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Dear Friends of IPM,

During this time of year we take the time to honor mothers and godly women. Praise the Lord for how He uses these women to touch many lives and to share His love.

The pattern of God mightily using women in His service is as old as the testimonies of scripture. **QUEEN ESTHER** was strategically used of the Lord when the enemy was attempting to destroy the Jews in ancient Babylon. She boldly risked her life in bringing an uninvited warning to the king. *"Go, gather all the Jews who are present in Shushan, and fast for me; neither eat nor drink for three days, night or day. My maids and I will fast likewise. And so I will go to the king, which is against the law; and if I perish, I perish!"* (Esther 4:16). God brought a full deliverance.

**RUTH** was another woman tremendously used of the Lord. Her confession of faith in the Lord, as her loyalty to the mother of her deceased husband, is a powerful testimony. *"But Ruth said: 'Entreat me not to leave you, Or to turn back from following after you; For wherever you go, I will go; And wherever you lodge, I will lodge; Your people shall be my people, And your God, my God'"* (Ruth 1:16).

Certainly, **MARY**, the mother of Jesus, stands out as a distinctive instrument in the hands of the Lord. She demonstrated faith and obedience in the face of an astounding word from God through an angelic messenger. She was told she would have a son, which would be conceived of the Holy

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Spirit. Further, this child would be the very Son of God. With humility and faith she yielded to the will of God, saying: "*Behold the maidservant of the Lord! Let it be to me according to your word*" (Luke 1:38).

Praise God for these timeless examples of godly women. Thank the Lord for the women of faith that He has raised up and used through countless generations. Bless the Lord for the godly women He has used in our lives -- and in the ministry of IPM. May the Lord keep raising up a mighty army of spiritual women -- to impact our nation, our churches, our families, and our prisons.

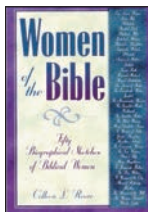
Serving Our Lord with You – for His Glory and by His Grace,

*Dini Hoekstra*

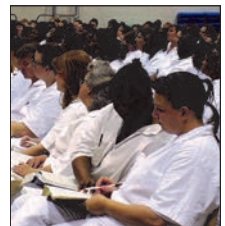
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(for all of our "Chaplain Ray Family" and the IPM Team)

P.S. Our appreciation book for this month is *Women of the Bible* by Colleen Reese.



**The "Women of the Bible" is such an encouraging book for women prisoners. They need to see how God loves and uses women in His Kingdom.**



# LETTERS FROM PRISONERS WHO HAVE RECEIVED BIBLES, EDIFICATION BOOKS, OR INMATE TESTIMONIALS FROM IPM

(See reverse side where a sample book is highlighted.)  
The book is available to you as a free appreciation gift upon request.)



A Ukrainian prisoner who really needs the opportunity to hear about Jesus Christ and receive Him as Savior and Lord.



Gali and his family help IPM minister to prisoners in India.

Women prisoners seeking the Lord in prayer and finding His peace and grace.



## To God Goes the Glory

Give all glory to God our Savior for He is Worthy Through all our trials and tribulations He continues to show us love.

So blessed Savior I ask of thee to make me meek and humble.

Take away this selfish pride of mine in which I am sure to stumble.

Give to me knowledge to be an example of your ways. Speak and make me ready when Thy voice is truly heard. With obedience glad and steady bless me to share your Word.

It is not what I achieve. I am not after wealth or fame.

I just want the world to know the *Power of Your Name*.

Leo A., California Prison

## I Have So Much Peace

Dear Mrs. Dini Hoekstra,

I am so thankful for your help to those who can't afford Christian books. Since I have let God take control of my whole life, I have so much peace within me. The ministry that I am doing for the Lord for the other offenders is also helping me grow in my walk with the Lord. I was wanting to ask for any Bible study books. I am thankful to the Chaplain Ray family for all you do. I was baptized in January. Thank you Jesus. Amen. I am 52 years old.

Love through Jesus Christ,  
Jimmy G., Texas Prison.

*IPM sent Jimmy some Bible Study books, a Bible dictionary/concordance and a letter to encourage Jimmy to continue to read and study his Bible and to seek Jesus Christ.*

## I Just Got Your Bible

I just got your Bible. I like it a lot. It is just the right size. I was in the hole (locked up by himself), when I got your letter. I read the New Testament and almost finished it for the fourth time. The good book helped me a lot to keep the Faith. Many times I wrote in my cell "As for me I will trust in the Lord" as well as "Sons of the Savior In God we trust." Those words always give me comfort.

