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Dear Friends of IPM,

This month we enter into another new year. It is a good time to reflect on the newness Jesus brings into the lives of those who trust in Him. We recently received a letter from Danny S., from a California prison: "*I read your booklet, The Story of Jesus, and I wanna know more about Jesus and this new life He gives.*"

The Scriptures tell us that when we trust in Jesus for salvation, we receive a new heart, a new spirit, and become entirely new creatures. "*Therefore, if any man be in Christ, he is a new creature: old things are passed away; behold, all things are become new...A new heart also will I give you, and a new spirit will I put within you*" (2 Corinthians 5:17; Ezekiel 36:26). Once a person places their faith in the Lord Jesus Christ, they are born again and made new in Christ, with a new heart and a new spirit. This newness is available for anyone, whether inside or outside prison bars.

Not only are we made new creatures, but God also promises to renew our inner man daily by His Spirit. "*For which cause we faint not; but though our outward man perish, yet the inward man is renewed day by day...That he would grant you, according to the riches of his glory, to be strengthened with might by his Spirit in the inner man*" (2 Corinthians 4:16; Ephesians 3:16). As we go through this life and see our outer man perishing, we need not lose heart. As we look to and trust in the Lord, our inner man is in the process of renewal, day by day. As we are humbly seeking the Lord in His word, we are being changed. We are being transformed, more and more, into Christ-likeness.

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Finally, the Lord ultimately promises to make everything new when we see Him face to face. *"And I saw a new heaven and a new earth...And God shall wipe away all tears from their eyes; and there shall be no more death, neither sorrow or crying, neither shall there be any more pain: for the former things are passed away. And he that sat upon the throne said, Behold, I make all things new. And he said unto me, Write: for these words are true and faithful..."* (Revelation 21:1,4,5). What glorious hope and joy this should bring to our hearts! No more sorrow, sickness, pain or death. No more tears or anguish or prison walls. We will experience absolute and complete newness in the presence of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ!

We praise the Lord for all that He accomplished in 2023 through the work of IPM. Thousands of prisoners were ministered to and encouraged across America and in India. Thousands of Bibles, testimonial and devotional books, and various biblical booklets and tracts, along with encouraging letters were sent out to inmates hungry for God's love and truth. Many made decisions to accept Jesus as Lord and Savior. We look forward to all that the Lord wants to accomplish through IPM in 2024.

Praising the Lord, the Giver of New Life,

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 [Prisoners in the Bible](#) by Chaplain Harry Howard.



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

(See reverse side where a sample resource is highlighted and is available to you as a free gift upon request)

I Am Transitioning From Being Transgender

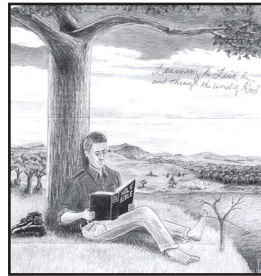
I am transitioning from being a transgender to accepting Jesus as my Savior. Whereas previously I came out as homosexual, now I've come out for Christ. Thank you for your materials to help me become stronger in my new walk with Jesus. I want to do what's right. I continue to pray for strength and knowledge and wisdom. I learned I can't do anything on my own strength. I need His help. I need to learn to let go and let God. Pray for me.

- David N., Florida Prison

Thank You for all You Do

Thank you for all you do to help others. Your team is a blessing to us here. I shared every book you've sent me and they have reached a few and also help guide some to Christ!

- Nicholas W., Illinois Prison



Inmate Artwork

Thanks for Your Resources

This facility doesn't allow any ministries to come in. Thanks for having resources and services available to inmates. There are a lot who have hit rock bottom and given up. I will pass on your information. Thank You!

- Anthony P., California Prison

Our Sovereign God Knows What we Need

I am a Christian man, 70 years old this past month. This is my first time experiencing what it is like to be incarcerated. It has been traumatic at times and very stressful to say the least. But God, in His mercy and loving care and protection has placed me next to a dear Christian brother in this dorm. We constantly feed each other with the word of God. Our sovereign God knows what we need. Satan meant this time of incarceration for evil, but God is turning it into something good. I've been reading the Bible more than I have in my entire life. God bless you!

- Jeffrey K., Florida 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, Testimonial and Devotional Books, and other Bible Study helps.

Cut Along Dotted Line & Mail

"...to proclaim liberty to the captives, and the opening of the prison to them that are bound"
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.

Dear IPM, My gift to help share God's love and truth with inmates

- Use this gift for *Bibles For Prisoners*.....\$ _____
- "Library of Life-Changing Books"* for Prisoners.....\$ _____
- Support for Prison Ministry in India.....\$ _____
- Use My Offering *Where Needed Most*.....\$ _____

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HERE IS ANOTHER BIBLICAL RESOURCE THAT OUR MINISTRY PARTNERS HELP US DISTRIBUTE TO PRISONERS

(This book is available as a gift by requesting it in the box below)

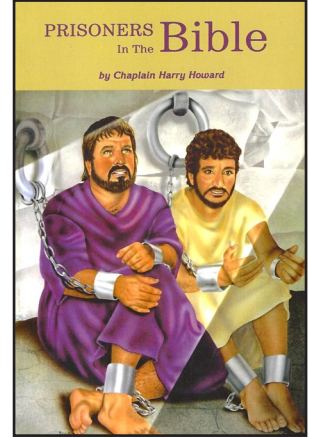
Prisoners in the Bible

*“Paul and Silas prayed, and sang praises unto God:
and the prisoners heard them”*

Acts 16:25

Chaplain Howard called the Bible the “Prisoner’s Book” because there are so many prisoners mentioned in the Bible. Those prisoners have so much to say to inmates today. There are many prisoners mentioned from Genesis with Joseph spending his entire adult life in Egypt, to Revelation with John on the island of Patmos as a prisoner of the Romans.

Today there are also “spiritual prisoners.” They are the person, whether inside or outside prison walls, who are locked in or controlled by their sinful way of thinking and selfish manner of living. Jesus spoke of persons who were “children of your father, the devil” because of their conduct. Paul wrote of those who were “slaves to sin.” If you are a spiritual prisoner, this book can help you to be set free. This book shares the Good News of how prisoners during Bible times experienced the love and forgiveness of God and a new life. Their faith in God gave them not only courage for what they faced, but a bright hope for tomorrow, because they believed in a life that was eternal.



Our Gift to You

Many inmates are encouraged as they read the accounts of men of God who found themselves behind prison walls.

We praise the Lord for all who partner with IPM through their faithful prayers and generous giving which enable IPM to continue to share God’s love and truth with those behind bars.

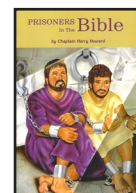
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YOUR MESSAGE OR PRAYER REQUEST:

I WOULD LIKE TO RECEIVE THE IPM LETTER VIA

EMAIL : _____

Yes, Please Send Gift



**Prisoners in the Bible
by Chaplain Harry Howard**

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