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Chaplain Ray,
Founder

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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,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "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 [The Monty Lewis Story](#) by Joanne Jacquart.



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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)

You Bring God's Light, Love, and Salvation

I want to thank you all and ask God to bless you all for what you do for us. You bring God's light, love, and salvation into this dark place. The authorities in here don't have the love they should. I pray God works in their hearts. Thank you for all of the wisdom you have given me about my Lord and Savior which I love with all of my heart. You all have helped me on the path that I'm on today. I don't have the words to let you all know how grateful I am!

- Leon T., California Prison

The World has Forgotten

Thank you for the services your ministry provides to those of us the world has forgotten. May God bless you and this ministry!

- Ariana G., Oklahoma Prison



Inmate Artwork

Doing God's Work

Thank you for everything you do. You are a blessing to a lot of people and you are doing God's work amazingly! God bless you all!

- Joseph N., Texas Prison

Anything is Possible with Our Lord Jesus Christ by My Side

I've been in prison since 2022, and I'm making changes to better myself and my life. I'm beginning to believe that anything is possible with our Lord Jesus Christ by my side. I know He will bring about blessings in my life and connect me with the right people who are after the Lord's own heart, who can help me in strengthening my faith. I am living completely on faith, and am believing through faith, that the Lord will provide the help I so desperately need. Thank you for all your ministry does for those of us behind bars!

- Ricardo M., California 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

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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 com-
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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)

The Monty Lewis Story

Monty Lewis had a very hard young life as he grew up. His father was an alcoholic. When Buddy Lewis was drunk, he was very cruel to Monty and his mother. So much so, that at the young age of five, Monty hated his father for how he drank and treated his mother. He promised his mother he would never drink nor treat any woman badly. Monty did not keep his promise to his mother. He not only drank, but added drugs to the mix, which caused him to do many deplorable things, including abusing women.

God took that broken life and made Monty a son in the kingdom of God through His Son, Jesus Christ. Monty's testimony shows how powerful the blood of Jesus Christ is to make Monty or anyone right with God.

Inmate Frank MacDonald made the statement: *"It is because of Monty Lewis I found the Lord and new meaning to life. I now want to serve Jesus the rest of my life."*

Alex McEachem, an ex-con, said, *"I've known Monty for a long time. In fact, I gave him his first needle to my regret. Then I had the joy years later to tell him about God. I've watched Jesus transform our lives completely, and what a joy it is."*

Monty, speaking to prisoners, said, *"I want to tell you that there is One here tonight that gives more than happiness. He gives joy. There is One here tonight who is the Savior and His name is Jesus. There is One here tonight who loves you. His name is Jesus."*

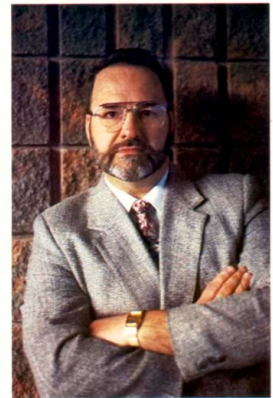
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YOUR MESSAGE OR PRAYER REQUEST:

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MONTY LEWIS STORY



by Joanne Jacquart

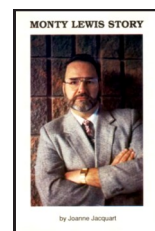
Our Gift to You

This testimony book has been an inspiration 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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