Jesus heard my prayers and no charges were filed. Your letter gave me comfort as will your Bible. I will pass your address on to as many needy souls as I can. You have my thanks and respect.

Billy M., Colorado Prison

Cut Along Dotted Line & Mail

**God has a loving and gracious heart for prisoners (Isaiah 61:1).**

At the request of many, contributions to IPM can also be made online at [www.chaplainray.com](http://www.chaplainray.com)

It is the policy of I.P.M. to use each gift as it is designated by the donor. If any project is completed, any surplus will be used where it is needed most.

Dear Dini Hoekstra, My gift to help prisoners realize how important and loved women are by our God.

- Use this gift for *Bibles For Prisoners*.....\$ \_\_\_\_\_
- "Library of LifeChanging Books" for Prisoners.... \$ \_\_\_\_\_
- Support for Prison Ministry in Russia & India.....\$ \_\_\_\_\_
- Use My Offering *Where Needed Most*.....\$ \_\_\_\_\_

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**HERE IS ANOTHER OF THE OUTSTANDING BOOKS THAT OUR MINISTRY PARTNERS HELP US DISTRIBUTE TO PRISONERS**  
 (A copy of this book is available to you as an appreciation gift by requesting it in the box below.)

**FIFTY BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCHES OF BIBLICAL WOMEN**

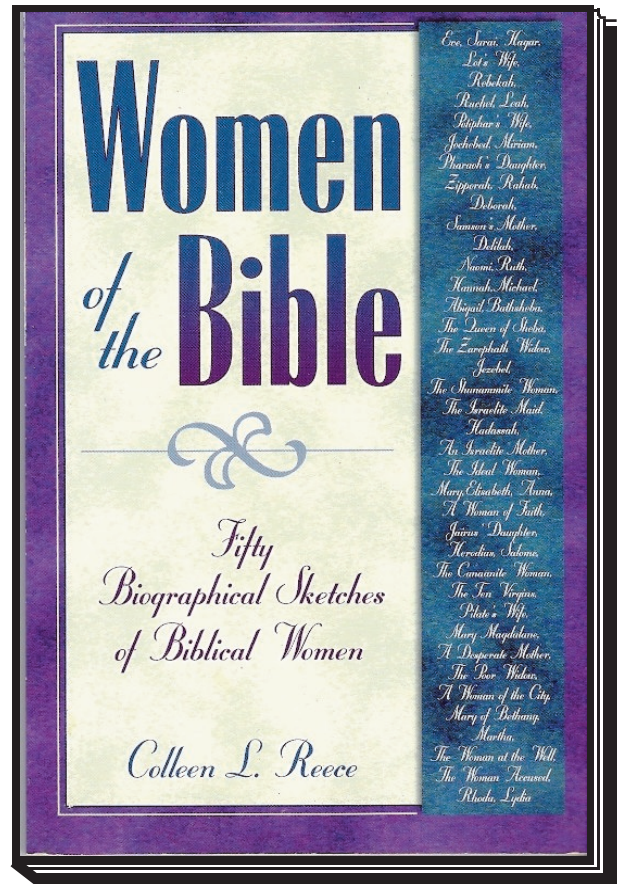
Famous, not-so-famous, or infamous, the women of Bible times played an undeniable, significant role in the shaping of history. Mothers, wives, sisters, daughters, widows, and unmarried women, God gave them all a story to tell.

Some strove to serve as the Master commanded. Others chose disobedience, and sin. They lived and loved, bore and raised children in a culture different from ours, a long-ago, faraway land. But their stories are of incalculable importance. Stories that would be passed down through hundreds of generations for a purpose.

Were these women from the past so really different from the women who live today? *Women of the Bible* is a simple tribute to those whose stories are forever captured between the covers of God's Word, the Bible.

Colleen Reece writes to give one a feel of being there. She writes in a narrative style.

“Rhoda, who served in the house of Mary, the mother of John Mark, felt her body tremble. She had seen Peter in many dispositions, but never had his face shone brighter. Peter’s eyes twinkled with merriment. ‘My young sister grew so excited, she left me standing without the gate.’”



**Our Appreciation Gift to You**

This book *Women of the Bible* will be an encouragement to all women who read it – both in prison and out.

*We praise the Lord and give thanks for all the prayers and gifts that you continue giving to help inmates know Jesus.*

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Yes, Please Send Gift Book

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**WOMEN OF THE BIBLE**

**BY COLLEEN REESE**