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Dear Friends of IPM,

Redemption and salvation are powerfully displayed through the parable of the prodigal son: ". . . [he] gathered all together, journeyed to a far country, and there wasted his possessions with prodigal living" (Luke 15:13). In rebellion against his father, far from home, and entangled with the godless world, he ended up facing desperate consequences. "Then he went and joined himself to a citizen of that country, and he sent him into his fields to feed swine" (verse 15). In the pangs of guilt and conviction, he turned in repentance toward his father. "I will arise and go to my father, and will say to him, 'Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you'" (verse 18). His father accepted him with joyous forgiveness: "for this my son was dead and is alive again; he was lost and is found" (verse 24).

This profoundly pictures the forgiveness and new birth that our heavenly Father granted us as we turned to Him in repentance. Such glorious salvation is only available through the powerful work of the blood of Christ shed for us upon the cross. "But now in Christ Jesus you who once were far off have been brought near by the blood of Christ . . . In Him we have redemption through His blood, the forgiveness of sins, according to the riches of His grace" (Ephesians 2:13; 1:7).

All of us who have trusted in the Lord, including prisoners, have entered into this great salvation that is provided for us by the Blood of Jesus Christ. We can now rejoice in

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the following truths: "I will never leave you nor forsake you" (Heb. 13:5). "Come to Me, all you who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest" (Matt. 11:28). "Casting all your care upon Him, for He cares for you" (1 Peter 5:7). What a wonderful, faithful, loving God we serve.

So many prisoners have had a life that was filled with pride, self-indulgence, and a lack of love. Many of them were as Prodigal sons who lived their lives in rebellion. When they realize their sin and need for a Savior, they are overjoyed to learn of God's forgiveness, His great love and plan of salvation. We are so thankful to the Lord for your prayers and partnership in ministry in helping countless prisoners come to know Christ as Lord and Savior.

Proclaiming Christ and His plan of Salvation to Prisoners,

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 "Big D" by Donald Garcia (our latest testimonial book).

P.P.S. The IPM Monthly Letter is now available via email. You may request it on the reply letter or online at chaplainray.com



"Come to Me, all you who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest"

Mathew 11:28

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 Give the Lord All the Glory; He is Truly a God of Love!

Dear IPM, I would like to give my testimony. I was a gang-member, drug addict and dealer, and alcoholic. I have been in and out of prison my whole life. This is not something I am proud of, but it is the road my sinful life took me down. I had tried everything to quit using drugs and nothing worked. I was considered one of the worst in prison, as Paul would say, I was the chief sinner. This trip to prison I was placed in Ad-Seg, due to gang involvement and violence. This was solitary confinement, meaning I had no contact with anyone else. Any time I was taken out of my cell, I was handcuffed and shackled.



In fact, Ad-Seg turned out to be a blessing. The Lord had to bring me to a place where I would slow down and heed His calling while there. I gave my life over to the Lord and accepted His free gift of salvation. He delivered me from drugs and alcohol. I still have a lot of growing to do, but I have truly begun to change for the better. I actually have a conscience now and consider the feelings of others, how my actions affect those around me, and try to do the right thing. I have renounced my gang affiliation and serve the Lord now. Through the grace of God I was released back into general population and have a good record of conduct. People know how I lived before coming to Christ and see this change. This change has allowed me to be an effective witness for Christ. I give the Lord all the glory and realize He is truly a God of love Who will transform lives.

Thank you for the Practical Bible Dictionary/Concordance. I use it in the Bible courses I am taking. God has called me to be a Christian Drug and Alcoholic Counselor. I want to help these young gang-members because I would not listen to counselors while growing up due to my distorted views. I did not think they understood what my life had been. If one life is changed, all the misery of my past will be worth it. These young gang-members look up to us older convicts, but I want them to look up to Jesus Christ and find real joyful life.

Thomas M., Texas 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/Concordances, Testimonial and Devotional Books, and other Bible Study helps.

Cut Along Dotted Line & Mail

God has a loving and gracious heart for Prisoners.

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 come to know God's plan of salvation.

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- Bibles & Books for *Russia & India Prisons*.....\$ _____
- Use My Offering *Where Needed Most*.....\$ _____

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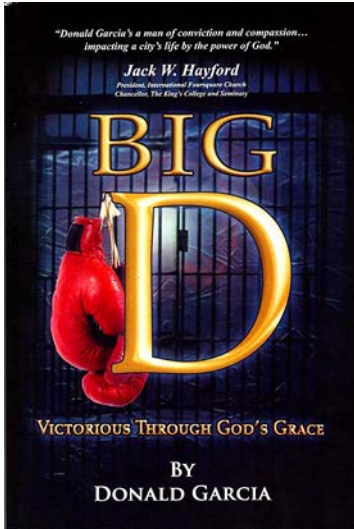
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HERE IS ANOTHER OF THE OUTSTANDING BOOKS THAT OUR
MINISTRY PARTNERS HELP US DISTRIBUTE TO PRISONERS

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

VICTORIOUS THROUGH GOD'S GRACE!



“For ye see your calling, brethren, how that not many wise men after the flesh, not many mighty, not many noble, are called: But God hath chosen the foolish things of the world to confound the wise; and God hath chosen the weak things of the world to confound the things which are mighty; And base things of the world, and things which are despised, hath God chosen, yea, and things which are not, to bring to nought things that are: That no flesh should glory in his presence.”

1 Corinthians 1:26-29

Some believe miracles don't happen, but this real-life story conclusively proves otherwise.

Donald “Big D” Garcia was a gang leader and a middleweight boxing champion who spent over 1/3rd of his life in prison. With each incarceration, he became harder and meaner. When out of prison, he was often charged with other crimes, including murder. Heroin and cocaine kept him in an angry fog. But when the God of awesome surprises transformed him, Donald became a life changer to the gangs he once led.

At age two, Donald lost his father in a gangland slaying. he was forced to protect himself. As a gang leader and middleweight champion, Donald was frequently imprisoned, but God wouldn't let him go.

Donald “Big D” Garcia, a man of conviction and compassion... impacting a city's life by the power of God.

Our Gift to You

May many of us be moved and encouraged by Donald's testimony as we realize that God's grace is more than sufficient to transform lives that can be used to proclaim His love.

*Thank you for your
prayers and your
generous contributions*

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YOUR MESSAGE OR PRAYER REQUEST:

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“Big D”

By Donald Garcia

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