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# 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary



Chaplain Ray

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Dear Friends of IPM,

This year marks the 50th anniversary of the International Prison Ministry and the 25th anniversary of Chaplain Ray's "home-going." We are so blessed to be carrying on the ministry that the Lord stirred in Chaplain Ray's heart so many years ago.

Every week we receive hundreds of letters from grateful prisoners. As I read through the many inmate letters, I have personally witnessed their responses to the truth of the Gospel. Mikhail A. from an Arizona prison recently wrote:

*"Thank you for sending me these blessed (testimony) books. I love reading about God's hand at work in others' lives. For me it proves even more that no crime or inmate is left behind in God's eyes. He cares for and loves each one of us."*

My grandfather was led to the Lord by an ex-prisoner and he always had a special place in his heart for prisoners. Chaplain Ray would say, "Don't ever give up on any prisoner. As long as there's life, there's hope." He always believed the Lord could reach any prisoner, no matter what they had done or how hopeless things appeared. In the Scriptures we read, "For the Son of man is come to seek and to save that which was lost . . . Wherefore He is able also to save them to the uttermost that come unto God by Him, seeing He ever liveth to make intercession for them" (Luke 19:10; Hebrews 7:25). The Lord came to the earth to seek out hopeless, lost souls. There is no person that He cannot reach, no crime and no situation that is too hopeless, no impossibility that people may face

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that He cannot overcome. He truly is able to save to the uttermost!

For those of us who have a relationship with Jesus, it is good to remember that we were once in that hopeless, lost state. *"Know ye not that the unrighteous shall not inherit the kingdom of God . . . And such were some of you: but ye are washed, but ye are sanctified, but ye are justified in the name of the Lord Jesus, and by the Spirit of our God"* (1 Corinthians 6:9,11). Praise the Lord for His heart to reach out to lost and hopeless souls, both inside and outside prison walls!

We praise the Lord for all He has done through IPM over the last 50 years and we look forward to what He will accomplish in the many years to come as we continue to reach out to prisoners with the message of the Gospel of hope.

Praising the Lord for 50 Years of His Faithfulness,

*Heidi Hoekstra Ceballos*

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

P.S. Our appreciation gift this month is [The Testimony of Chaplain Ray](#) in video.

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