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# The Washers

Dear Friends and Family,

In our last update we wrote that we have been trying for years to get into some prisons in North Carolina. We had a contact that was looking to get a few events scheduled for us in January but it never worked out. Instead, we quickly contacted prisons in FL that had gyms where we could (supposedly) be sheltered from the cold (even in FL). We successfully scheduled 3 tournaments for January but unsuccessfully avoided the cold. Read below to understand.

We're excited to be preparing to head out on a full trip to AL, LA and TX

prisons! Most of our time will be spent in TX prisons. The last time we set up a full schedule in TX prisons Covid struck and everything cancelled. Let's not do that again! Pray for us as we do some needed maintenance on the RV to get it ready to go.

**Sumter Correctional Center (Bushnell, FL)**--Ironically, the gym we were in for this tournament had no heating. It had to have been 45 degrees in there all day even when outside it got into the 70s around lunch! We had 7 teams play with around 40 men listening well to the gospel message. We've been to this prison at least 4 times and many of the men have heard the Word of God. None of the men responded for salvation but 3 of the men needed counseling and encouragement from the volunteers. We passed out many Bibles and books and even more NTs to the men wandering around the rec yard! We're so thankful for the men from Faith Baptist Church in Wesley Chapel, FL for their faithfulness in going in with us for several years!

**Lawtey Correctional Center (Lawtey, FL)**--We are so thankful for the men from Victory Springs Ind. Baptist Church in High Springs, FL who made it a priority to join us at this prison and the reception center in Lake Butler. After joining us at both prisons, we figured out that their church has helped us in 5 different prisons since we started events in FL back in 2016! There were about 40 men listening intently during the gospel message. Several responded for salvation, along with several men who needed the message as an encouragement to rededicate their lives to Christ. Here are some of their testimonies. "I spoke to God through prayer and He has forgiven me for my sins." "I called out to God today to show Him I'm searching for Him and looking for Him to save me from sin. I've realized He sent His only Son to die for my sins so I want to walk in the same footsteps to be like Jesus and rebuke sin." "God has been pulling at my heart for a long time now and I want to become new in Him." "Today, I reestablished my relationship with my Heavenly Father. Now I seek to acknowledge and fellowship with Him daily. I also want to pour into my wife and daughter everything God intended."

**Reception and Medical Center (Lake Butler, FL)**-- To continue on the cold theme, this gym did not have a heater either and it started snowing after

the tournament was over! what can you do...haha! A reception center is a prison where most of the men start their sentences by being assigned to another facility. That meant that all the men we were ministering to had never been to our events or heard us preach the gospel before! Around 40 men joined us in the gym for an exciting tournament with several men wanting to place their faith in Christ! Here are some of their testimonies. "He gave me a chance to repent of my sins." "I want to give myself to Jesus and serve others through Him." "I made my decision because I've made many bad decisions in my life but I had an experience with God and just wanted to show Him I'm listening." Almost everyone that attended walked away with either a Bible or a Bible study book. The sports director emailed us and said, "Our guys really enjoyed Saturday, they were talking about it the rest of the weekend in the dorms I hear." One of the inmates also did a write-up of the day and then sent it out to the whole facility. Here are some quotes from it:

"Much of the day, a reminder was needed that the object of the game is to put the ball in the hoop, not merely hit the rim. Seriously, if sin means, "missing the mark", there are a lot of guys who have a ton of repenting to do after Saturday's games." (Haha!) "We would like to thank the men from Inside the Lines for sponsoring this tournament and hope that they will return soon. We would also like to encourage the fourteen men who admitted their need for a substitute. We encourage you to find those men that are your teammates and take time to study The Playbook together. Our greatest chances of success are when we have an open line of communication with "The Coach" and make sure that we understand His Playbook."

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

Jonathan, Emily, Ethan, Hudson and Austin Washer

## Schedule

February 26, 2026--Start heading west for spring tournaments  
February 28, 2026--Limestone Correctional Center (Harvest, AL)

March 7, 2026--St. Clair Correctional Center (Springville, AL)  
March 20-21, 2026--Basketball Tourney at Southland Christian Camp (Ringgold, LA)  
March 28, 2026--David Wade Correctional Center (Homer, LA)  
April 3, 2026--Corley Processing Center (Conroe, TX)  
April 4, 2026--Goree Prison Unit (Huntsville, TX)



Victory Springs Ind. Baptist Church in High Springs, FL has helped our ministry at 5 different prisons near their church! There were flurries soon after this pic was taken!



Austin started running with me around April this past year and set a goal for himself to run 200 miles by the end of the year. He hit his goal at our first race together (5K).



Sledding is ok but tackle football in the snow with friends is better.

Ethan is an AL basketball fan and Hudson pulls for the FL Gators. What a thrill to be able to bring them with me to FL and attend the game when those teams played each other. The boys were able to get autographs and pictures with several players from both teams!



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