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Chaplain Ray,
Founder

Dear Friends of IPM,

The birth of the Lord Jesus Christ was unique. His birth fulfilled hundreds of years of biblical prophecies. He was the only one born of a virgin, God with us, Emmanuel. He was the only one that could provide forgiveness of sins and bring hope to a world full of sinners.

He was born of a virgin. *"Therefore the Lord himself shall give you a sign; Behold, a virgin shall conceive, and bear a son, and shall call his name Immanuel"* (Isaiah 7:14). During the engagement period of Joseph and Mary, *"she was found with child of the Holy Ghost"* (Matthew 1:18). This unique conception by the Holy Spirit was prophesied over 700 years before by the prophet Isaiah.

He became God with us. One of the names of this child would declare His deity. *"...and they shall call his name Immanuel, which being interpreted is, God with us"* (Matthew 1:23). This uniquely begotten child would be God, the Son, coming to earth as a man. Jesus, the Son of God, humbled Himself, lived and walked among us, and ultimately offered Himself as the only perfect sacrifice.

He alone provides forgiveness of sins. The personal, given name of this child would be Jesus. *"...and thou shalt call his name JESUS: for he shall save his people from their sins"* (Matthew 1:21). His name would be related to His mission as Savior. *"Neither is there salvation in any other: for there is none other name under heaven given among men, whereby we must be saved"* (Acts 4:12).

The birth of the Lord Jesus Christ brings such hope for sinners – the guaranteed hope of forgiveness and eternal life

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through faith in Christ. "For all have sinned, and come short of the glory of God...For the wages of sin is death; but the gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord" (Romans 3:23; 6:23). Whether inside or outside prison bars, we were all numbered among those who deserved an eternal death sentence on the basis of our sins against an eternal and holy God. Yet, through faith in the Savior, the Lord Jesus, we have found forgiveness and life eternal. Praise the Lord!

This is the same need and remedy that faces every person in the world. We thank the Lord for all who partner with us as we proclaim the Good News into prisons across the country and overseas that there is hope in the Lord Jesus Christ: "...believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, and thou shalt be saved.." (Acts 16:31).

Glorifying God for the Wondrous Birth of our Savior,

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 Changed Lives in San Quentin, by Chaplain Harry Howard.



Merry Christmas!



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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)

Thank You so Much for What You do for Us!

To everyone at IPM, thank you so much for what you do for us! I tell everyone about Chaplain Ray. What a man of God he was! One day when we all stand in front of the Father you will get to see just what your ministry did for me and my walk with Jesus. There are no words to thank you enough. This is a very dark place and I can't tell you just how far your light has gone in here. Satan is everywhere. Thank you all there at IPM. We love what you do and what you stand for—Jesus! You have no idea just how much you reach out to people like me—formerly a lost sinner without Jesus. I am truly blessed to be forgiven and saved!

- Michael T., California Prison

I Only Want More!

In jail I have learned more than I ever thought possible about the Lord and His word. And I only want more! Everyone I know has written me off. But, God hasn't and you haven't either.

- Kevin P., Wisconsin Prison



Inmate Artwork

Love for the Forgotten

Thank you for your ministry and your love for the forgotten prisoners. May the Lord continue to bless IPM. Thank you for all the services you provide!

- Donald H., Texas Prison

I Have Not Been Disappointed

Thank you so much for the materials you sent. Trial, Difficulties, and Impossibilities was really good. I look forward to receiving more materials. I have given my life to God and sought His direction, mercy, love and forgiveness. I have not been disappointed. I have a newfound peace and direction. I look forward to sharing my story and helping others. Thank you for your letter and your support. May God continue to bless you all.

- Michael T., Virginia 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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(This book is available as a gift by requesting it in the box below)

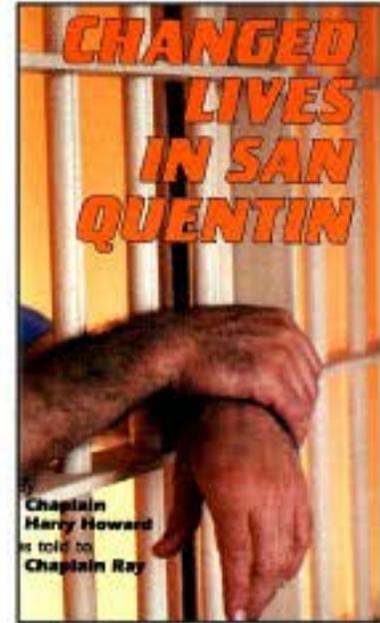
Changed Lives in San Quentin

“Call unto me, and I will answer thee, and shew thee great and mighty things, which thou knowest not” - Jeremiah 33:3

Over the years San Quentin prison has been a hotbed for drugs, crime, abuse, corruption, fear and violence. In this atmosphere, as impossible as it appears to be, there is a simple inexpensive answer to the problem. It has been there all the time, but very few inmates are aware of it.

Some men have found it. Men like Bill Dixon, John Bishop, Jim Fuller, Earl Matthews, Dennis Whitman, Jerry Graham, Ernest Sanchez, and James Williams. These men have all had their lives changed behind the walls of San Quentin. They found the answer—the only answer that works—and now they’re guiding other men to the solution.

This book is their story. Each of them has faced the challenge of the “yard.” They’ve been in “the hole.” They know the meaning of “lockdown.” They’ve experienced terrible peril and crowded loneliness. But, each one has found true freedom in Jesus Christ. If you’re sitting in a cell, or at home on your couch, let these men show you the pathway they found to real freedom. Let your life be changed by the King of Kings!



Our Gift to You

This book full of inmate testimonies has been an encouragement and a blessing 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.

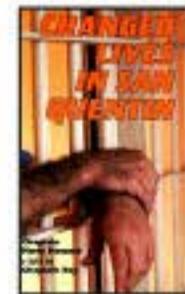
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