



"And let us consider how to stir up one another to love and good works, not neglecting to meet together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another, and all the more as you see the Day drawing near." Hebrews 10:24-25

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Everyone needs encouragement because we all go through difficult times. Hebrews 10:24-25 leaves no doubt that we are to encourage one another as Christ, through His Word, encourages us! I know of no better encouragement than that which comes from God. He is the awesome God of hope! Romans 15:13 makes that clear, *"May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that by the power of the Holy Spirit you may abound in hope."* Without Him we are not only hopeless, but there is no hope other than Jesus Christ! I enjoy letting the inmates know that they are not without hope even if they have lost everything.

When I was in seminary in the late 90's, I visited with a young man in segregation regularly. He spent quite a lot of time in segregation. I gave him a Bible to read and other literature, but he never committed himself to the Lord. After I finished seminary, Pat and I moved to North Carolina for six years where I was a prison chaplain. We moved back to Sioux Falls the end of 2007, so I could raise my own funding to be a chaplain at the South Dakota State Penitentiary. After we moved to NC, this inmate was transferred to another state so I had no contact with him when I moved back. A few years ago when I was walking in the prison hallway, an inmate came out of the dining hall and said, "Hi" to me. He said, "You don't know who I am do you?" I couldn't remember him until he said his name, and that I had visited him in segregation in 1999. He changed since I had visited him because he had matured. He has a job where he returns chapel books back to the chapel library so I see him quite a bit when I am in the chapel office. Lately I visited with him and he said, "I usually do not hang around anyone, I stay to myself, but I enjoy visiting with you. I still have the Bible you gave me in 1999!" He still is not a Christian, but I believe he needs the encouragement I give him. He also worked with Lloyd, a released inmate who I wrote about last month. He said, "There was something about Lloyd I liked and enjoyed being around him. I don't know what it was about him." I said to him, "It is Jesus living in Lloyd that you saw, because he gave his life to Christ!"

Praise the Lord that over 100 children of inmates will receive Christmas gifts because of the Angel Tree applications I sent in to Prison Fellowship! The children will also receive information about the meaning of Christmas. If you or your church is interested in buying some of these gifts, and delivering to the children in the area, go to their webpage at, prisonfellowship.org.

Please pray for Rodney Berget, who is sentenced to be put to death toward the end of October. I have visited with Rodney regularly for the last five years. Pray for me that God gives me wisdom in my visiting with him at this time, and that I can be a support for staff as well. Pray for the staff and the inmates during that week. Rodney says he is right with God and is ready to die. Thank you for all support! You are a blessing!

In Christ,

Harlan Moss

Your gifts are appreciated and tax deductible. The checks can be made out to and sent to: South Dakota Prison Chaplain's Association (SDPCA), 601 W 57th Street Sioux Falls, SD 57108. **Please designate my name in the memo section of your check.** My phone: 605-940-4220 email address: hpmoss1@yahoo.com