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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

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Christian Fellowship PRISON MINISTRIES

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

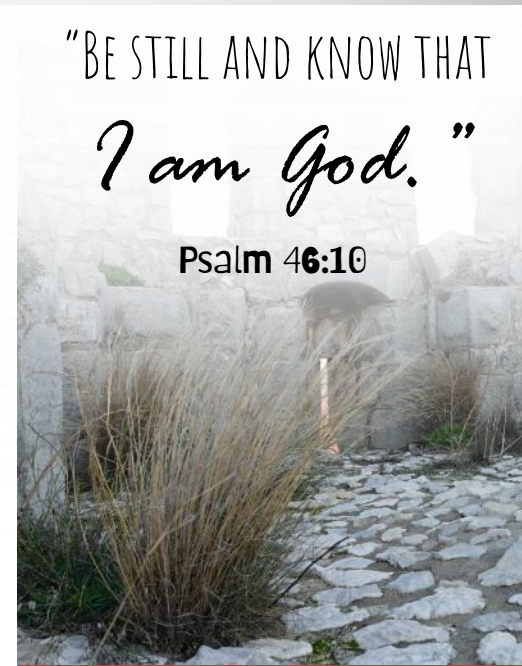
2021

Fourth Quarter Report

"BE STILL AND KNOW THAT

I am God."

Psalm 46:10



DEAR SUPPORTERS - PAGE 1

Dear supporters,

You have plans to go somewhere... the children are all bundled up and ready... you open the van door, turn the key... Nothing... Try again... Nothing... That's what happened about 2 weeks ago. A dead battery. That always creates such a let-down feeling. We were depending on it and it let us down. Obviously, something went wrong. In our case, it just delayed us a little but no big deal. Apparently, something was draining the battery. Did you know that even brand new un-used batteries are slowly losing power? Our spiritual lives can be compared to a battery. There may be something that is draining your power. It could be the busyness of life. It could be unconfessed sin. Or, it could be just taking our eyes off of Jesus and on the waves around us. So how can we keep our battery from getting drained

"Are you longing for the fullness Of the blessing of the Lord In your heart and life today? Claim the promise of your Father: Come according to His Word, In the blessed, old-time way."

"He will fill your heart today to overflowing; As the Lord commandeth you, "Bring your vessels, not a few." He will fill your heart today to overflowing With the Holy Ghost and pow'r."
-Lelia N. Morris

down too low? And how can we keep our wires from getting crossed and maintain a "positive" outlook on life? I think one of the first things that helps is to simply BE STILL. Psalm 46:10 says "Be still and know that I am God." When we are still, we can listen much better. Isaiah 40 says that "even the youths grow weary but they that wait upon the Lord shall renew their strength." That sounds like a recharging station to me! MEDITATING on the Word is another way to maintaining our battery. TALK to God and tell Him all about your troubles.

He invites us to bring all our cares to Him. Another way to help keep our battery full is to GIVE THANKS. Many times in Scripture we are instructed to give thanks in all things. We can even rejoice when we are persecuted for righteousness' sake. We can have a "positive" outlook on life when we think on things that are true, honest, just, pure, lovely, and of good report. (Phil. 4:8).

We want to thank you again for your interest and support. There are many ways that we can let our light shine in this dark world around us. We have an opportunity "at the tip of our fingers" to reach out to those who are searching for answers. We thank God for that. We want to freely share the Word of God to all those who are seeking for truth. It seems like the covid pandemic has slowed down the number of requests that we have received. We keep having to make adjustments in the way we ship out the books to comply with changing prison mail rules. Please keep praying for us.

In His Service, James Martin



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Financial Report

December 31, 2021

	Balance
10/1/2021	\$95,944.95
INCOME	58,619.00
Donations	57,010.00
Church Donations	1,609.00
EXPENSES	(17,064.53)
Literature	7,859.86
Supplies	1,026.02
Postage	5,691.65
Legal/Professional Fees	1,965.00
Outside Help	522.00
GIFTS-IN-KIND	(20,236.00)
600 Spanish Bibles	8,400.00
96 Large Print Compact Bibles	576.00
704 Ultra Thin Reference Bibles	6,336.00
160 Large Print Personal Size Bibles	1,440.00
500 Strong's Concordances	3,220.00
240 A Life Redeemed Books	264.00
Balance 12/31/2021	\$137,499.42

Literature sent

October 1 - December 31, 2021

Bibles	226
Concordances	207
Bible Atlas	8
Bible Dictionaries	80
Study Courses	427
Spanish Bibles	230
Spanish Concordances	3
Spanish Bible Dictionaries	23
Loaves & Fishes Magazine	68
A Life Redeemed Book	57
The Greatest Love Story Book	0
Created With Purpose Book	0
Marriage Courses	0
Letters Answered	834
Inmate Newsletters	1,009

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

INMATE RESPONSES



My Life Testimony...

