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Dear Friends of IPM,

Praise the Lord He has brought us into another new year! The Lord is faithful to lead and guide His people as we look to Him. We recently received a letter from Daniel N., in a California prison, Daniel wrote: *"I want to live my life by God's will and allow God to guide me where He wants me to go."*

As godly living develops, we experience a growing interest in walking in the ways of the Lord, desiring Him to guide our lives. David had such a yearning in his heart toward the Lord. *"Shew me thy ways, O LORD; teach me thy paths. Lead me in thy truth, and teach me: for thou art the God of my salvation; on thee do I wait all the day"* (Psalm 25:4-5).

The Lord unfolds His will to those who entrust their lives to Him. Those who place their lives under the sovereign care of God enjoy the great privilege of having the Lord God almighty governing the very steps that they take day by day. *"I will instruct thee and teach thee in the way which thou shalt go: I will guide thee with mine eye"* (Psalm 32:8).

The Lord promises to lead and guide us when we fully surrender to Him. *"Trust in the LORD with all thine heart; and lean not unto thine own understanding. In all thy ways acknowledge him, and he shall direct thy paths"* (Proverbs 3:5-6). We are to trust in God completely with a fully surrendered heart. We are not to rely upon ourselves. The Lord calls us to acknowledge Him in every aspect of our lives. He then promises to direct our paths according to His perfect will.

As the Lord leads and guides us, He does so for our good and for His glory. *"He maketh me to lie down in green pastures: he leadeth me beside the still waters. He restoreth my*

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soul: he leadeth me in the paths of righteousness for his name's sake" (Psalm 23:2-3). The Lord is our Shepherd and He knows our needs and what is best for us. He knows when to lead us to green pastures and still waters. He knows how to lead us into righteousness and godliness. He calls us to look to Him, trust in Him, completely surrender to Him, and follow Him. This is not only for our spiritual growth, but for the sake of His name – that He may receive the honor and glory.

Like Daniel expressed in his letter to IPM, may we also have a desire to live according to God's will, allowing Him to lead and guide us. We praise the Lord for all that He has accomplished through IPM in 2024, and look forward to all He desires to accomplish in reaching needy and hungry souls in prison in 2025. We thank Him and praise Him for all who partner with us in sharing His love and truth to those behind bars.

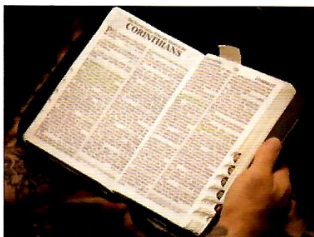
Trusting in the Lord to Lead us and Guide us,



Heidi Hoekstra-Ceballos

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

P.S. Our appreciation gift this month is [Holes in Time](#) by Frank Costantino.



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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 Cannot Thank You Enough!

Dear IPM, I want to thank you so much. I've been searching for months for Bible studies and biblical information. I am truly blessed and grateful to have received your response and your resource list. I cannot thank you enough!

- Samantha P., Missouri Prison

Thank You So Much

Thank you so much for all the love, support, and great counseling within all these books and literature. May God bless and keep you!

- James P., California Prison



Inmate Artwork

It Touched My Heart

Thank you for your letter. It touched my heart and it showed me how to pray and gave me comfort. May God bless your ministry!

- Israel M., California Prison

Chaplain's Heartfelt Gratitude for Generous Donation of Books

Dear International Prison Ministry, I would like to extend our heartfelt thanks for your generous donation of books received on November 4, 2024. Your support is deeply appreciated and will make a significant impact in assisting those interested in strengthening their faith and knowledge in Christ. Thanks to your generosity, we are able to provide many inmates who otherwise have no access to obtain Christian literature. Your commitment to helping to provide spiritual support and guidance is truly inspiring and helps us to continue our efforts to do the same. We are grateful for your partnership and look forward to keeping you informed about the progress with the inmates.

- Grateful Chaplain, Georgia 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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Mail to: International Prison Ministry PO Box 1088 Chula Vista, CA 91912-1088

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)

Holes in Time

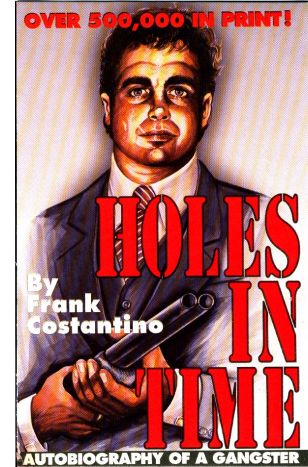
“Be not deceived; God is not mocked: for whatsoever a man soweth, that shall he also reap. For he that soweth to his flesh shall of the flesh reap corruption...”

- Galatians 6:7-8

Frank Costantino was a professional criminal. He deliberately decided to be a thief and a robber. With protection from the underworld, he participated in robberies and thefts totaling eleven million dollars.

On his first felony conviction he received a sentence of 22 years in prison. There he had plenty of time to think and to reason within himself. The inhumanity that he witnessed demanded that he find out what he wanted to be—a giver, or a taker. He reached the conclusion that takers are losers, and those who don’t care leave holes in time.

Frank’s personal encounter with Jesus Christ in the office of Chaplain Max Jones settled all the issues. He had found the answer to life’s most important questions. Holes in Time takes you with Frank Costantino through the inner thought process that led to a gangster becoming a dedicated Christian.



Our Gift to You

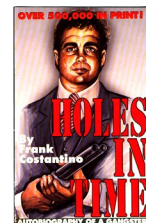
Frank’s personal testimony has touched the hearts of many behind bars over the years. Many inmates have surrendered their lives to Jesus Christ.

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:

Yes, Please Send Gift



Holes in Time
by Frank Costantino

I WOULD LIKE TO RECEIVE THE IPM LETTER VIA

EMAIL : _____