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Acts 16:14 "And a certain woman named Lydia, a seller of purple, of the city of Thyatira, which worshipped God, heard us: whose heart the Lord opened, that she attended unto the things which were spoken of Paul."

As the preacher preached the Lord opened her heart. One lady out of the crowd of ladies attended to the things which were spoken. A life of bitterness, anger, and failure came into view. God was opening her eyes. The moment came for her to move. There at the altar stood a young woman holding a Bible ready to introduce to her the Saviour. She came out of her seat and moved toward the lady with the Bible. The two ladies stood in the altar, one lost, the other pointing the way to salvation. The lady with the Bible was careful as she pointed this soul to the scriptures. Soon after the tears came, the realization of her condition was understood. In the next few moments this broken female inmate would bow her head and become a new creature in Christ. A life was changed, a soul saved. The preacher preached that night, the female soul winner guided that night, and one female inmate's life changed forever. Thank God He is still searching for the "Lydias", allowing them to hear the gospel, opening their hearts, and changing their lives.

Ministry and Prison

Thank the Lord for another busy month in the ministry. I want to highlight a few things this month. At the beginning of the month my wife and I were able to be at a women's prison in NC. On Tuesday night I was able to preach to ninety-eight women. After the service, my wife was able to lead one of the ladies to the Lord. I am grateful for my wife and her willingness to serve the Lord.

Another highlight this month was Palmer C.I. in SC. Another ROA missionary and I were able to visit the men and hold two revival services at this prison. This is the first time I have ever been to this prison. I met the warden, and he thanked us for coming and extended an invitation to come back at any time. At another prison in SC. I had the opportunity to preach to fifteen youthful offenders inside the dorm. At first, we were not going to be able to go into the dorm where they were, but God gave us an opportunity. The youthful offenders were on the top level. I stood in the middle of the dorm and told them Jesus loved them and that prison was not God's plan for their lives. I told them that God was not willing that any should perish but that all should come to repentance. I implored them to trust Christ as their Saviour. In total this month I was able to be at seven different prisons and my wife was able to help at one female prison. I am grateful for the open doors. Many times this month, chaplains, officers, and inmates thanked us for coming and begged us to come back soon. The need for the gospel and discipleship is great in the prisons. Thank you for making it possible for me and my wife to meet this need through your prayer and financial support.

Please continue to pray for the following needs:

- Bible Funds.
- Pray for upcoming SCDC revival meetings.
- SCDC volunteers to help in the revival meetings.

In Christ's service,


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2 Corinthians 4:5 For we preach not ourselves, but Christ Jesus the Lord; and ourselves your servants for Jesus' sake.