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50 years*



Chaplain Ray,
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Dear Friends of IPM,

In a world full of chaos and deceit, where can we go for wisdom and understanding? We recently received a letter from Matthew, in a California prison. He wrote: *"I continue to pray for more godly wisdom and understanding, which thankfully He gives freely to those who pray and seek Him."*

The Scriptures warn us of where not to turn to gain godly wisdom and understanding, but also point us to the one true source. *"Beware lest any man spoil you through philosophy and vain deceit, after the tradition of men, after the rudiments of the world, and not after Christ...The fear of the LORD is the beginning of knowledge...For the LORD giveth wisdom: out of his mouth cometh knowledge and understanding"* (Colossians 2:8; Proverbs 1:7; 2:6) We are not to seek understanding from the world or wisdom from man. The Lord alone is to be our source for true godly wisdom and understanding. His word is to be our daily supply.

God's wisdom and knowledge are unfathomable. *"O the depth of the riches both of the wisdom and knowledge of God! How unsearchable are his judgments, and his ways past finding out"* (Romans 11:33). This verse is not stating we can never find out His ways. On the contrary, the Lord wants us to daily seek His wisdom and understanding. If we were to learn of His wisdom every minute of every day of our lives, we would still just barely scratch the surface of the unfathomable depths that He has available to us.

What a blessing to find out that all we have to do is ask God for His wisdom and understanding. *"If any of you lack wisdom, let him ask of God, that giveth to all men liberally,*

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and upbraideth not: and it shall be given him" (James 1:5). God does not despise us when we ask Him for understanding or wisdom. He wants to "freely give us all things" (Romans 8:32). Everything that God considers as needful for fullness of life, He freely makes available to us by His grace. All the wisdom and understanding that it takes to live as God intends, and to grow in godliness as He desires, has already been given to us in Christ. As we get to know the Lord more and more, all that He has given us in Christ is progressively brought into our experience.

Like Matthew in California, may we continually ask the Lord for godly wisdom and understanding, which He promises to freely give if we will but ask Him and seek Him. We praise the Lord for all who faithfully partner with us as we share God's love and truth with needy souls behind bars.

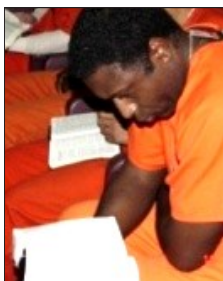
Looking to the Lord for Wisdom and Understanding,



Heidi Hoekstra-Ceballos

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

P.S. Our appreciation gift this month is Arrested in the Kingdom, the testimony of Pastor Oswaldo.



*"For the LORD giveth wisdom:
out of his mouth cometh knowledge
and understanding"*

- Proverbs 2:6

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'm Now More Free Than I've Ever Been

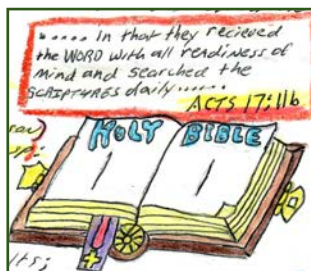
I realized that I don't have control over my life since I've been in jail/prison. Who would've thought? I had no other choice but to give 100% of my life to God. I'm more free now than I've ever been in my life. God answered my prayer straight from my heart. He reduced my prison time to one-third my original sentence. I can't wait to hold my children again!

- Jessica W., California Prison

You All are Such a Blessing!

I've heard so much about Chaplain Ray. He was an awesome person. The world needs more people like him—full of love for Christ. In a world that has so much hate, you all are such a blessing!

- Michael T., California Prison



Inmate Artwork

You are Greatly Appreciated!

I would like to show my love and appreciation for all the work that this ministry is doing for us. May the grace of God be upon all donors, ministers, and volunteers. You are greatly appreciated!

- Ayo J., Virginia Prison

I'm Now Living for Jesus

Thank you for taking the time to even read my letter. I am a new believer and just gave my life to God. After all these years living a life full of gang activity, drugs, violence, and darkness, I no longer live that life. I'm now living for Jesus. I'm stuck in a 4 x 8 tiny cell with nothing but me and the Lord. Please send me a Bible and resources to help me know the Lord better. Thank you so much! God bless!

- Randall E., Arizona 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

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HERE IS ANOTHER BIBLICAL RESOURCE THAT OUR
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(This book is available as a gift by requesting it in the box below)

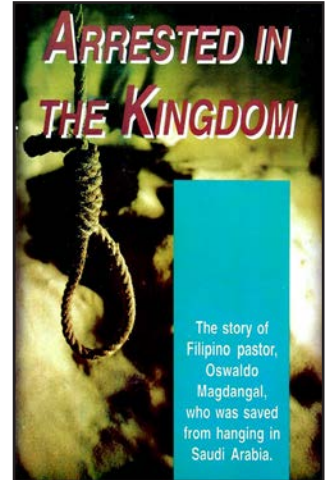
Arrested in the Kingdom

*“Yea, and all that will live godly in Christ Jesus
shall suffer persecution” - 2 Timothy 3:12*

Pastor Oswaldo Magdangal knew the dangers of holding Christian Bible studies and worship meetings in Saudi Arabia. But Oswaldo, known by his friends as “Pastor Wally,” decided to stay and pray. The knock at the door finally came—the religious police had arrived. This is the story of Oswaldo’s arrest, torture, and trust in God as Christmas Day 1992 drew nearer, the day on which he was due to be hanged.

Without Jesus in his life, Oswaldo’s experience would be meaningless. But because of Jesus Christ in him, his experience proves the reality of God: His love, His power, His supernatural attributes, as well as His abundant grace. Without Jesus Christ in a person’s life, everything is meaningless. But because of Jesus Christ, there is meaning to life in this world to someone who loves God.

The persecution of the Church of Jesus Christ will continue and increase over all the world, and all who desire to live a godly life in Christ Jesus will be persecuted.



Our Gift to You

This little book has given spiritual hope and encouragement to 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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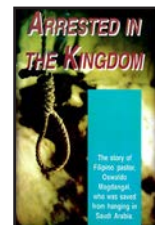
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Yes, Please Send Gift



Arrested in the Kingdom
testimony of Pastor Oswaldo

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