

Prayer Letter

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Dear Faithful Supporters, Praying Partners,

Greetings; I wanted to send this letter out while things are still fresh in my heart. I pray as I try to share with you what has taken place it will be a Blessing.

I am going to try to express on paper with words what has taken place with the trip to Brazil Jan. 23 – Feb. 03. What a tremendous opportunity to reach those incarcerated with the Gospel. We were able to preach in eight different prisons with an opportunity to reach over six thousand with the Gospel. I can tell you that out of the eight prisons we visited only one was difficult to minister in. What I am meaning you could feel the oppression in this prison. One of the nationals that interpreted for us said that at this prison they worshipped Satan. But the Lord helped in each and every service.

There are several things that touched my heart while at these prisons. One was the emptiness of the look on so many faces, and the hunger for the truth of the word of God.

The first prison the men were playing a soccer game and we were not sure if they would stop so that we could conduct a service. I was blessed to have an American Missionary Richard Matthews as my interpreter. He told me that some inmates were asking those playing if they would be willing to stop the game. So I began along with other men handing out gospel tracts as we waited on the decision. Then after about ten minutes the game was stopped and the men began to put on their T-shirts and began to gather in a circle and hold hands. To see over two hundred men in a circle holding hands, words cannot express what happen in my heart. Brother Richard sang a song in Portuguese the title "Blessed Assurance" It was a very powerful service, after I preached the invitation was giving each one that made a decision for Christ were told to come and tell me. I would then give each one a book written by Dr. Bobby Sizemore the title "What God wants you to Know" in this service alone twenty-five books were given out.

What I have just shared with you happen more than once in the prisons we visited. In one prison men were coming up to me and were saying they had trusted Christ. Then one said this to me; because you have come from America and told me about Jesus I now have Victory in my Life.

"This is my Story, this is my song Praising my Saviour all the day long." Yes say Amen!

It was a very humbling experience for me and to be able to be a part of this. The total professions of faith in Christ were **463.**

I am grateful for each and everyone that gave of their time spent in Prayer and for those that gave financially so I could go. Which brings me to this point. Will you pray about helping me so that I can go again? I would like to go back down to Brazil while there is an open door. Plus I am praying about going to the Ukraine in April. I am not sure what the Lord is doing in my Life but over fifteen years ago I said here am I Lord "Send me." Thanks for Caring!

In His Service,

Lonnie Brown

Luke 1:49