

Dear Saints in the Lord,

Millions of peaches, peaches for free! Just joking, it's just a song. We have been up to our necks in peaches!!! Things have been crazy..but in a good way! First things first, Deborah had an interview with a hair salon she had her eye set on. Shortly before my June letter went out, she got the call confirming what we all knew; she got the job! Several weeks ago, she had a skills assessment, where they observed her technique and timing, and it went really well. She is now working hard and building a clientele. She is doing awesome!

Late June/early July, and then in August, we have our biggest fundraiser. We sell over 8,600 cases of Georgia and Colorado peaches plus 400 pears. This fundraising goes to fund the youth activities we have and the things we do for the schools and the detention center. I have met so many wonderful people and sold a ton of peaches with more to go! It's amazing how many people come for peaches in this town. They love peaches! We finished Georgia peaches for July and just started into August with Colorado peaches.



*Our team and volunteers
ready to sell some peaches*

I have had to readjust my detention schedule but God has been moving. You remember Eric from the letter in June? We have been doing a church program with his group, and he has been there time after time answering questions and interacting with us night after night when we do our programming. It has been so awesome. I have been praying for a young man named Andy. His attorney and probation officer were going back and forth on whether or not to put him in their CLIPS housing program. (CLIPS stands for Community Living Independent Programming and Skills and is a specialized transitional living and life skills program.) Andy was stressed about it. God answered our prayers, and they put him in the CLIPS program. Praise God!!! Now Andy is able to get a job, save money, study more, and he has a lot more freedom. We have been praying for this for weeks! Please continue praying for him and that he makes the most of his time there to grow and develop as a man.

Pray for reconciliation for all these kids with their families or the families they are sent to. A lot of these kids may have done something wrong, some have just run away, have family issues, are rebellious, or abused. These kids need Jesus! The sad thing is a lot of these kids have never heard of Jesus.



One day, we were doing a Bible study, and a kid named Vince came up and said he wanted to join us. He couldn't read the Bible we were reading, but he had a picture Bible. He just started asking questions, pointing at the pictures, "Who is that? Who is this? What did they do?" I have been meeting with him periodically in a one-on-one setting. During a one-on-one, he began just pointing at pictures, asking the same questions. I put my hand on the "Picture Bible" and said, "Stop, you are better at reading, you can read and find these things out! What

Note: Names of kid's are typically changed for privacy purposes.

are you struggling with? What can I help you with?" He then let it out. He said, "I am doubting God and struggling with anger!" There it was! I started there! Praise God! He helped me get to the real issues! Pray for me that I can be sensitive to the Lord's leading and open to hear His voice!



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Please continue to pray for our ministries and that we are fruitful in our peach sales!! LOL! Please pray for the new school year coming up that I am able to connect with the students. Pray that God enables me to build relationships and I am able to speak truth into their lives. Pray that our speaking engagements with the ALC students be fruitful and bring life change. Pray I am able to build good relationships with the students and the teachers and the coaches. Pray that doors are open there. Pray against the enemy working against us in the schools and for God to bless our work. I want to thank each and every one of you for your prayers, love, and support! Some of you have been with us from the beginning. Thank you so much for your prayers. We love y'all! If any of you want to join in on this ministry with us, you can!! You can join in with us by giving one time, giving monthly, or giving yearly! Please continue praying for us and lifting us up in prayer! Your support means so much to us! Because of your partnerships, I get to do what I do! It is a blessing and a privilege to serve these youth! We love you all and are praying for y'all.

In His Grip,

Benjamin A. Talley



*A sculpture of the Ten
Commandments in
downtown Fargo*