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NOVEMBER 2017 A PRISONER NAMED OSWALDO On one of the many Panamanian holidays of November, I saw a family across from the church by the canal enjoying watching the ships go by.

As I walked by with my dog, I asked them if they wanted to use the church for water or the bathrooms. They were glad for the opportunity. As they were leaving and thanked me, the man, Oswaldo, said,

“I know you. You are Bill Wilbur the pastor.”

He really surprised me and continued to tell me how we would have known each other.

“Nine years ago I was a prisoner at the Renacer prison (as he motioned toward the nearby prison), I used to go to your meetings. I was there for only one year but it made a real impact on my life. I am active in my church along with my family and listen to your daily radio programs.”

We took some photos and I gave him a copy of my book. We both were greatly encouraged by seeing that God is still working in our lives nine years later.

I have not been going to the prison meetings since January this year basically because I needed the rest and the new director was not allowing the pastors to come in. Just a few nights ago, the leader of the Christian prisoners called me because he needed encouragement. He missed us all and does not have any pastors to minister to them. Just a few days later, our church secretary said that she had found a way to reapply for my permission to enter.

With all of these sudden new contacts with the ministry and the needs at the prison, I am sensing that I need to seek to return for the prison meetings but only on a limited basis.

May the Lord bless you all and give THANKS for all He has done for us. We are thankful for all those who have been faithful as they have gone before us to serve the Lord. HAPPY THANKSGIVING!

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