



PRAISE REPORT/REQUEST

Tuesday, November 15, 2016

Every Tuesday at 6:30 pm, we hold a Bible study at the apartment complex for male ex-offenders on parole, which is owned and managed by Jim and Marcia Hannah's ministry, A Future and A Hope. The Bible study is led by Charles Frederick, who also leads the Bible Study at the ACTC Halfway House for men.

Tonight, we had a new resident, John, come to the Bible study. He was just released from prison last week, having been there for twelve years. We start the Bible study with each person giving a brief talk about their week. John tearfully explained that today, for the first time in over twelve years, he was able to talk to his sister. During the conversation, he learned that she was still using drugs and alcohol. He then told her about how, by surrendering his life to Christ, he was able to stop using drugs and alcohol, and about the impact the Holy Spirit has had on his life. After many tears and prayer, his sister accepted Christ as her Savior!!!! Praise GOD!!!!

I also visited ACTC, the men's halfway house, to ensure that arrangements had been finalized for the residents to prepare and serve an early Thanksgiving meal to the homeless youth at our Community Center. This Saturday, thanks to donations from CHCC, and the many volunteers from ACTC, we will serve over 75 homeless youth. It will be a day of fun, games, worship and great food!!!!

While at ACTC, I was informed that the owner, Dave, who has owned ACTC for over 30 years, had sold the facility to a national company that owns halfway houses and private prisons all over the United States. This is very concerning to me. We have a great relationship with Dave and his staff, and have been able to do Bible studies, trips to the mountains, involve the residents in CHCC, the church services and some of the education programs.

The large companies generally do not allow such programs and have a strict regimen that does not include any outside programs. This change will challenge our ministry to establish a trust and understanding of our programs with the new owners, if they will give us the opportunity. If they don't, this program will end and we will have to look for other organizations with which to partner. If they do, and they see the impact we have on the residents, it could be a great opportunity to take our program to all of their facilities across the country!!!! PLEASE PRAY!!!!

