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Dear Friends of IPM,

Many of us, including countless prisoners, have been blessed through the ministry of Chaplain Ray. We are thankful to the Lord that He continues to use this ministry to proclaim His truth. Many of "God's Prison Gang" are rejoicing with Chaplain Ray, Leola, and Pastor Bob as they worship in heaven together. Many of our faithful ministry partners are also there rejoicing. *"Therefore, we also, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses..."* (Hebrews 12:1). We rejoice here on earth as we praise the Lord for His mighty works in reaching many lost souls. This month, we remember Frank Costantino's testimony and ministry.

In his lifetime, Frank went from "gangster to dedicated Christian." He stands in a long line of transformed servants of the living God. The Apostle Paul gave similar testimony to the powerful work of God in turning spiritual rebels into fruitful ministers. *"And I thank Christ Jesus our Lord who has enabled me, because He counted me faithful, putting me into the ministry, although I was formerly a blasphemer, a persecutor, and an insolent man; but I obtained mercy because I did it ignorantly in unbelief. And the grace of our Lord was exceedingly abundant, with faith and love which are in Christ Jesus"* (1 Timothy 1:12-14).

It is the mercy and grace of God at work in our hearts that enables us all to serve our Lord. His mercy through Christ holds back the awful judgment that we all deserve.

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His abounding grace in Christ pours forth the wonderful resources and blessings that we could never deserve. Those who humbly rely upon the Lord are thereby transformed to serve God effectively. Those who continue to walk with God in this manner end up with a testimony of faithfulness. "I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith" (2 Timothy 4:7). This was Paul's testimony. Many bear witness that it was Frank's testimony as well. This can be the testimony of many inmates, and of us also.

Rejoicing in the Reality of Transformed Lives through Christ,

Dini Hoekstra

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

P.S. Our appreciation gift for this month is *Holes In Time* by Frank Costantino.

P.P.S. It is good to enjoy such blessed memories as the ones shown in the pictures below.



Frank Costantino with Chaplain Ray and Pastor Bob. Prisoners are still being blessed by these men's lives.



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

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

I ASKED GOD NOT TO LEAVE, BUT LISTEN, IF HE WOULD

Dear Director Dini,

Blessings to you and hope that this letter found you well and full of joy by the Holy Spirit and love. The Bible Dictionary and Concordance reached me in good order. Thank you. Pastor Bob sent me an encouraging letter once that stuck to me in my heart with rich scriptures and great advice. It seems that you are also an inspiring teacher of God's Holy Word, and that He has trusted you to deliver words of comfort and growth to an audience of spiritual hunger and thirst. The manner of instructions that you presented is being followed wholeheartedly, and by the grace of God, understood as you deemed to be necessary for my spiritual needs. I do indeed believe God's words to be true and pure, and Holy Ghost inspired. I seek daily to find truths from the Father, as an insatiable fire, never getting enough. I also pray to the Father casting all my cares on Him for He cares for me, is the same as an invite. The way I see it, I can't ask too much or chat too long. There was a time when I felt lonely and I prayed to God, "Please be my friend." I was tearful at the time and my heart saddened. I ask God not to leave, but listen, if He would, while I talked. My earthly father had died only two months prior, and I had not been getting any mail. But not that so much as I felt like God had ignored me and wouldn't hear my prayers. I wept while talking with the Father, and at some point I felt His presence near me. I cried even more, but in a joyous sense now that the Father was in my cell with me. I could feel it. When the conversation stopped I went to sleep, content that along with much thanksgiving, God and I were on good terms.

John G., Texas Prison

PLEASE! PLEASE! DON'T STOP WHAT YOU ARE DOING!

IPM, I'm without words to express how elated I am with the books sent to me. I have fully taken the road Christ's way forever! Actually, there is not any other way. Thanks for the books; they're so clear with information I questioned for years. Now I'm clear! Please! Please! Don't stop what you are doing!

Thomas S., California Prison

IPM prayerfully responds to every prisoner who writes to us.

We bless them with an encouraging letter and a variety of biblical resources, such as: Bibles, Bible Dictionary/Concordance, Testimonial and Devotional Books, and other Bible Study helps.

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

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.

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Dear Dini Hoekstra, My gift to help prisoners be transformed by God's power

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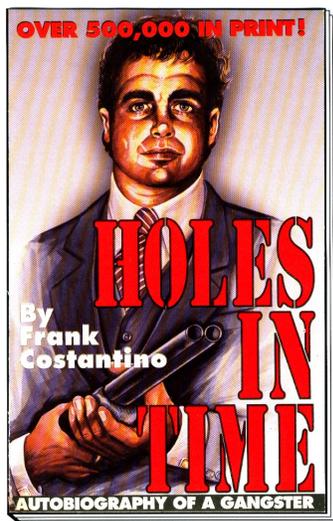
HERE IS ANOTHER OF THE OUTSTANDING BOOKS THAT OUR
MINISTRY PARTNERS HELP US DISTRIBUTE TO PRISONERS

(A copy of this book is available as a gift
by requesting it in the box below)

JESUS TRANSFORMS LIVES OF PRISONERS

“Be not deceived;
God is not mocked;
For whatsoever a man soweth,
That shall he also reap”
- Galatians 6:7

Frank Costantino entered prison and along the way began to search for God, whom he did not believe existed, in books and many other ways. Frank expresses his hopelessness this way: “That night on my bunk as the loneliness crept along the corridor outside my cell, one phrase washed up from the violence I had heard that day . . . what goes around comes around . . . what goes around comes around. Regret quietly crawled into the bunk with me and as it did, that freight train of guilt came rattling down the road of my memory, dragging behind it a lifetime of freight. Oh, if I could only have a second chance.”



Our Appreciation Gift

From the time Frank received Christ, he stayed strong and fruitful in the faith until he went to be with the Lord in 2006.

IPM has sent many thousands of these books to prisoners. Untold numbers of lives have been deeply touched.

Thank you for your love & generous partnership in the Lord.

“. . . But he that soweth
To the Spirit shall of the
Spirit reap life everlasting”
- Galatians 6:8

Frank received not a second chance, but new life in Chaplain Max Jones office on October 21, 1969. “I bear witness that on that day heaven came down and glory filled my soul. The Son of God came into my life and I knew Jesus Christ. The Spirit of God purged me and I knew the Holy Spirit was present in me, cleansing me and I began to cry and it seemed the most normal thing in the world. And the Lord my God, my Father in heaven began to heal me right there in that little room. I don’t know how long I was down there on my knees, but I knew that when I was through, I was a born again son of God, a child of the King and the heir to the Kingdom of Heaven. I was in a free place where God’s peace reigns.”

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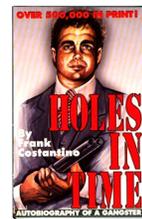
YOUR MESSAGE OR PRAYER REQUEST:

I WOULD LIKE TO RECEIVE THE IPM LETTER VIA

EMAIL : _____



Yes, Please Send Gift



Holes in Time
by Frank Constantino

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