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The Washers

Dear Friends and Family,

We have slowly made our way out to the great state of Texas, where we will be for the next 7 weeks! God is doing some wonderful things in the hearts of the inmates and opening some great doors for us to declare the gospel!

Limestone Correctional Center (Huntsville, AL)--We ended up having 26 teams and around 100 guys participate. It's one of our biggest men's tournaments in the past several years. The men were semi respectful at the beginning of the tourney so we were nervous they wouldn't be still for the

preaching time. Praise God that they were all super respectful and quiet during the message—100 guys listening! Around 30 men responded after the gospel was preached! Not all of them were to turn to Christ for salvation but many of them did! “I’m a sinner, Jesus died for my sin.” “I lost focus and got off track but Jesus stayed by my side and never let me give up.” We gave out so many Bibles that we ran out—around 70. Ethan played and his team survived for 4 games then got eliminated. All the guys were surprised that he is still in high school. Thank you to the men from Calvary Baptist in Huntsville for joining us!

St. Clair Correctional Center (Springville, AL)-- We were here way back pre-Covid and the guys behavior was not the greatest and it was not organized at all. What a praise to show up and have 6-7 inmates meet us who said they were part of the rec staff and would be helping organizing the tourney and would make sure everything ran smoothly. It did and even the correctional officers officiated the games! We had 11 teams and Ethan was able to be on a team again. His team was one win away from being in the championship game but they were losing pretty badly. He hit 2 threes, they clawed back and ended up going to the championship game. They lost in the final game but at least Ethan helped his team claim some snacks for getting 2nd place! 😄 The gospel message was preached to around 50 men. It started with several guys talking and being a distraction but praise God they left and it got quiet with the rest of the guys listening intently! Praise the Lord for the men who turned to Christ! “I called on God and He gave me a family. I’m now a son of God a new creation.” “I opened my eyes to God because He is my Savior and He died for me. If I died today I would go to heaven.” “He forgave me for my sin and gave me eternal life.”

Bayou Baptist Church (Monroe, LA)--We love the Mitchell family and were so thankful to be able to spend a few days at their church as we made our way out to Texas. They spoiled us with wonderful meals and fellowship and allowed me the opportunity to preach for their Sunday morning service. They have been supporting our ministry for several years now and we are so thankful for their generosity and kindness to us!

Kingsway Baptist Church and Southland Christian Camp (Ringgold,

LA)--Last year Austin and I flew to LA from Florida to preach at the evangelistic basketball tournament that Kingsway puts on every year at Southland camp. It was so exciting to be able to stay at the camp with the whole family this time and have the 2 older boys actually play in the tournament! Unfortunately, the boys ended up getting eliminated pretty early. But, one of their losses was to a team of adults that ended up winning the whole tournament so that makes it sound better. We noticed a teen boy show up without a team so we invited him to be on our team. After the gospel message was preached on Friday night he fully understood his need for salvation and told his counselor, "I've never heard sin preached like that before." The staff at the camp and church were so incredibly kind and gracious to our family. They provided so many meals for our family and helped us with some projects that needed to be done with our RV. We had such a sweet time of fellowship with them and are so thankful for the work they are doing for the sake of the gospel!

David Wade Correctional Center (Homer, LA)-- Add another state to the list! After many years of trying to get into the state of Louisiana, we were thrilled to hold our first tourney at David Wade Correctional Center in Homer, LA. I was impressed by the cleanliness of the prison, the kindness of the staff and the respect of the inmates. It was already starting to climb the ranks as a state to come back to when the staff told me that every prison has a gym! The staff bent over backwards for us, even making sure everything in the gym was super quiet as the gospel was preached to around 75 men, with one of the men responding for salvation! The men from Kingsway Baptist Church in Ringgold, LA (near Southland Christian Camp) were so excited to be ministering in a state prison for the first time and have already talked to the staff about holding sports events at the prison on a quarterly basis (on their own)! We handed out at least 50 Bibles and books. I was thankful to have a great conversation with a Muslim asking some great questions.

On a cool side note. This prison has the number 1 ranked basketball team and boxing team in the state. Yes, boxing. They travel to other prisons and compete against other inmates in both events. I have never seen a boxing ring in a prison until today. Anybody want to lead a boxing branch of ITL?!

Joe Corley Processing Center (Conroe, TX)--God is doing some incredible things with Inside the Lines! We could have never imagined the

prisons we would get into when we started 10 years ago! I was unaware ahead of time this prison would be another first for us—first time at a federal prison! It was a privately run federal prison with 2 types of inmates—marshalls, (inmates coming from state that have committed a federal crime and will be sent to a bigger federal prison) and ICE detainees. We had 8 teams from the “marshall” section of the prison crammed in a very small “gym” with walls surrounding the courts so guys were hockey “checking” each other into the walls! The ceiling had a small gap that let a bit of rain in but then praise the Lord He held it off so nobody was hurt on the slippery floor. The chaplain said that nothing like our event had happened at this prison in at least 15 years! He was absolutely thrilled with the gospel going forward and was very encouraging (He is pictured below). The major at the prison was so thrilled with the event that he wants us to come back before we leave Texas and do a soccer tournament for the ICE detainees! 🤔 We will need a Spanish translator so feel free to meet us in Houston, TX if you want to help! The 40 men who participated listened very well, the Holy Spirit opened eyes and many men responded. What a thrill to preach the death, burial and resurrection of Christ! Praise God!

Thank you so much for your faithful support!
Thank you for your kindness and encouragement!

Jonathan, Emily, Ethan, Hudson and Austin Washer

Schedule

April 11, 2026--Willacy Prison Unit (Raymondville, TX)
April 18, 2026--Glossbrenner Prison Unit (San Diego, TX)
April 24, 2026--Ney Prison Unit (Hondo, TX)
April 25, 2026--Torres Prison Unit (Hondo, TX)
May 1, 2026--Fort Stockton Prison Unit (Fort Stockton, TX)
May 2, 2026--Lynaugh Prison Unit (Fort Stockton, TX)
May 9, 2026--Smith Prison Unit (Lamesa, TX)
May 16, 2026--Travis County Unit (Austin, TX)
May 22, 2026--Brazos County State Jail (Houston, TX)

May 23, 2026--Pam Lychner State Jail (Houston, TX)
May 30, 2026--Polluck Federal Correctional (Polluck, LA)



Ethan was able to play in both AL prison tournaments! At one of them he helped carry his team of inmates to 2nd place!



The staff at Southland Christian Camp in Ringgold, LA was so gracious to let us park our RV there for a couple weeks while we held a tournament at camp and then at a nearby prison. We "tried" to help them get some work done around the campsite. I had the hard job of driving Austin around in a forklift so he could clean the gutters.



At no point did Hudson turn that pressure washer towards his brothers or dad. Promise.



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