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The Washers

Dear Friends and Family,

Texas is a BIG state! How can we drive for so long and still barely cover any ground in the state!

Willacy Unit (Raymondville, TX)-- The chaplain here had heard about our ministry at another institution and was so glad to have us in to preach the gospel to his inmates. We've been spoiled with gyms for our last few tournaments but today was the beginning of a lot of outdoor tournaments in TX. Thank the Lord that it was cloudy most of the day and then the little bit of

rain was during the gospel message and just made the 35-40 men move in even tighter under the one shelter on the rec yard. Here are some of the testimonies from several of the men who called out to Christ for salvation. "The message showed me that I can be saved no matter what." "Jesus is the substitute and everyone needs that in their lives." "The message opened my eyes to who Jesus is and how He saved us all." "I realized I should repent for all my sins." "God showed me that I am not a lost cause." One of the inmates (who looked like I would definitely not want to meet him in a back alley somewhere) stopped to pray for me and the ministry while the tournament was going on. He told me that he used to be in the mafia, used to do and sell drugs, was in police chases and was almost killed several times. Praise the Lord that He still changes lives!

Harvest Baptist Church Missions Conference (Edinburg, TX)--We had met Pastor Yontz several years ago when we needed a place to park our RV right before Covid hit in 2020. This year his church invited us to join them for a mission's conference while we were in the Rio Grande Valley area of TX. What a wonderful (but tiring) week it was to fellowship with other missionaries and the kind people at the church. They definitely spoiled us throughout the week! We were taken to eat at some delicious restaurants that even satisfied our always-hungry boys. I was able to preach on Sunday morning and Tuesday evening and the family was able to sing a special. Ethan and Hudson both played offertories.

Lynaugh Prison Unit--(Fort Stockton, TX)--Two years ago when we were at this prison they were overwhelmingly thankful that we came because they don't receive many visitors—it's in the middle of nowhere in west TX. We just had to come back even though there is not a church in the area that has partnered with us. There were about 50 men listening during the gospel message. Many of the testimonies of the men that wanted to turn to Christ mention missing peace. I spent more time than usual during the message talking about how many of them want peace and don't have it. Here are some of the men's testimonies. "Jesus died for my sins and came into my heart so I can be righteous." "The message impacted me on many levels more so with peace. I haven't had peace and I just asked God to leave peace in my life." "Peace and forgiveness. These words in the message spoke to me clear as day." One of the inmates deeply impacted by the gospel message this note a few days after the

inmates deeply impacted by the gospel wrote us this note a few days after the tournament. He was a finalist on American Idol (verified) several years ago and then committed a crime to land in prison on a 4 year sentence. "When I was in my early 20's, I was enjoying and overly indulging in the earthly rewards of 'success' from the few accomplishments I achieved in the music business. I was worshiped and idolized by a few thousand people and I let it get to my head. I achieved too much, too fast, and was surrounded by leeches and yes men. I got out of control. Obviously the basketball aspect of your visit was exhilarating for all of us, but I think the real game changer was the way you presented the gospel of Jesus Christ. I will absolutely never forget it...I can't thank you enough, because this will have generational impact on my family and there's no telling how God may use me now. I grew up around the name of Jesus, I even served in His name, but you helped me to see and hear that it was never going to be enough. The ONLY salvation is through the atonement of Jesus Christ. I was attempting to make Him my Lord without truly accepting Him as my Savior. That's what changed."

Fort Stockton Unit N5 (Fort Stockton, TX)--During both tournaments in this city we needed to park our RV at a campground. When we pulled in we looked across the street and saw the prison with inmates playing basketball outside in the rec yard. We've never been parked so close to the prison where we were going to be holding an outreach. It rained hard on the originally planned day but thank the Lord the staff allowed us to reschedule it for a couple days later. Praise the Lord that the inmates were very respectful, especially during the message. Here are a couple testimonies from the men that responded to the Word of God. "The message today let me know that there is no other direction or way to turn or run, but toward Jesus." "The message impacted me by letting me know that God is a forgiving God and that Jesus Christ died on the the cross for our sins."

Colorado Trip Summer 2026--The prison staff in CO reached out to us again and were thrilled to invite us back to hold events at prisons all over the state. Instead of our whole family going out there for several months we will be doing something we have never done before--a prison "blitz"! The plan is for me to fly out with all the equipment, rent a car and hold tournaments in 9 prisons from July 30th to August 8th. If you are a guy with a flexible work schedule or

just wanna take off and go to prison, I'd love for you to join me August 3-8!

Family Peru Trip (Puerto Maldonado, Peru)--Last year, Hudson and I had the privilege of joining the Fitzgerald family for some evangelistic basketball clinics near their church in Puerto Maldonado, Peru. This June all the boys will be headed back to do more basketball clinics and evangelistic sports tournaments. Here are some notes from the boys themselves.

I'm excited to share that I have the opportunity to go to Peru on a mission trip where we'll be using basketball clinics as a way to share the Gospel. While we're there, I'll be helping run drills, assisting with basketball, and learning what missionaries experience day to day. This trip is something I feel called to, and I'm really looking forward to growing in my faith while serving others. I'm currently raising \$1,200 to help cover the costs, and I would really appreciate your support and prayers.

--Ethan

Hi! This summer I get to go on a mission trip to Peru where we'll be doing basketball clinics for the kids there. I'll help run drills, plus spend time with the youth group. It's a really cool chance to use something I love—basketball—to make a difference and grow in my faith. I'm trying to raise \$1,200 for the trip, so any support would mean a lot—thank you!

--Hudson

Hi! This is my first time ever going to Peru, and I'm really excited to be part of this mission trip. We'll be sharing the gospel and running basketball clinics to connect with kids and build relationships. I'll be helping by doing some videography and learning what missionaries experience day to day. I need to raise \$1,200 for the trip, so any support means so much—thank you!

--Austin

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

Jonathan, Emily, Ethan, Hudson and Austin Washer

Schedule

May 9, 2026--Smith Prison Unit (Lamesa, TX)
May 16, 2026--Travis County Unit (Austin, TX)
May 23, 2026--Pam Lychner State Jail (Houston, TX)
May 30, 2026--Polluck Federal Correctional (Polluck, LA)
June 5, 2026--Century Correctional (Century, FL)
June 6, 2026--Santa Rosa Correctional (Milton, FL)



We had the wonderful privilege of participating in the missions conference at Harvest Baptist Church in Edinburg, TX!



This has been the craziest semester by far with equipment problems! A rock took out the driver window on the truck (pictured). Not long after a



That cracked window had to be replaced. While sitting in the truck, I looked across the street from the church in Corpus Christi and saw a very small restoration shop. Jacob, the owner, said he could do it at a great rate. After he was done with

rock started a crack in the windshield. We lost some sports equipment off the cargo carrier on the back of the RV (came unstrapped). We've had a couple tire issues but thankfully they were repaired without needing replaced. Something flew off the RV and hit the car behind us (we both stopped but thank the Lord the damage was so minor that nothing ever came of it). Last time we got in the truck for a trip I said, "All right boys, what's it gonna be today?" Haha.



We were able to take a few days break in Matagorda, TX at a campground sandwiched between the beach and the Colorado River. We are not expert fishermen but caught a lot that week!

the truck I was able to give him the gospel for quite awhile with nobody around and he broke down in tears several times. I was able to go back a few days later and have a great Bible conversation with Jacob and a few of his coworkers. Please pray for his salvation.



We don't get pictures often so we have to share them when we do. This is from a recent tournament at an outdoor court in TX.



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