

Dear Friend of **Abiding Above**,

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To God be the glory, great things He continues to do! We are grateful to Him for you, my friends, who enable this ministry to reach the world for Jesus Christ!

Through our ongoing Abiding Above Discipleship School lives are being changed. Here is a letter from Larry, “one of our graders,” who works with inmates at a correctional facility in Mississippi:

“Most of these students don’t last much longer than a month before they are shipped to a different place. But, in this period of a month or two these lessons change many hearts to a different direction and a few even to a point of maturity.

I had one inmate, a little fellow, 125 pounds, when he came in was filled with tears, fears, and anger. In a short time the Spirit of the Lord filled his heart and in a year he was filled with the fruit of the Holy Spirit.

Galatians 5:22-23 – *“But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, longsuffering, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, ²³gentleness, self-control. Against such there is no law.”*

He was filled with boldness, courage and confidence. He has been transferred to a prison, but is carrying that Jesus Christ with him.

Recently, a new inmate invited Jesus into his heart and is growing strong and allowing his ministry to share his heart with others that are in the cell with him.

Another inmate who recently invited Jesus into his heart is a real quiet fellow, but I see him getting bolder all the time. He is getting a certificate this week and he is so excited about it! It is amazing!”

My friend, this is what you are praying for and supporting with your gifts. We thank God for using you in partnering with us to reach these inmates for Christ. This is only a small part of the ongoing ministry of discipleship we conduct through our Abiding Above Discipleship Program.

Let’s remember the words of our Lord:

Luke 4:18 - *“The Spirit of the Lord is upon Me, Because He has anointed Me To preach the gospel to the poor; He has sent Me to heal the brokenhearted, To proclaim liberty to the captives And recovery of sight to the blind, To set at liberty those who are oppressed;”*

My friend, we are the instruments of God to share the gospel with every person, to encourage spiritual growth in every believer by the power of the Holy Spirit and to the glory of God.

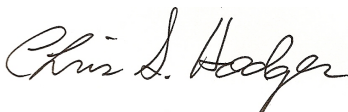
Yes, we are accomplishing this purpose through the ongoing work of Abiding Above Ministries, as we reach many individuals locally and around the world through our daily internet and radio ministry broadcasts. Without you we could not reach so many others. I truly believe far more can be done if we can move from being self-centered to others-centered. This world we live in is looking for hope. It should be our purpose that the Gospel be proclaimed and that Christ be exalted. Do not get distracted, the center of power in our lives is Jesus Christ and without Him we can do nothing. Let us continue to be faithful in proclaiming all that He has done and is doing.

We are so grateful for your continued financial support. Please tell your friends about us. This is our continued prayer for you:

What a beautiful closing thought - **Numbers 6:24-26!**

“The Lord bless you and keep you; The Lord make His face shine upon you, And be gracious to you; The Lord lift up His countenance upon you, And give you peace.”

Abiding above,



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Colossians 3:1-3