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JANUARY 2017 “You already cool, pastor.” That's the words from Gustavo at the prison one day. Like many of the other prisoners, Gustavo had a number of tatoos. To make it even more impressive...he was large and muscular.

Gustavo started coming to my weekly meetings a number of years ago. Shortly thereafter he made a decision for Christ and we spoke about many spiritual things.

One day I looked at his tatoos and made the comment: “Hey Gustavo, I am going to get some tatoos like yours, that way I can be cool.” (I really wasn't going to do that, but I just wanted to see what he would say.)

He said quickly, “Oh, you already cool pastor.”

“Why do you say that Gustavo?”

Without hesitancy he said, “Because you come to see us here!”

Over all the years there, the men had never spoken encouraging words like that. But it does show that they are watching us as we enter the prison compound.

You may not be going into a prison to visit, but people watch you wherever you go...to school, to work, around the town, etc. Your life is watched by many people.

So let me tell you more about Gustavo... I never did get a tattoo, but we did have good talks. One day a few years later, he called my name while driving a nice car at a nearby hotel. He was so proud to say, that because he spoke enough English, he was hired by a tour company to be a driver for the visitors in Panama. A couple of years later, he was then driving his own car! He was still excited to see me and still wanting to live for Jesus.

Thank you for your prayers and support that have made this possible during all of these years... 41 years here this month. Still living for Jesus, Bill

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