

Praise Report

Greetings Buck, Barry & ^{your} Hobby Ministry Team:

Strength and peace to each of you. The Holy Spirit is alive and well in our "faith" dorm and in the "Captivating" program! I thank the Lord every day that I am here and I pray for the success of this program. We are only just beginning and I have had a breakthrough, opening an old wound, draining it and healing it. I thank you Jesus!

Last week you gave each of us a name tag and said to write something we wanted from God and then to pray about it. I wrote Powerful witness. I want to be not just a witness for the Lord but a POWERFUL WITNESS!

This Tues. we were singing & praising the Lord while waiting for you to arrive. The only words I know of this song is "let your Holy Spirit rain down, rain down" Well He did! I started crying while singing these words, which we were still singing when you walked in. My face, my neck were soaked with my tears. I shed tears when both Barry & Buck prayed. Buck talked about wounds, about an 8 yr. old girl & looking directly at me about abuse. I thought how does he know? We broke up into groups to discuss something that happened to wound and the message it left us believing. There were 6 or 7 of us in my group & everyone looked at each other. I took a deep breath and said, "OK, I guess this was meant for me." With many more tears I told my story and how this 8 yr. old child walked away wondering "how could God let that happen, especially while I was reading the bible? This is not a loving God or at least He doesn't love me." So I never had anything to do with God for 40 some years until I came to prison. After being here 1 yr. I gave Him what was

most precious to me; my family.

One lady reminded me that Jesus endured a lot of pain and died on the cross for me. To heal we have to lay our pain, our wounds at His feet. The memories remain for these are our testimonies. But He takes away the pain, the "error" messages we received.

Two days later I got down on my knees & gave it all to God. I asked for forgiveness for turning from Him, for all the wasted years. He told me He had been there that day. That a lot worse things would have happened if He hadn't been. And because He had his hand on me my step-dad never touched me again.

I have taken many excellent courses over my years here, getting rid of weeds & dead branches but nothing has reached down to the roots like this program has. I know this is only the beginning, that I have many more wounds to open & heal but I feel good & I feel encouraged.

Thank you and God Bless each and everyone of you.