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SEPTEMBER 2014 “My name is Jose (not his real name). I have been in prison for five years. Nine months ago I came to give my life to Jesus Christ. I have not been the same. In fact, although I am over thirty years of age, these last nine months have been the best part of my life.”

This is the testimony of one of the inmates at the Renecer Prison near Gamboa. I have been going every week for over 36 years. When I see and hear what God is doing in a person's life, it makes it all worthwhile. I had seen Jose for several years, but he was never interested in coming to the meetings. Then, thru the help of other prisoners, he make a decision for Christ.

On the day that Jose shared his testimony a few days ago, I had brought one of the recent teams that have come from Youth With A Mission and the World Race. Different teams have been joining me at the prison over the past three months from various countries. They usually tell their testimonies, teach, present dramas and lead music. The teams are really blessed when they learn what God has done inside a prison. They were really listening when Jose began to speak.

Later when we were eating lunch back at our church, I asked the team members to give me some feedback from their experience this morning. One commented how amazing that Jose said that the last nine months are the best part of his life. That even in prison, it is better to live for Christ than to live on the outside.

So many times, team members say to me that they were the ones being blessed by being there more than by ministering to the inmates. So true... even after all of these years, I still feel the same way.

Just for interest, Panama has a new president. When he came to office a few months ago, he released a number of prisoners. Fifteen of those released at this prison are Christians that had been coming to my weekly meetings. Now I have just eight regular men each week.

Thank you for praying! Many times I close my radio programs by saying: “Keep on living for Jesus... 'cause that's all that really matters.”

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