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Joel Pledge
SOC Director

In Bishkek, Kyrgyzstan, our time was spent with a former School of Christ graduate whom I call Pastor Andrey. He is now a Russian missionary to Kyrgyzstan from the Vladivostok region. He had attended the School of Christ with Brother Clendennen in the 90's and moved his family to Uzbekistan, where he ministered and planted four churches. Later he moved to Bishkek and has been instrumental in planting another three churches. He asked us to come to encourage the churches in his region.

We had forty-five participants in

the School of Christ coming from four churches and three different countries. We were blessed to have a representative from Kazakhstan and Crimea. We had a mixed group of people. Some had been active in ministry for many years, while others were just newly saved off the streets of Bishkek. Therefore, God baptized many in the Holy Spirit while taking others deep into the Word. We broke through in prayer during the series on Faith. Our prayer times had been good up to that point, but everyone was moved to believe God for the miraculous while hearing about Faith.

The atmosphere at the School was affected by the Russia-Ukraine conflict. There were many Russians present in the School, so there was a genuine concern for the conflict

The School of Christ in Bishkek, Kyrgyzstan.



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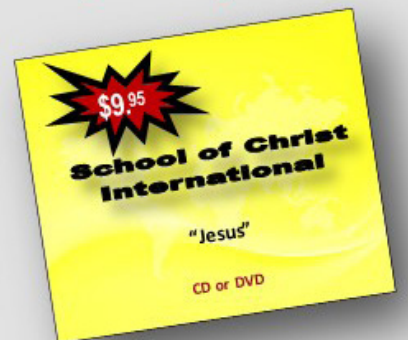
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"In the 1960s, my Dad, B. H. Clendennen, wrote this book entitled 'The Way of God.' Under the titles of 'The Power of the Cross,' 'Attitudes,' 'The Holy Ghost Baptism,' and 'The Leadership of the Holy Spirit,' he uncovers truths from the Word of God."

Brenda Clendennen Turnage

SOC Prison Ministry Update

by Chaplain Dorothy Hilton



In the late 90's, I was the chaplain for females at one of our local jails. Two other ladies and I facilitated the School of Christ one day each week for about three years. During this time, we witnessed many of these ladies make a genuine commitment to Christ and go home, never returning to jail again. Today, they live positive, productive lives serving God and caring for their families.

In 2003, I became Chaplain at Gadsden Correctional Facility, a female prison near Tallahassee, and we implemented a one-year residential faith-based program that included two curriculums. The School of Christ is an intense study requiring prayer, memorization, video instruction, and workbooks. The hundreds of ladies that graduated from this program have gone from there to serve God and live productive lives. We are submitting just a few testimonies from those that have adopted God's plan for their lives, and they have told me they would never have known this life without this curriculum.

In 2010, I was transferred to a men's

prison to work with my husband in the faith-based program. Again, I witnessed many permanent life changes and continue to fellowship with these men who have gone home to their families or married and started families. They have taken up their rightful position as the spiritual leader in their home, and they are leading and providing for them as God intended.

I am so thankful for Brother Clendennen's ministry and the School of Christ that provided the opportunity to work with this material and the men and women God has placed under my care. Thank you to everyone that has supported this ministry and made this program available to the incarcerated. Only eternity will reveal the true results.

SOC Graduates Testimonies:

I'm a graduate of the School of Christ, and I learned a lot under Bro. Clendennen's teachings. The teachings on the Obedience of Faith became a true lesson in my life for knowing every command of God is followed by His promise, so the work of faith is obedience to



the command of God. Through my faith, I know by His stripes I am healed of every sickness and every disease the devil of this world can throw my way. Blessed be the name of the Lord! Jennifer M. (currently battling cancer)

The School of Christ was a very integral part of my walk and growth in Christ and the Word. It challenged me to dig deep into the Word to get understanding. SOC also highlighted the importance of memorizing Scripture and studying to show yourself approved unto the Word of God (II Timothy 2:15.) Melinda C.

The School of Christ taught me discipline concerning God's Word, reading it every day, and letting its power impact my life positively. It also taught me about my prayer life, the absolute power of prayer, and the sweetness of my prayers to the Lord. My faithfulness to the Lord not only ensures my salvation but the salvation of others as I tell them of My Hope when I am asked! Christine S.

God used the School of Christ and Bro. Clendennen to unveil the Person of Jesus to me. I was brought up in church but only thought of it as a physical building where people from my community got together, sang a few songs, and listened to a sermon. In this School, a relationship with Christ was born, and I was forever changed. Jennifer T.

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Kyrgyzstan...

that was going on. The war raised the intensity of our prayer times throughout the School. No one knew what was going to happen, so they called on the Lord for help, peace, and for the future.

The School came to the attention of many of the other churches in Kyrgyzstan. Some of those leaders from these churches came and attended for a day. Then they invited us to go to their region of Kyrgyzstan and conduct a School. We hope to be able to return in the fall for a School in the southern part of Kyrgyzstan.

One of our participants had a wonderful testimony. His name



is Dennis. He is now in his mid-forties, but he spent most of his life drunk. He was homeless for many years but was eventually taken prisoner by a rancher in the mountains outside of Bishkek. His captor gave him just enough food to survive and enough alcohol to keep him drunk. If he tried to



Director Joel Pledge teaching the School of Christ in Bishkek, Kyrgyzstan.

escape, they would beat him. During one of these beatings his eyes were damaged, and he lost most of his sight. One time when Pastor Andrey was in the mountains praying, he met Dennis, and he helped him to escape by bringing him to a ministry that specialized in helping people like Dennis. Pastor Andrey thought everything was going well, but Dennis went back to the streets. Now nearly blind, he drank daily to drown his sorrows in alcohol. Eventually, the rancher found him again and brought him back to his ranch. But instead of giving him food or alcohol, the rancher gave him some money. Dennis thought about his life and decided to buy a bus ticket to Bishkek and find Pastor Andrey. He did just that. God saved him and provided for him to have his eyes checked, where they found a torn retina. God supplied money for surgery

and some new glasses. He is now in church, and he attended the School of Christ. Dennis testified that God had restored his sight completely. One year ago, he was nearly blind. Today his vision is perfect. He was greatly blessed by the School of Christ and has dedicated his life to the One who saved him from a wretched, sinful life. Praise the Lord!

Andrea Sekhin, SOC Field-Worker, instructing class in Bishkek, Kyrgyzstan.



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