The life I have lived and the life I now live is merely a breath of fresh air and is gone like the wind. My whole life is but only a moment and passes away, such as the grass withers and the flowers fade, such is the life I live; but the tragedy has only begun... yet hope lies close by. My father and mother adopted me as soon as I was born by flesh. I was unwanted by my biological parents. They wanted nothing to do with me because I was only conceived out of lust of both their hearts. There was no love, no kindness, no joy of a new life. My biological father was married to another woman and had multiple affairs with women such as my bio mother. Both of my adoptive sisters went to school with my bio mother. Before she gave birth she wanted to abort me but instead asked them if they wanted a son, or someone who did. Long story short, my adopted mother and father agreed to take me in as their own and promised to adore and love me unconditionally to the day they died and that's exactly what they did.

I took all my mother's and father's medication and I overdosed and was in ICU for three days. In and out of psychiatric care and mental institutions almost all of my adolescent years and early into my twenties. I was lost and nobody could help me if they even tried. No guidance, no structure, no motherly or fatherly tender love like I had known, and I began to feel cold and dark inside. I was taught Scripture all my life because my family members were church goers, but I didn't care much for that stuff. I was only sixteen when they died and maybe I should have paid more attention to them and in church because I lost every part of me that ever loved me and was always there. My two older sisters were beyond able to take care of me and their own children whom I grew up to love and adore. But somehow with their loving kindness, I was still alone, cold, and dark inside. I knew then that I needed a mother/ father figure in my life and I met my dope-addicted, tobacco dippin' lady who bore me and I also met my bio father. The guy was doing alright, living the country life in Texas. The lady who bore me had a house of dust on a terrible foundation and filthy. Still she fed me and showed me kindness and pictures of my blood family whom I did not know and also introduced me to drugs such as meth. I enjoyed my time with her, as well as smoking meth, weed, and just able to forget the hurt, pain, and void I felt on the inside, but she never cared for me like my mom and dad did. I was seventeen at the time.

Four years later I was sent to rehab, lost a sister to cancer, and was on felony probation for ten years. Seven years after that I was in prison, studying, preaching and praying all day. I was at one of the worst Texas prisons and that is where God found me, saved me, and called me His own because He never turns down a contrite spirit. I begged and prayed for His truth and He gladly showed me the way. I was so thirsty and starving for things that I didn't even know I craved. In God's Spirit, in His Son, I found what I was searching for. Life... because on the inside I had been living for naught, lifeless, with no direction or purpose for why I wake up every day. My life is vain without my Creator. Without His Son I have no life or light in me. Now, I have a family, a Father who gave His Son, my spiritual brother who became my Savior because He died just for me. And that is that meaning of love...

"This hard place in which you perhaps find yourself is the very place in which God is giving you opportunity to look only to Him, to spend time in prayer, and to learn long-suffering, gentleness, meekness - in short, to learn the depths of the love that Christ Himself has poured out on all of us." - Elisabeth Elliot

Abilene, TX

2021 Annual Report

Financial Report

January 1, 2021 - December 31, 2021

Balance 1/1/2021	\$91,757.25
INCOME	103,861.86
Donations	90,995.86
Church Donations	12,866.00
EXPENSES	(58,119.69)
Literature	27,680.45
Supplies	4,232.33
Postage	20,488.41
Legal/Professional Fees	1,965.00
Outside Help	3,753.50
GIFTS-IN-KIND	(23,456.00)
600 Spanish Bibles	8,400.00
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1,000 Strong's Concordances	6,440.00
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Literature sent

January 1, 2021 - December 31, 2021

Bibles.....	750
Concordances	773
Bible Atlas	62
Bible Dictionaries.....	258
Study Courses	2,228
Spanish Bibles.....	914
Spanish Concordances	8
Spanish Bible Dictionaries	66
Loaves & Fishes Magazine.....	265
A Life Redeemed Book.....	170
The Greatest Love Story Book	8
Bilingual Bibles	69
Marriage Courses	7
Letters Answered.....	2,876
Inmate Newsletters	4,058

Dear brothers and sisters at CFPM,

Grace be unto you and peace from God our Father and from the Lord Jesus Christ. As I complete another Bible study, I wanted to pause for a moment and thank you for making it possible. Like the guards here at Blackwater, I can imagine that you don't hear "thank-you" enough.

From preparing and grading the lessons to sharing the newsletter and testimonies, I am thankful you answered the call to keep this ministry going. Also, I especially appreciate the personal letters. They always lift my spirit, brighten my day, and bless me. I pray that God blesses you because of them, as much as He blesses me with them. There is an old gospel song that goes, "Thank you for giving to the Lord, I am a life that was changed."

Peace be to the brethren, and love with faith from God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. Grace be with all them that love our Lord Jesus Christ in sincerity. Amen.

Thank you again, your brother in Christ.