

# *The Johns Family*

## *Abundant Pardon™ Prison Ministry*

*"... he will abundantly pardon." Isaiah 55:7*

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Dear Prayer Partners:

Thank you for your prayers and financial support since our last reporting period. Since we last reported, we have seen a total of 249 offenders put their faith and trust in Jesus Christ as personal Saviour. During this same period, we baptized another 33, including 25 at our annual baptismal service at the Central Michigan Correctional Facility in St. Louis, Michigan, on April 15. We lost three preaching- and baptism-service opportunities at Gus Harrison Correctional Facility here in Adrian due to the resignation of one of our key preachers. The good news is that these services were given to Rock of Ages Prison Ministry, a fundamental Baptist organization. In addition, the Charles Egeler Reception and Guidance Center (Michigan Intake) in Jackson, Michigan, suspended our bimonthly preaching services due to a "decreasing population." This is difficult to believe since Michigan devotes a bigger share of its general-fund budget to prisons than any other state. Also, Michigan has the country's tenth-largest prison population at 60,000. We must remember, however, *"For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my [God's] ways higher than your [our] ways, and my [God's] thoughts than your [our] thoughts."* (Isaiah 55:9)

***Some of our prayer requests include:***

1. Larry has broken a bone in his right hand and is in a wrist splint.
2. We have lost three more volunteers due to health and work-related issues.
3. Carol needs a female volunteer in order for her to minister in the women's prisons.
4. We are asking the Lord for either new preaching opportunities or a renewal of those cancelled.

*"The king's heart is in the hand of the LORD, as the rivers of water: he turneth it whithersoever he will."* With Proverbs 21:1 in mind, please be much in prayer for our ministry. Satan is attacking us on every front because he knows that the Gospel changes lives, and this is the only permanent correction that works for offenders. Also, pray for the administration within those state Departments of Correction that they may finally come to realize that the Gospel is the only genuine solution for recidivism.

We are constantly encouraged by the comments and letters from offenders, such as that from Vincent who writes, "I attend your services here and receive your Bible studies. It is an extra joy to me. I also listen to the Sunday services on the FM radio and will pay extra attention to the Faith Baptist service."

*"For the gifts and calling of God are without repentance."* However, "Attaboys!" and pats on the back only add to our enthusiasm in our calling.

In His service,

Larry and Carol Johns

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