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Dear Friends of IPM,

As believers it is such a wonderful blessing to be in the care of the loving hands of our Lord and Savior. Robert L., in a California prison recently wrote: "I'm in God's hands and have faith He will carry me through."

His hands uphold us. *"Fear thou not; for I am with thee: be not dismayed; for I am thy God: I will strengthen thee; yea, I will help thee; yea, I will uphold thee with the right hand of my righteousness"* (Isaiah 41:10). We need not fear, because the mighty hands that created the universe are the same tender, loving hands that uphold us each day.

His hands give us the victory. *"O sing unto the LORD a new song; for he hath done marvelous things: his right hand, and his holy arm, hath gotten him the victory...Though I walk in the midst of trouble, thou wilt revive me: thou shalt stretch forth thine hand against the wrath of mine enemies, and thy right hand shall save me"* (Psalm 98:1; 138:7). We can sing praises to our God for He is able to deliver us and re-vive us in the midst of any circumstance or trouble.

His hands lead us. *"My soul followeth hard after thee...Even there shall thy hand lead me, and thy right hand shall uphold me"* (Psalm 63:8; 139:10). When we follow and seek after Him, He promises to lead us and direct us in His perfect wisdom and love.

His mighty hands exalt the humble. *"Humble yourselves therefore under the mighty hand of God, that he may exalt you in due time"* (1 Peter 5:6). God opposes the proud, but freely pours out His grace upon those who humbly seek Him. His mighty hand is also so loving and tender to lift the humble and contrite heart.

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He is able to save all who cry out to Him. *"Behold, the LORD's hand is not shortened, that it cannot save; neither his ear heavy, that it cannot hear"* (Isaiah 59:1). The Lord desires all to come to the saving knowledge that He alone can provide. His loving hands are able to reach anyone, anywhere, at any time who cries out to Him, whether inside or outside prison walls.

Like Robert, in a California prison, we can all exclaim with grateful hearts: *"The hand of our God is upon all them for good that seek him"* (Ezra 8:22). We thank the Lord for all who partner with us as we share God's love and truth with needy souls behind bars.

In the Loving Hands of Our Lord and Savior,

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

P.S. Our appreciation gift this month is [The Monty Lewis Story](#) by Joanne Jacquart.



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