remaining travel expenses, and safety for myself and for my family as I am away from them. Thank you for your prayers and support. If I can ever help you in any way, please let me know.

## **Please pray for the following needs:**

- Bible Funds for Bibles for inmates.
- Wisdom concerning a vehicle we have that has been in a shop for a long time.
- 2024 SC revival meetings.
- New missionaries and volunteers.
- Alaska Prison Revival Trip.

In Christ's service,

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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.