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A testimony of the transforming power of God.

“I saved someone’s life today”



“This morning I went into the bathroom to have a shower; I saw the man lying on the floor in a pool of blood, his throat had been cut. My first instinct was to get the h... out of there. I only have 3 months left to my parole, if I called for help I might get blamed and lose parole or worse.”

R has served a sentence of 7 years for a gang related crime, and is eagerly awaiting release. He is attending Alpha, and recently wrote a note to express his gratitude for Alpha and the volunteers; “. . . thanks to these classes, I found my way to God. With this program I got to understand the Bible better and how to follow the Lord.”

R told the Alpha group about finding the man bleeding, and his instinct to protect himself by getting out of the bathroom, instead he ran to call an officer. The officer was on the phone and waved him away. So he ran back to the showers, took off his T-shirt, wrapped it around the neck of the wounded man, grabbed his arms and dragged him out to the officer’s desk. “I was in a street gang, so I’m not a stranger to violence.” he said to the group, “I also know that in prison you have to keep your head down and not get involved in what doesn’t concern you, by helping that man I did something that could have got me into trouble.”

Our Alpha team listened to his story with a sense that they were witness to the transforming power of God at work in R’s life. R ended his story by saying that he would never have done what he did if he had not come to Alpha where “I found my way to God.”

To me his story is a modern version of Jesus’ parable of the Good Samaritan.

Si, Alpha habla Español (Yes, Alpha does speak Spanish) A prayer answered.



1. Cristianismo: ¿Aburrido, irrelevante, falso?

¿Qué piensas acerca del video? ¿Cómo te hizo sentir?

¿Qué parte del video tuvo el mayor impacto en ti? ¿Por qué te afectó de esa manera?

This is the heading of the study outline of the first session of Alpha 1 “Christianity: Boring, irrelevant, untrue?”, translated into Spanish by an inmate in a Massachusetts prison. Jerry, the leader of our Prison Alpha team at this facility, asked me several months ago if my outlines were available in Spanish, I told him that it was a dream of mine to have them translated, but that I didn’t know of any person fluent enough in both English and Spanish. Jerry discovered that the Chaplain had an inmate who could do it.

I have received all 15 translated outlines. They are currently being checked by Father James Gaudreau, the priest of a large predominantly Spanish Parish in Lynn MA. Tom Shields, a member of the New England Alpha Board, put me in touch with Fr. Gaudreau. Once they have been edited and checked they will be available on the Free Inside website www.free-inside.com on the “Volunteer Downloads’ page for use by our volunteers.

Volunteer Training Day

On February 20, we held an all day volunteer training workshop at First Baptist Church, Manchester CT. Four men from 3 churches, attended and all four of them are eager to join one of our teams. Please pray for them.

Volunteer needs: We are in need of at least 2 women to join one of our York Correctional Institution, Alpha teams. Please pray that the right women will come forward. An excellent and gifted lady who was at our summer 2009 training day, has been cleared but cannot make it.