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Dear Friends of IPM,

As we begin another new year, it is a good time for believers to ask ourselves if we have fully surrendered our lives to the Lord. We recently received a letter from Cody in a South Carolina Prison: *"Please pray for me to let God have all control over my life."*

Whether inside or outside prison bars, as disciples of the Lord we are to surrender our lives completely to Him. *"If any man will come after me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross daily, and follow me"* (Luke 9:23). The Lord wants us to humbly renounce the self-life, confessing its total spiritual bankruptcy. Jesus our Master then calls us to humbly follow Him, letting Him guide and shape our lives according to His perfect will and by His resources.

The Lord calls us to lay our lives upon His altar, confessing His complete ownership of our lives. *"I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that ye present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto God. Which is your reasonable service"* (Romans 12:1). He not only commands us to do this, but because of His great mercy toward us and His all-sufficient grace working in us, He also enables us to present our lives as a living sacrifice acceptable to Him.

As we surrender to Him, the Lord promises to provide His perfect rest. *"Come unto me, all ye that labour and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn of me; for I am meek and lowly in heart: and ye shall find rest unto your souls"* (Matthew 11:28,29). As we humbly depend upon Him each day, we will find His grace rescues us

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from fleshly striving. We will also find that He will provide the daily rest our weary souls desperately need.

Just as the Lord asks for our complete surrender, He also calls us to completely trust in Him to lead us and guide us. *"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 not to rely upon what we can see and understand or rationalize. We are to humbly seek Him daily in His word, letting Him work in and through our lives what is pleasing to Him.

Like Cody in South Carolina, may we daily seek the Lord, fully surrendering to Him, allowing Him to take control of our lives. We thank the Lord for all who partner with us as we share God's love and truth with those behind bars.

Completely Surrendering to Our Lord and 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 [Where Flies Don't Land](#), by Jerry Graham.



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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'm Giving My Life, My Will, and My Time to Him

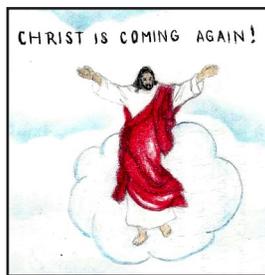
I met God as a child, but it wasn't until recently that I became a complete and faithful believer. I've doubted His existence for far too long. So I set out to find the truth and I can finally say that Jesus is, without a single doubt in my mind and heart—real! I'll never doubt that He created me and loves me unconditionally. In giving my life over to Him, I know He has so much in store for me in this life and in the next. He had a plan laid out before I was born. I'm giving my life, my will, and my time to Him. I'm trying to learn all I can about Jesus, what He did for me and how He wants to work in our lives. I want to share His life, His truth, His word with others!

- Ben N., Alaska Prison

They are Amazing

Thank you for the books! They are amazing and are helping me grow closer to God, and grow in Christ-likeness, and strengthen my faith.

- Joseph M., Nebraska Prison



Inmate Artwork

Thank You so Very Much

Thank you so very much for the Bible and books you sent. They will help me to get to know the Lord better. Keep up the good work!

- Anthony F., Colorado Prison

I am Blessed to be Used of the Lord as a Vessel

I want to first of all give thanks to my Lord and Savior Jesus Christ who has blessed me to be able to have IPM as a spiritual support ministry. I am very thankful. Thank you Hoekstra family and your staff for the time you all give each day in service unto the Lord. Thank you for the King James Bible you sent. I am blessed to be used of the Lord as a vessel for His kingdom in here. The Lord has rescued me from the gang life. When I really need Him, He is a kind Father that always wants what's best for me. I look forward to hearing from you all again.

- Brandon B., Colorado 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
MINISTRY PARTNERS HELP US DISTRIBUTE TO PRISONERS

(This book is available as a gift by requesting it in the box below)

Where Flies Don't Land

“For the wages of sin is death; but the gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord”

- Romans 6:23

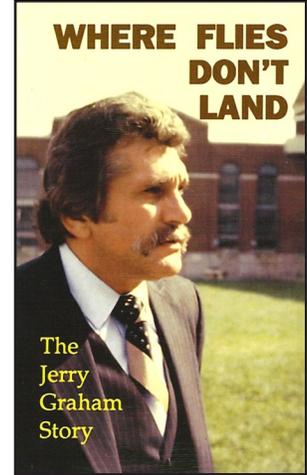
Jerry Graham was, as he calls it, “state raised.” Constantly in and out of prison, his life was bound by drugs, booze, and crime. He hated it, but he couldn’t free himself. Now he was charged as a habitual criminal, and if the charges stuck, he’d never see the outside of the slammer again. Only a miracle could set him free...

“I don’t care if people are Christians who have grown up in the church all their lives or have never been in one. They all need God in their lives. I didn’t grow up in a church, but I know I have felt God’s touch. I’d been poisoned by life and God came to me and gave me His antidote, Jesus Christ. He brought me back to life.”

- Jerry Graham

“Jesus of Nazareth came to set prisoners free. He identifies with the prisoner, and after reading Jerry Graham’s book, Where Flies Don’t Land, you will too. It’s the story of a supernaturally transformed life.”

- Pat Boone



Our Gift to You

This is another powerful testimonial that God has used to reach 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.

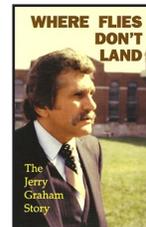
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YOUR MESSAGE OR PRAYER REQUEST:

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Where Flies Don't Land
by Jerry Graham

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