



# Christian Fellowship PRISON MINISTRIES

REACHING THE BOUND TO FREE THEIR SOULS BY THE POWER OF CHRIST

2021

First Quarter Report

Join us for prison letter answering on the fourth Tuesday evening of the month at IMMANUEL FELLOWSHIP CHURCH 3533 East Tolbert Road, Wooster, Ohio

To help provide Bibles, concordances, and Bible courses for those in prison, your support would be greatly appreciated. See the enclosed envelope or send your gift to: PO Box 135 / Fredericksburg, OH 44627-0135

IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO BECOME MORE INVOLVED WITH THE PRISON MINISTRY, CONTACT US.

## Financial Report

March 31, 2021

<b>Balance 12/31/2020</b>	<b>\$91,757.25</b>
<b>INCOME</b>	<b>29,379.00</b>
Donations	26,785.00
Church Donations	2,594.00
<b>EXPENSES</b>	<b>(15,661.09)</b>
Literature	8,302.38
Supplies	1,025.58
Postage	5,210.63
Outside Help	1,122.50
<b>Balance 3/31/2021</b>	<b>\$105,475.16</b>

## Literature sent

January 1 - March 31, 2021

Bibles .....	141
Concordances .....	196
Bible Atlas .....	15
Bible Dictionaries.....	66
Study Courses.....	759
Spanish Bibles .....	273
Spanish Concordances .....	4
Spanish Bible Dictionaries.....	21
Loaves & Fishes Magazine .....	36
A Life Redeemed Book .....	45
Marriage Courses .....	1
Letters Answered .....	892
Inmate Newsletters.....	1,032

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"THE LORD PRESERVETH THE Faithful"

Psalm 34:23



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## LETTER FROM AN INMATE

Dear CFPM,

This is just a note to say thank you for your monthly devotional. I always enjoy reading your letter and hearing what you all are up to on the farm there in Ohio and about the good word of Jesus Christ.

I've been in prison for over 26 years now and the things I miss the most would surprise most people, but I think a country person would understand. In the springtime up north after the snow has melted and the grass turns green, is there a prettier sight than the cherry or apple blossoms? When you see these sights, you truly know how awesome God really is.

Is there a better smell than a hay field that has just been cut? Or a field of freshly tilled soil? I even miss that dumb rooster who used to start crowing an hour before daylight. Your little devotionals remind me of all the beauty that is still out there and brings a little smile to my face. You and your staff also remind me that there are still people out there that care even for us lowly inmates, thank you all.

Perhaps one day God will open these gates for me and I will once again smell, feel, taste and see all the wonders of nature God has bestowed upon us all. We seldom miss anything until it is taken away from us! May you and your family enjoy a bountiful harvest this year and enjoy the fruits of your labor from your garden. May your ministry enjoy growth from the many seeds you have sown in the prison around this country.

Thank you, Christian Fellowship, for caring and showing a bit of love to a people, that, for the most part, have been forgotten.

Please keep up the good work for Jesus Christ, and may God bless you and your staff.

Your friend in Christ,  
-Lake City, FL

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"If the Son therefore shall make you free, ye shall be free indeed." John 8:36



## Dear supporters,

What does faithfulness look like? Is it measured by success, accumulation of money, or fame? By what standard does God measure faithfulness? In the parable of the talents, the master gave his three servants some money. He gave to each one the amount that they were able to handle. Then he left for his journey. When he returned, he “added things up” to see how they had done. The first servant had been faithful and had gained another five talents. The second servant was also faithful and had gained two more talents. For both of these servants the master gave words of commendation, “Well done, good and faithful servant; thou hast been faithful over a few things, I will make thee ruler over many things: enter thou into the joy of thy lord.”

The third servant had not been faithful with the talent that his master had given him. He had buried it in the earth. His master called him “a wicked and slothful servant”. He had been selfish and lazy. This unprofitable servant was cast out into outer darkness. What a terrible end! God’s way of “adding up” faithfulness seems to be different than the way we would usually think. When Jesus observed the poor widow casting in her two mites, He said that she had given more than all the others because she had given all that she had and the others had given of their abundance. God’s blessing rests on those who give a cup of cold water to the thirsty. His blessing is pronounced on those who have served the “least of these”. I believe God’s smile of approval is on those who faithfully serve – washing dishes, taking care of the children, sweeping the floor, visiting the sick, giving clothes to the needy, or writing letters. Whether it is little or much doesn’t really matter all that much. What really matters is that we are found faithful in what the Lord has given us to do.



*“What really matters is that we are found faithful.”*

Thank you again for your continued support and interest in the prison ministry. Covid 19 has definitely slowed down our correspondence into prisons. Looking back at the first quarter of 2020 we had answered 1,355 letters. In the first quarter of 2021 we have answered 892 letters. We are so thankful that Dad and Mom are still in good health. They have been such a good example to us as they have faithfully served all these years. They have volunteered thousands of hours without getting a dime. It is getting more difficult for them to do the things that they have done for so many years. Dad is 79 and Mom is almost 75. Keep us in your prayers.

May the Lord help each one of us to faithfully fill the place that we are called to serve...

In His service, James Martin



Dear Brothers and Sisters at CFPM,

Thank you. May God bless you and your family in the name of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. The Strong's Concordance has helped me. Thank you. Especially to understand the meaning of some of the words in its original use. Also for my birthday card. I was not expecting it. It brought joy to me because of something I had read the night before. As He (Jesus) traveled the road to the cross, the Bible describes His mood. “My soul is exceedingly sorrowful” (Matt 26:38) “Reproach (Rejection) has broken my heart and I am full of heaviness; I looked for someone to take pity, but there was none, and for comforters, but I found none.” (Palms 69:20) “There is no one who acknowledges me; refuge has failed me; no one cares for my soul.” (Palms 142:4). Jesus said that if one should visit a prison, then it is as that one had visited Him. (Matt 25:36) Thank you. Even though I am blessed of the Lord to have a loving family; they visit, write regularly, and talk on the phone. But there is something about the Spiritual Family that makes me want to cry of joy. Thank you. Plus the birthday message answers it itself. This is the love of the Lord. Thank you.

-Huntsville Texas



## Inmate creations...

*“Whatsoever thy hand findeth to do, do it with thy might;”*

*Ecclesiastes 9:10*

