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Dear friends,

Please pray for the following.

Trip to Virginia.

I leave tomorrow morning for Virginia and return on the 15th. The purpose of the trip is to speak at a few deputation meetings on behalf of Free Inside. I will speak in two churches and several home groups. I hope to raise prayer and financial support for Free Inside. One challenge is the fact that I will be speaking mostly to Southern Baptists who don't usually give to causes outside of their own denomination. Please pray that I will get positive responses at least from individuals.

Volunteer Team.

I have a good group of trained volunteers ready to start once we get the go ahead from the prison authorities. Please pray for them by name: Elaine, Joe, Frank, Peter and Safaa.

When will you get started?

This is a question that I get often, and it is embarrassing not to be able to have an answer. To give you an idea of our frustrations I will tell you of a recent delay. I was sent forms from the prison for my team members to fill out, which we did and which were mailed in. last week I was called: "*Sorry but we sent you the wrong forms, we are sending you the right ones.*" These were received, filled out and will be mailed back today. This has delayed the start yet again.

What is it like to minister in prison?

Another frequent question and one which I cannot answer. I am like a new missionary recruit who is sent out on deputation before going to the *'field'* and speaks about stuff he has no experience of yet.

Volunteer training.

I have several more people who are thinking about coming on board, when I get back from Virginia I have a training session scheduled for them. I would like to put another team together so that Free Inside will be in a position to enter another prison. Please pray that those who are thinking of joining will actually do so.

Helping churches.

I would like to be able to help churches that want to develop a prison ministry get started. I received an inquiry today along those lines and will follow up the lead when I get back.

For Christ and His Kingdom,

Peter.