

Pacific Youth Correctional Ministries

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Here are some recent ministry highlights, letters from various incarcerated adults, along with encouraging comments I have received in voice mails, emails, cards, text messages, or in person.

Remembering Matthew I Monday, August 28th at 10:30 a.m. Cross Streets: Jeronimo & Oly

I shared my experience of speaking at Matthew's memorial service in my September Prayer Letter but I didn't have room to also say that his judge had taken a special interest in Matthew and wrote out a speech that I was asked to read at the end of the service. One of the men from Street Light Church lived in the area and drove to the park to give me spiritual support and he ended up ministering to some of the gang members who were there. A video of the service was placed on my You Tube Channel and was viewed several times by those who couldn't be there.



The librarian at the Youth Guidance Center had a reading program over the summer and then filled one of the outside bulletin boards with the covers of the books and a short statement. One day a particular cover caught my eye. It was the cover of the Picture Bible that our ministry donated to the library many years ago (far middle left). Under the photo was what the youth who read it wrote. "I would recommend this book if you want to find the wisdom of God. The book follows the life, path, and rules God gave to his chosen people."



Angel has been mentioned in my monthly prayer letters since February and I was able to visit him on Labor Day. Sandal's Church in San Bernardino has been a huge blessing for him and he shared the photo of him being baptized there last summer.

Moises was someone I met in Juvenile Hall over twenty years ago and since he works in Anaheim, we meet for lunch once in a while. Last June, he sent me a photo of he and his wife being baptized at Calvary Chapel of the Redlands. We made plans to meet at the Harvest Crusade held at the Honda Center.



He had driven to Los Angeles to pick up his sister who was in a program after being released from prison. She was touched by the experience and went to receive a bible from a follow up counselor. The photo is his oldest son (Little Moises) getting baptized a few weeks ago!



For the first time in decades, there have been two Spanish only speaking youth who have attended my church services. The first one was in YLA so I had three pastors cleared and made the services bilingual for a few weeks. After him was a fourteen year old (David) who had been in the Orange-

wood Children and Family Center after coming across the border with his mom and stepdad in May. He made a bad decision in Orangewood and ended up in Juvenile Hall. So I recruited Pastor Alan Amavisca (see photo) from the Spanish congregation at YL Friends Church to join me each Thursday to disciple this new believer who has lots of issues. He will be leaving soon and someone from that church is planning to give David rides to their services.

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