

From The *INSIDE* Out Ministries

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Four years have gone by since we began in earnest here at Global. Man! I can't believe how this has grown. Just this past week we graded almost 400 courses. It is truly humbling to see 32 faithful volunteers, many in their middle 80's, band themselves together to get'r done. Then, when President Seevers presented the challenge to develop a plan to double in the next 3 years they enthusiastically said "we're ready". THE TRUTH IS we won't have to do anything and it will grow that much.

Here is where the rubber meets the road – we are very near **2,000** documented decisions for Jesus since Jan'07. Of course, that is not the end of the story. There's more, so much more. That is why for 26 ½ years in ministry inside the walls I stood nose to nose against "jailhouse religion". Seeing someone raise their hand, come forward for prayer and even pray a prayer was not enough for me. I needed to see the life fleshed out within those walls. It's one of the primary reasons so many committed believers within 5 years of starting to work in a prison became hardened. They see so many that talk the talk but when they left the jail they left the Bible on their bunk. I heard so many mothers or wives say when told "this time when I get out it's gonna be different", "**I'll believe it when I see it**".

That is why this work is so very important, even vital. We must get that new or even seasoned believer inside those walls on the journey of discipleship. Is it easy? NO, ten thousand times NO, it is not easy. However, as we see thousands begin to study the word and through the process of our program apply that "studied" Word to their lives. IT works. **Yes it does.** You can take that to the heavenly bank.



We did not plan this.....

It just happened. Well, in this walk nothing just happens. The rest of the story.....

We have felt for some time that we needed to do something to "connect" our students with the local church before they are released. The beginning was there all the time. On the back page of the answer section of our first course the question is asked. "Do you attend a church?" and "Would you like to have the address of a church?" We were just ignoring the question. I formatted a simple form and began to respond to their answer asking them for the city and part of town where they were going home.

We now have about 200 pastors all over the US that have committed to be one of our "Referral Churches". We then e-mail that pastor the student's name and mailing info. At the same time we write the student giving him/her the church's name, Pastor's name and the mailing info. with a few suggestions on writing. Hallelujah! That is working.

Here's an example of the way it should work. I contacted a church in Grand Prairie, TX asking Pastor Bill Webb if he would commit to being one of our referral churches which means

- 1) accepting the student when released and
- 2) responding to the student's letter.

He was very positive. In fact Pastor Webb wrote the initial letter. In my first conversation with Pastor Webb I informed him that the student's family lived very near the church. We were at that church just a few weeks later. That student's wife and two children were at that service and according to Bro. Webb they have fully committed to the church and attend all the services. I received a letter from that student praising the Lord and thanking us. Prior to that time his wife was raised in another faith. He is not only leaving a different man but he is going home to a different home. Pardon me while I shout. **Hallelujah!!!** And I must say THANK YOU pastor Webb & Bible Believers Fellowship. You are indeed God's hands extended.

They told us not to put a lot of print in newsletters but I had to tell you this story. Here are the facts: 2,000 active students – 32 faithful volunteers – a very capable Asst. Director, Chaplain Scott Long. AND many who faithfully give and pray.

Thank you, Thank You.

Bob and Florence