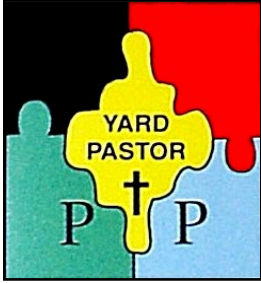


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### *Yard Pastor Elena Hernandez February 2020 Report*



**A prisoner escorted by an officer to his cell.**



*“Remember the prisoners, as if chained with them—those who are mistreated—since you yourselves are in the same body.”*

*Heb:13:3*

Thank you very much for your donations towards this ministry through the Pastors to Prisoners Organization. I am very grateful to you.

This month Fr Manny Sundaram, the Catholic priest, resigned from his duties and with his resignation some volunteers have had to step in to cover some of the programs that he was supervising. I volunteered to supervise the Native American group on Tuesdays until a new priest is hired.

My new schedule is as follows:

MONDAYS: Facility B Level IV: Spanish Bible Study from 6:30–8:00 p.m.

TUESDAYS: Facility A Level IV: Spanish Bible Study from 6:30–8:30 p.m.

TUESDAYS: Facility B Level IV: Supervise the Native Americans from 10:30–11:30 a.m.

FRIDAYS: Facility C Level III: Spanish Bible Study from 9:00–11:00 a.m.

FRIDAYS: Facility D Level II: Spanish Bible Study from 6:30–8:30 p.m..

SATURDAYS: Facility E Level I: Bilingual Worship from 10:00–11:45 a.m.

SATURDAYS: Facility C Level III Spanish Worship from 12:30 –2:15 p.m. with Volunteers

SATURDAYS: Facility C Level II English Worship from 2:30–4:00 p.m. with Volunteers

SATURDAYS: Facility D Level II Bilingual Worship from 6:30–8:30 p.m.

When volunteers don't show up I get to preach four times in a day on Saturdays.

**Do all the good you can,  
By all the means you can,  
In all the ways you can,  
In all the places you can,  
In all the times you can,  
To all the people you can,  
As long as you can!”**

**Quote by John Wesley**

## *February 2020 Report (Continued)*

**Facility D Level II Update:** Many lifers have been granted freedom this month after so many years of being in prison. Six brothers from this Facility left and some were deported to their countries. We prayed for them before leaving so that God will open doors for them. In the meanwhile, the congregation continues growing every week. Praise God!

Chaplain Park has done a wonderful job cleaning and organizing not only this chapel, but all the chapels in the institution. He is a very organized and hard working man. He is always trying to meet the prisoner's spiritual needs. At times it is hard to understand him because of his language barrier, but he gets his job done.

**Facility C Level III Update:** The population in this Facility continues to be low, even though some level IV inmates have been arriving lately to this yard. The State educational programs has taken a toll in the religious programs because almost all the inmates in this yard are involved in those programs. I used to have about 30-35 inmates in my Friday Bible class, now I get four or five. The inmates are in class, which is a good thing because inmates are getting their GED's and college degrees so that they can get a better job when they exit prison.

Saturday services continue to be well attended and inmates come and go, but JESUS is the same and there is a part of the inmate that the State can not fill, and that is the spiritual need that they have when they feel depressed, lonely or suicidal. Only God can fulfill that need that other programs can not fill. That's why the religious programs continue in all the yards and inmates surrender their lives to Jesus.

**Facilities A and B Level IV Update:** I continue providing Bible studies in these two facilities on Monday and Tuesday evenings. The program in Facility A is going very well. A small faithful group of inmates attend the service and they seem very interested in learning more about the Bible. They behave well and have not given me problems as of this date, thank God.

On the other hand the inmates from Facility B are not behaving very well. They were recently locked down for three weeks because they were involved in a fight. I opted for having only 10-15 inmates in my class because if more come, they get distracted very easily.

Recently I was distributing bibles and calendars in the SHU (Segregation Housing Unit) and I met this young man who was sentenced to several life sentences plus 159 years in prison. He felt that he was born to be in prison. His parents abandoned him when he was very little, and at a young age he spent ten years in Juvenile Hall. He is now a hit man who has committed various homicides. The last inmate he attempted to kill did not die, and he is facing four years in the SHU plus the rest of his life in prison. I was able to minister to him for a long time since he was going to be transferred that evening to another prison. He said the sinner's prayer and I gave him a Bible. God has put the burden on my heart to pray for him every day. I know that if he is saved he will be a tremendous testimony of the power of God to the world. Please pray for him. His name is Cruz. Thank you.



Left Picture: Brother Gerardo Mora and Jose Vera, from Calvary Chapel Chino Valley, who came to minister at CCI on February 15, 2020.

Jose Vera is the Prison Ministry leader at his church and he supervises about 20-25 volunteers. They visit many prisons in California, including Pelican Bay prison.

I am grateful to Brother Vera and all the volunteers that work under him for the extraordinary work that they are doing in many prisons. May God bless them!



## *Volunteers Appreciation Luncheon and Recognition Ceremony*



Picture with Chaplain Joseph Park and with volunteers who attended the Appreciation Luncheon on February 4, 2020.

Chaplain Joseph Park surprised us this month by inviting all the volunteers to lunch for an appreciation ceremony. Some volunteers were not able to come because they were working. I was very glad to have fellowship with volunteers since this was the first time in seven years that I have receive a certificate of appreciation signed by the Warden and by the Community Resources Manager. Chaplain Park presented his goals for this year and gave us a list of all the things that he expects to accomplish at the prison this year with the help of all the volunteers. I am very grateful to Chaplain Park for the appreciation ceremony. These are some pictures of the volunteers who attended.



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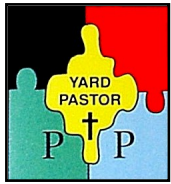
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**Brothers Tony Leon and Frank Araujo, who continue coming to minister at CCI every first Saturday of the month. I am grateful to both of them for their faithfulness. Thank you Brothers!**

**PRYAER REQUESTS:** Please pray: 1) For me, for Pastor Fair, for Sister Lupita and Brother Barry from Calvary Chapel Tehachapi. We are going on a missionary trip to Camalu, Baja California on March 9, 10 and 11. We will be taking donations to an orphanage in Ensenada and donations to very poor children in two churches in Camalu.

**PRAISE REPORT:** I praise God for salvation, for life, for awakening me every morning and for motivating me to serve in the prison ministry. For using me to bring His word to the inmates, for strengthening my physical body every day, for His goodness and his faithfulness, for the people who so generously support me, for one more day of being alive! Praise God!

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