



Dear Friend of *Abiding Above*,

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Thank you, my friend, for your prayers and for listening to the Holy Spirit in giving to make these trips to Kenya and India happen! Praise the Lord!



It is very moving to look out across this vast crowd of children and to know I might never see them again. Led by the Holy Spirit and surrendered in agape love, I encouraged them in an understandable way for their age in how to see life in their daily living. This involves family and friends, and that involves wonderful and trying times. They had the most stunned look on their faces when I read these scriptures:

Psalm 139:13-14 - “For You formed my inward parts; You wove me in my mother’s womb. I will give thanks to You, for I am fearfully and wonderfully made ...”

Psalm 139:16-18 - “Your eyes have seen my unformed substance; and in Your book were all written, the days that were ordained for me, when as yet there was not one of them. How precious also are Your thoughts to me, O God! How vast is the sum of them! If I should count them, they would outnumber the sand. When I awake, I am still with You.”

I shared with them these simple facts - that God knows everything. God knew us before we were even born and He knows and sees us now, and He already knows everything in the future for us.

I shared with them that Jesus died for you, and as you, so the sin that separates us from Him could be removed. I encouraged them to believe and receive the Lord Jesus Christ and led them to these verses:

Romans 10:9-10 - “... that if you confess with your mouth Jesus as Lord, and believe in your heart that God raised Him from the dead, you will be saved; for with the heart a person believes, resulting in righteousness, and with the mouth he confesses, resulting in salvation.”



I wish you could have heard them praying to receive Christ. I can hear them now! To God be the glory, great things He has done; so loved He the world that He gave us His Son.



Because of limited space we can only have a few pictures. Please go out to our social media sites and see many more.

All day, and everyday, we were able to get into many high schools where thousands of

students brought their chairs out and listened to my sermon, **“You Can, If You Will.”**

We saw many tears as students realized that every day and all through the day, ... ***we become what we think about all day long.***

Proverbs 23:7 - “For as he thinks within himself, so he is.”

On this trip, we saw and heard more than a thousand pray to receive Christ!



We were able to get into five prisons. Normally, they will not allow you to take pictures, but we had an administrator take some that he sent to us. This is typical of what it looks like.

I would walk in and say to them, “Praise the Lord we are safe in here! We

have just gotten out of the van and walked out of prison (the world system) and came in here where it is safe. Aren’t you thankful you are safe behind these walls and you have guards protecting you 24/7 and someone else is paying for it? They would start laughing and clapping, even the guards thought it was hilarious! I encouraged them to see this time as a retreat, a time in which they could simply listen to God, take notes as they pray and read God’s Word. This can be a time of knowing He is renewing your mind and getting you ready to go out from these walls of your retreat and back into prison (the world system),” I told them.

I asked them all to pray for us as my team and I turned and walked back through the gate to the van into prison. There would have been no way for us to reach this many (thousands) of people if it were not for you listening to God. Thank you!

Abiding above,

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Colossians 3:1-3

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P.S. We were also able to minister to hundreds in a children’s home and a rescue children’s home! Please go to our social media sites to see the many pictures!