

The Johns Family

Abundant Pardon™ Prison Ministry

“... he will abundantly pardon.” Isaiah 55:7

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Dear Ministry Partners:

Autumn is here again with all its many colors and its beauty. It is hard to believe that 2017 is already nearing completion. I am reminded of the admonition of our Lord Jesus in John 9:4, *“I must work the works of him that sent me, while it is day: the night cometh, when no man can work.”*

Since our last reporting period, we have seen 72 offenders come to Christ. However, these last few months have not been without their challenges. My wife lost her only female volunteer; thus, due to the policy of the Department of Corrections, she is no longer able to minister to female offenders.

I also suffered an injury to my left leg and foot, rupturing my hamstring muscle and severely deforming my sciatic nerve. In addition, on my way to the hospital in an ambulance, I suffered a heart attack, resulting in double-bypass surgery. In fact, my surgeon informed my wife that he did not expect me to make it through the night subsequent to the surgery. My oldest daughter and wife took turns through that night, anointing my head with doTERRA frankincense. Additionally, hundreds of Christians, even some I have never met, bombarded the throne of grace on my behalf. The next morning the doctor said I had made a miraculous recovery. God obviously had other plans for me. Although I have graduated from a wheelchair to a cane, my neurologist and my orthopedist, as well as my physical therapist, think a full recovery is possible. The healing process may take 12 to 18 months. My cardiologist gives me a clean bill of health. Praise the Lord for His involvement in my life!

Please pray for additional volunteers to assist us, especially a female volunteer to assist my wife. Also, please pray for my complete healing.

Now I would like to share some comments from offenders to whom we minister. One offender wrote, “Watch what Jesus does! By His grace He will make you whole.” Another states, “Brother Johns, thank you for all the years of service.” Still another offender says, “Get well, Pastor Johns; we appreciate you and everything you do.” Finally, one comments, “Pastor Johns, thank you for everything and all the times you made me laugh. Bless you.”

As the Apostle Paul wrote to the church of Thessalonica, *“Remembering without ceasing your work of faith, and labour of love, and patience of hope in our Lord Jesus Christ, in the sight of God and our Father.”* I am encouraged and motivated to do even greater works for “my church.”

In His service,

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