

A special meal

“So if the Son liberates you (makes you free men), then you are really and unquestionably free.” John 8:36 (AMP)

“Mother, it’s almost four o’clock.”

My eyes popped open hearing my son’s soft voice at my bedroom door. Grabbing my alarm clock, I saw 3:45 a.m.—the prison banquet! We had promised to take our African co-workers, along with all the food, to the prison at 4 a.m. so they could begin cooking. The banquet was scheduled for 10 a.m. Within 20 minutes, we were bouncing over the dirt roads of Togo (TOH-go), spilling kerosene from the lamps in the back of my truck. After a few more trips, we had most of the food cooking on primitive mud stoves, preparing a meal for 450 men.

The idea had originated with my son, Peter, since I did health care and Bible studies at the prison, and we had been planning and looking forward to it for months. Peter had come from the States to speak at the banquet.

Later, the men stood shoulder to shoulder for Peter’s message. When they learned that they were getting a special meal, they cheered as if they were being released! We shook the hands of each of the men in their cells and gave them each a New Testament and T-shirt that had John 8:36 printed on it in French, the language of the country.

But the most exciting part of the day was seeing the hundreds of men who decided to give their lives to the Lord Jesus as Peter told them about the greatest gift of all, God’s dear Son.

—LINDA, WEST AFRICA

Thank You, Lord, THAT YOU CONTINUE TO OPEN PRISON DOORS SO THE MESSAGE OF SALVATION CAN BE GIVEN SO THAT PRISONERS CAN BE LIBERATED FROM SIN AND BECOME CAPTIVATED BY YOUR GRACE. I PRAY THAT THE NEW BELIEVERS IN TOGO WILL BE GROUNDED IN YOUR WORD AND BECOME RADIANT MESSENGERS OF THE GOSPEL TO FELLOW INMATES AND FAMILY MEMBERS. *Amen.*