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Chaplain Ray,
Founder

Dear Friends of IPM,

This month we celebrate the birth of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. This is the greatest gift God has given mankind. Our God is a giving God with a loving heart. *"For God so loved the world that he gave"* (John 3:16). The Scriptures are full of the many wonderful things the Lord gives to His people.

The Lord gives us protection. *"God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble...I will say of the LORD, He is my refuge and my fortress: my God; in him will I trust"* (Psalm 46:1; 91:2). God promises to be our refuge and our fortress. He promises to never leave us nor forsake us.

The Lord gives us strength. *"The LORD will give strength unto his people...I am thy God: I will strengthen thee; I will help thee; yea, I will uphold thee with the right hand of my righteousness"* (Psalm 29:11; Isaiah 41:10). God is all powerful and more than able to uphold us and strengthen us.

The Lord gives us peace. *"Peace I leave with you, my peace I give unto you: not as the world giveth, give I unto you. Let not your heart be troubled, neither let it be afraid"* (John 14:27). Unlike what the world has to offer, the peace that God provides is genuine.

The Lord gives us provision. *"But my God shall supply all your need according to his riches in glory by Christ Jesus...Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who hath blessed us with all spiritual blessings in heavenly places in Christ"* (Philippians 4:19; Ephesians 1:3). The Lord not only promises to supply our needs, but He has already blessed us with spiritual riches to live a life of spiritual abundance through Him.

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The Lord gives understanding and wisdom. "If any of you lack wisdom, let him ask of God, that giveth to all men liberally...he giveth wisdom unto the wise, and knowledge to them that know understanding" (James 1:5; Daniel 2:21). In this life we face times of uncertainty and perplexity. The Lord promises to give us the wisdom and understanding we need through His word.

Of course the greatest gift of all is the Lord Jesus Christ Himself and the free gift of eternal life through Him. "For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life" (John 3:16). This gift can never be earned or deserved, but only freely received.

Praise God for all the wonderful blessings He freely gives to those who trust in Him. Praise God for the precious gift of Jesus Christ! We thank Him and praise Him for all who partner with us in sharing His love and truth to those behind bars.

Celebrating the Gift of Our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ,



Heidi Hoekstra-Ceballos

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

P.S. Our appreciation gift this month is The Cross is God's Christmas Tree by J. Vernon McGee, and The Story of Jesus.



"For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son..."
- John 3:16

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 Glad That You are Still Going Strong

I am so glad that you send books to us that are behind bars. If it was not for people such as Chaplain Ray starting ministries such as IPM and willing to send books to us that are incarcerated, I would be lost. Reading the stories of men and women who Chaplain Ray touched during his time on earth brightens my day. I am glad that you are still going strong since Chaplain Ray went home to be with the Lord. I pray that you all keep doing what he started. Amen! Keep up the good work!

- Brody N., Georgia Prison

Really Appreciate You

Thank you so much for all you do to spread the light of God! The women here really appreciate all that you do for us.

- Aryanna F., Virginia Prison



Inmate Artwork

I Can't Get Enough!

During my incarceration I have given my life back to the Lord. I have developed such a hunger and thirst for the Lord – I can't get enough!

- Neva J., Texas Prison

Your Books Have Helped Me So Much

Thank you guys so much. You are a true blessing. I love all the books that your ministry has sent to me during my time behind bars. They have helped me so much to grow and change the way I live and the way I look at things. Praise God! God bless your ministry and thank you again!

- James P., 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, 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.....\$ _____
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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)

The Cross is God's Christmas Tree

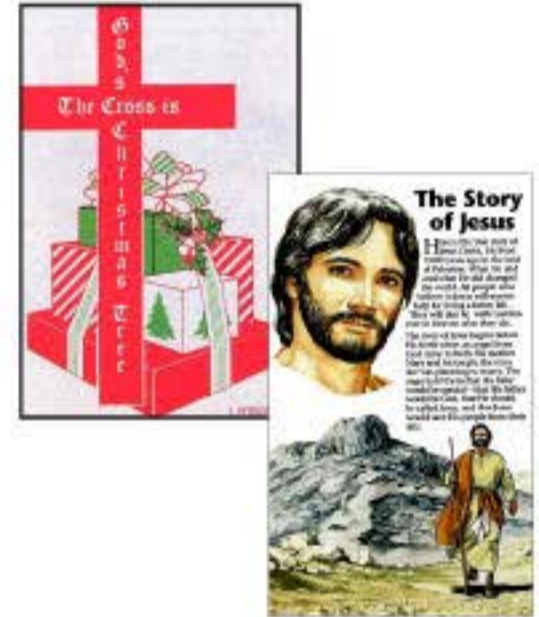
*"Who his own self bore our sins in his own body on the tree,
that we, being dead to sins, should live unto righteousness"
- 1 Peter 2:24*

God has His Christmas tree. It is not as pretty as the department store tree, with all of its lights and tinsel. But God does have a Christmas tree—it is the cross of Christ! In fact, the proper name for the cross is tree. The early church spoke of it this way: *"The God of our fathers raised up Jesus, whom ye slew and hanged on a tree"* (Acts 5:30).

The Story of Jesus

"For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life" - John 3:16

God loves you. He sent His son Jesus to die for you, to take away your sins if you will ask Him to. This is the true story of Jesus Christ, who lived on this earth over 2,000 years ago. What He said and what He did changed the world forever. All who call upon His name will receive eternal life and the forgiveness of their sins. All who trust in Jesus for salvation will live forever with Him in Heaven.



Our Gift to You

IPM has sent tens of thousands of these small booklets to inmates over the years to point them to Jesus and His free gift of salvation.

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

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Yes, Please Send Gift



**The Cross is God's Christmas Tree
and
The Story of Jesus**

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