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*Ministering to  
prisoners for over  
50 years*



Chaplain Ray,  
Founder

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Dear Friends of IPM,

This month we celebrate the resurrection of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. According to the Scriptures, all who believe in the Lord are united with him through His death, burial and resurrection.

From God's perspective, we who trusted in Jesus Christ died on the cross with Him and were buried in the tomb with Him. *"[You were} buried with him in baptism...we have been planted together in the likeness of his death..."* (Colossians 2:12a; Romans 6:5a). When we first believed on the Lord Jesus, we were joined to Him, made one with Him, identified with Him through His death, burial and resurrection. Water baptism bears testimony to this truth. In God's sight, our old life was crucified and buried.

Through faith in Christ and our identification with Him, we were also raised from the tomb with Jesus. *"...wherein also ye are risen with him through the faith of the operation of God, who hath raised him from the dead"* (Colossians 2:12b). Just as His death became our death through identification, so also His resurrection became our resurrection. *"For if we have been planted together in the likeness of his death, we shall be also in the likeness of his resurrection"* (Romans 6:5). In God's sight, we have been raised to a new life in Christ. *"Therefore we are buried with him by baptism into death: that like as Christ was raised up from the dead by the glory of the Father, even so we also should walk in newness of life"* (Romans 6:4). He has made us alive together with Him. We can rejoice in His saving grace! By the power of His resurrection, He is able to lead us in the reality of newness of life.

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Finally, many inmates have shared with us the desperate condition they were in before they came to know Jesus Christ as Savior. They were not only needy, they were spiritually dead. *"And you, being dead in your sins...hath he quickened together (made alive) with him, having forgiven you all trespasses"* (Colossians 2:13). Praise the Lord, many behind bars have called upon the Lord and have experienced being raised to a new life through the power of His resurrection!

We give all glory to God for the work He continues to do through this ministry and we thank Him for all who partner with us in sharing His love and truth with those behind bars.

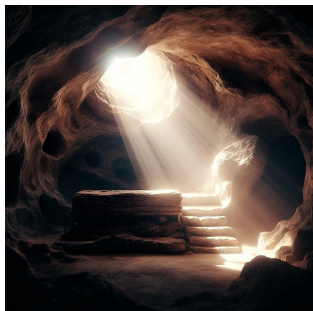
United with Him through His Death, Burial & Resurrection,

*Heidi Hoekstra Ceballos*

Heidi Hoekstra-Ceballos

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

P.S. Our appreciation gift this month is Beyond Enforcement, by Chuck Van Lente.



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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)

## To Everyone Who Has A Hand In Making This Ministry What It Is

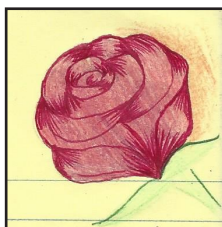
Thank you so much for your continued support and dedication to those of us who are incarcerated. It truly means so much. Thank you so much for your dedication to the spiritual growth of those behind bars. Thank you to everyone who has a hand in making this ministry what it is: volunteers, donors, letter readers, prayer warriors, everyone! Thank you for all that you do! God is truly shining through you!

- Roy T., California Prison

## I Asked Christ Into My Heart

I'm a 65 year young man who just recently asked Christ into my heart! God bless all that you do. You bring comfort and joy!

- Todd L., Michigan Prison



Inmate Artwork

## Thank God for IPM!

I thank God for your ministry. You've been so loyal in sending me materials to read in these tough times in my life. Thank God for IPM!

- Israel M., California Prison

## I May Wake Up In Prison Every Morning, But I Am Free!

I devoted my life to Christ, and it has been the best thing that has ever happened to me. I was lost for so long living in sin, but because Christ gave His life for me, my chains are broken and I am free! I may wake up in prison every morning, but I am free!

- Daniel B., Indiana Prison

## With Your Help I Can Be A Light To So Many

Thank you for your ministry! I look forward to reading these resources. In here I'm surrounded by sin, and with your help I can be a light to so many.

- Clifton T., Idaho 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](http://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.....\$ \_\_\_\_\_
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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)

## Beyond Enforcement

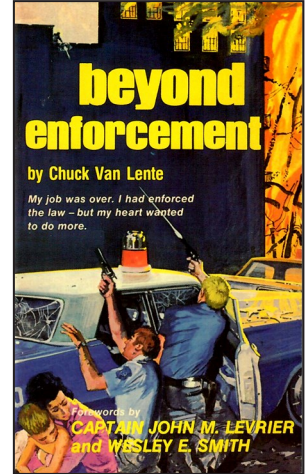
*"He that believeth on me,  
as the scripture hath said, out of his belly  
shall flow rivers of living water"*

*- John 7:38*

The Lord knows what He is going to do with us long before we have any inkling of it.

Michigan state trooper Chuck Van Lente found that there are deep needs in the human spirit that the law can't touch. Arresting a violent teenage boy didn't solve his problem. Locking up a sniper doesn't take the hate out of him. Quelling a riot doesn't really quiet the inner turmoil of the people who started it. Law is good—but isn't there something beyond enforcement?

This testimonial, from the other side of prison bars, is bound to intrigue. From the perspective of a state trooper, observing the whole system of arrests, crime prevention, and rehabilitation, this book tells the journey of an officer who saw a radical change take place in his own life through the power of the Holy Spirit. Chuck found that Christ, and only Christ, can transform meaningless lives into ones filled with rivers of living water.



### Our Gift to You

This testimony of a former law enforcement officer has touched the lives of many behind bars.

*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:**

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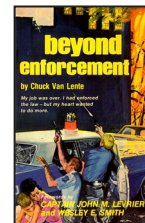
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**Yes, Please Send Gift**



**Beyond Enforcement  
by Chuck Van Lente**

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